



SAIN[†] MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

A guiding light for children today.

March 4, 2020

Dear Families:

How do you spell fun? B-I-N-G-O! I'm so happy to report that our first-ever Radio Bingo fundraiser was a tremendous success—close to 150 people were in attendance! Thank you to everyone who helped to make the evening a big hit. It was great to see everybody having fun, dancing, and winning prizes! I hope even more of you can join us next year!

Next week, our Middle School students take their trimester exams, cumulative tests that assess all of the work covered in the second trimester. Please keep our students in your prayers as they complete these tests. Now that trimester exams are here, that means that the end of the second trimester is quickly approaching. In fact, report card day is March 20th. Please make sure all accounts are current. Home-Academy Association statements are in today's folder.

We are now almost two-thirds of the way through the school year, and June is just over three months away. Please begin to send in your reregistration paperwork if you haven't done so already. Classes are filling up—especially on the early childhood level—and we want to ensure seats for all of our current families.

It is difficult to turn on a TV and not hear about the coronavirus. The images we see and the news we hear can be alarming. Enclosed in this week's folder are a letter from the NYC Department of Health and statement from Dr. Thomas Chadzutko, Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Brooklyn. Please read these documents carefully. Even though the risk of coronavirus is low, the flu and the common cold are still prevalent this time of year, so it is important to recognize when children are sick and how to prevent illness.

Finally, as we approach the final third of the school year, I'd like to thank all of our students, parents, and families for their ongoing support and generosity. Thank you for all you do!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson
Principal

PS: Our 26th annual Card Party on March 28th is quickly approaching! Get your tickets soon!

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FOR WRAPPING BASKETS FOR THE CARD PARTY. PLEASE SIGN UP BELOW.

Contact Minelia Cleland (718-406-4901) if you have any questions.

DATES	PARENT NAME	PARENT PHONE NUMBER	TIME
March 7, 2020			10:00 am to 1:00 pm
March 7, 2020			1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
March 14, 2020			10:00 am to 1:00 pm
March 14, 2020			1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
March 21, 2020			10:00 am to 1:00 pm
March 21, 2020			1:00 pm to 4:00 pm



REVISED KARATE CLASS DATES

Is offered every Wednesday

From 3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Children who do not attend Afterschool will be charged \$105 for the 13 week class (no make up classes, no refunds)

Child must be picked up at 4:00 p.m.

Classes will be held March 11th – June 17th

Children who attend the afterschool program will be charged \$85 for the 13 week class (no make up classes, no refunds)

Any student who does not pre-register will be charged \$15 per class each Wednesday. Please put Karate money in a separate envelope clearly labelled with your child's name and grade.

Name _____

Grade _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____



St. Mark Catholic Academy

2020-2021

Tuition Assistance Available

Financial aid is available for eligible students in grade K-8, who attend a Brooklyn or Queens Catholic School or Academy.

Families must meet financial eligibility requirements and be registered/enrolled for 2020-21 to be considered. No consideration will be given for a family who has not completed the enrollment process.

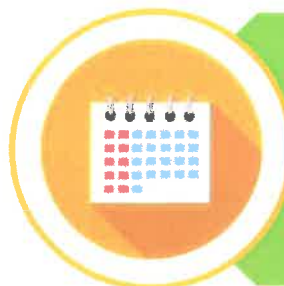
Only completed financial aid applications will be considered.

TO APPLY



Starting **Monday, January 13, 2020** contact our Tuition and Grants Director- [Mr. William Bunch](#) -718-332-9304 EXT 2

St. Mark Catholic Academy - 2602 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11235 and **APPLY**.



SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

March 20, 2020: Families who received an award last academic year
April 23, 2020: New Families



SUPPORT & HELP

FACTS has been selected by Futures in Education to conduct fair and confidential financial need assessments for families that may need assistance paying tuition.

- Applicant Support: @ St. Mark - Mr. William Bunch -Phone:718-332-9304 EXT 2
- Monday - Friday 7:30am- 3:30 pm
- Email at wbunch@smsonthebay.com



FOR MORE INFORMATION











Please visit us at smcaonthebay.org
or visit us at 2602 East 19th Street,
Brooklyn, NY, 11235

Note: There is a non-refundable \$35 application processing fee payable by credit card. Applications are available online in English and Spanish.



March 2020

Saint Mark Catholic Academy

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			Yankee Candle Sale 		Adoration 	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Trimester Exams Grades 5 – 8 	Trimester Exams Grades 5 – 8 	Trimester Exams Grades 5 – 8	Trimester Exams Grades 5 – 8 Pre-K for All Not in Session		Lenten Fish Fry 	Confirmation Retreat St. Columba 
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		St. Patrick's Day Dress Down & Cupcake Day 	3 rd Trimester Begins		12:30 p.m. Dismissal All Grades Report Card Day 	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			NYS ELA Exams Grades 4, 6 & 7	NYS ELA Exams Grades 4, 6 & 7	Marvel Science 	26 th Annual Card Party 
29	30	31	1	2	3	4



MARCH 2020: Pre-K - 8 Express Hot Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
(V) Mac-n-Cheese Creamed Spinach Toasted Garlic Knot	Roasted Chicken Curried Cauliflower Warm Dinner Roll	BBQ Chicken Sliders Baked Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Baked! Tostitos® Scoops® Served with Salsa Cup	Jamaican Beef Patty Seasoned Roasted Potato Wedges New York Cookie Treat Fresh New York Apples	(V) !!! PIZZA !!! Cold Chickpea Salad Ranch Carrot Snackers
9	10	11	12	13
(V) Southwest Burrito Served with Salsa Cup Creamed Spinach	Baked Chicken Tenders With Dipping Sauce Corn, Peas & Carrots Rold Gold® Heartzels Garlic Knot	Hot Turkey with Gravy Sweet Plantains Buttermilk Biscuit	New York Beef Hamburgers & Cheeseburgers Baked New York French Fries Fresh New York Apples	(V) !!! PIZZA !!! Cold Chickpea Salad Ranch Carrot Snackers
16	17	18	19	20
(V) Cheesy Garlic Toast with Marinara Dipping Sauce Baked Broccoli	Baked Chicken Bites Mashed Potatoes Buttermilk Biscuit	Hamburgers & Cheeseburgers Baked French Fries Baked! Tostitos® Scoops®	Chicken Dumplings Teriyaki Green Beans Fresh New York Apples New York Cookie Treat	(V) !!! PIZZA !!! Cold Chickpea Salad Ranch Carrot Snackers
23	24	25	26	27
(V) Mac-n-Cheese Creamed Spinach Toasted Garlic Knot	Baked Chicken Tenders With Dipping Sauce Corn, Peas & Carrots Rold Gold® Heartzels Garlic Knot	BBQ Chicken Sliders Baked Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Baked! Tostitos® Scoops® Served with Salsa Cup	Jamaican Beef Patty Seasoned Roasted Potato Wedges New York Cookie Treat Fresh New York Apples	(V) !!! PIZZA !!! Cold Chickpea Salad Ranch Carrot Snackers
30	31			
(V) Southwest Burrito Served with Salsa Cup Creamed Spinach	Roasted Chicken Curried Cauliflower Warm Dinner Roll		<p>EVERY THURSDAY WE'RE PROUDLY CELEBRATING LOCALLY SOURCED & PRODUCED FOOD ALL NEW YORK ITEMS ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN GREEN</p>	<p><i>Daily Lunch Specials</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (V) Peanut Butter & Jelly* • (V) Cheese Sandwich • (V) Hummus Grab & Go

OFFERED DAILY

Milk*
1% Low-fat
Fat Free
Fat Free Chocolate

*Alternative options are available upon request

Dipping Sauce Cups
BBQ, Ranch,
Honey Mustard, Hot Sauce
Ketchup, Mayonnaise

(V) Indicates Vegetarian

Fresh Fruit

No Artificial flavors, colors,
or sweeteners in all
OFNS Products

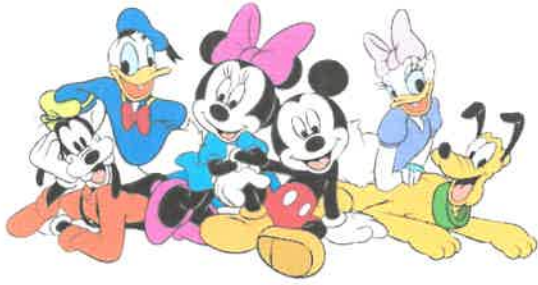
Dressings
Chipotle Ranch
Balsamic Vinaigrette
Ranch
Asian Sesame
Honey Mustard
Caesar
French
Italian Vinaigrette

Flavor Station
Granulated Garlic
Red Pepper Flakes
Parmesan Cheese

Pre-K - 8
Express Hot Lunch Menu

ATTENTION:

All Pre-K Students CANNOT be Offered CHOCOLATE MILK



Disney Club

* Do you enjoy watching Disney animation movies and discussing them?

* Do you enjoy drawing & painting Disney characters?

If you answered yes, then come join the Disney Club !!

Who can join? Students from grades 1-3

When does the club meet? Thursdays from 3:00pm to 4:00pm

Where does the club meet? Mrs. Johnson's room

* Start date: March 12th

* Coordinator: Mrs. Johnson

* There are 20 spots available, first come first serve

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Student's Name (print) _____

Grade _____

Parent's Signature _____

* Student will be picked up by 4:00pm, at the Jerome Ave door (E.19th St.)

* Should student be released to afterschool at 4:00pm? _____



OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT ~ CATHOLIC SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES

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March 2, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We all have seen the rising concern surrounding the novel coronavirus in the news. For many weeks, the Associate Superintendent for Government Programs, Mrs. Joan McMaster of the Office of the Superintendent~Catholic School Support Services has been in communication with federal, state, and city officials monitoring the situation to ensure the health and safety of our Catholic Academies/Parish Schools and evaluating policies and procedures to keep our students and adults safe. I am reaching out to provide additional information.

You will find an attached letter and *Frequently Asked Questions Guide* from the New York City Department of Health with information about the coronavirus and general flu prevention measures. As this situation evolves and changes, the Crisis Management Team from the Office of the Superintendent~Catholic School Support Services will provide further information and guidelines for our Catholic Academies and Parish Schools within the Diocese of Brooklyn.

We encourage all families to practice good hygiene and healthy practices such as washing hands regularly, avoiding close contact with people who are sick, avoiding bringing sick children to school and getting your flu shot to lower the risk of spreading illness.

Effective Immediately: For students and Catholic Academy/Parish School personnel returning from international travel, the following policy for the Catholic Academies and Parish Schools within the Diocese of Brooklyn is in place:

All students and Catholic Academy/Parish School personnel returning from international travel are required to get written medical clearance from their physician before returning to Catholic Academy/Parish School.

Parents must submit this written medical clearance letter signed and stamped by a licensed physician to the principal.

Be assured we will continue to keep you updated in a timely way.

I thank you for your understanding and help in the effort to keep our Catholic Academies and Parish Schools and students safe. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact your Catholic Academy/Parish School Principal.

Sincerely,

Thomas Chadzutko

Thomas Chadzutko, Ed.D.
Superintendent~Catholic School Support Services



NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE
Oxiris Barbot, MD
Commissioner

February 26, 2020

Dear Families,

This week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention discussed possible options for what could happen if there is local person-to-person transmission of the novel coronavirus in the United States, including recommendations for school systems to consider.

At this time, it is important to listen to facts and not respond to fear. Currently there are no confirmed cases of novel coronavirus in New York City and the risk to New Yorkers remains low.

However, transmission of the virus in other countries has raised our level of concern, and we are preparing for the possibility of person-to-person transmission in New York City. The measures that are put in place should local person-to-person transmissions begin will depend on the number of individuals affected and the general severity of illness we experience in our city. The NYC Health Department is vigilantly preparing for all possible scenarios, and we will continue to monitor and communicate about any possible impact to our school communities.

There are no plans to close schools at this time. This is an extreme measure that can be disruptive to day-to-day life, and the decision to implement will be at the direction of public health experts.

All New Yorkers should continue to practice general flu prevention measures including:

- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or sleeve
- Wash your hands regularly
- Avoid touching your face
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Get your flu shot – it's never too late
- Stay home if you're feeling sick. Call your doctor and let them know your symptoms and travel history.

Please read the [Frequently Asked Questions sheet](#) attached to this letter for more information, or visit nyc.gov/health at any time for important updates.

We will continue to clearly communicate with our school communities about our ongoing efforts regarding the coronavirus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Oxiris Barbot MD".

Oxiris Barbot, MD
Commissioner
New York City Department of
Health and Mental Hygiene



2019 Novel Coronavirus: Home Self-Monitoring for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in New York City

About 2019 Novel Coronavirus

1. What are coronaviruses?

Coronaviruses are a family of viruses that are common throughout the world. They cause illnesses ranging from the common cold to more serious illnesses like pneumonia. A novel (new) coronavirus is a type of coronavirus that has not been previously seen in humans.

2. What is 2019 novel coronavirus?

2019 novel coronavirus is a new type of coronavirus identified as the cause of an outbreak of respiratory illness (which affects breathing) called COVID-19 that was first detected in Wuhan, China. Infections with this new virus have been reported in other regions of China and in some other countries, including the U.S.

3. How serious is this virus and what are the range of symptoms?

Reported symptoms due to infection with the virus that causes COVID-19 have ranged from mild to severe. Symptoms can include fever, cough or shortness of breath.

4. How does this virus spread?

Much is still unknown about how the virus that causes COVID-19 spreads. Current information indicates that person-to-person spread is occurring, but it is not clear how easily the virus spreads between people. Person-to-person spread is thought to occur mainly via respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes, similar to how the flu and other respiratory illnesses spread.

5. How long before symptoms of the virus appear?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) believes at this time that symptoms of COVID-19 may appear between two and 14 days after exposure.

Guidance for People Required to Home Self-Monitor After Returning from Countries Designated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

6. What is home self-monitoring?

Home self-monitoring means you check yourself for fever and remain alert for cough or shortness of breath. Everyone on home self-monitoring has been provided a plan for whom to contact during the self-monitoring period to determine whether medical evaluation is needed if they develop fever, cough or shortness of breath. People on home self-monitoring are also asked to stay at home and avoid going outside for the entire self-monitoring period. You should not attend work, school, public events or group gatherings. You can get a doctor's note online at nyc.gov/health/coronavirus if you need to provide documentation of your absence to your school or employer.

7. Why do I need to home self-monitor?

To stop the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19 in the U.S., all people who spent time in areas designated by the CDC, within the last 14 days, are being screened at the airport for COVID-19 symptoms and risk factors for infection. After this screening:

- Travelers arriving in NYC from CDC-designated areas, who have no symptoms, will be transported to a quarantine location in NYC as directed by the CDC.
- Most travelers returning from CDC-designated areas, who have no symptoms, will be given information about home self-monitoring. They can continue to their destination. Their local health department will then be in contact with the travelers to provide more information.
- Others with possible exposures to the virus that causes COVID-19 may also be asked to home self-monitor by the NYC Health Department.

8. I just got back from a CDC designated country and am supposed to home self-monitor. What do I need to do?

- Take your temperature twice a day.
- Check for symptoms — cough or shortness of breath.
- Stay at home and remain out of public places. Do not go to school or work.
- If you have fever or symptoms, call the NYC Health Department at 347-396-7990.
- You need to do this for 14 days since the day you left the CDC designated country that requires home self-monitoring, even if you spent time in another country before entering the U.S.

9. What about my family members or other people I live with?

If members of your household were not in one of these countries, they can continue to go to school and work. If you develop fever, cough or shortness of breath, other members of your household should stay home until your symptoms are checked out by a medical provider.

10. What should I do if I have a medical emergency?

If you have a medical emergency while you are in home self-monitoring, you should call 911 and tell the operator about your recent travel.

11. What should I do if I develop an illness with fever, cough, or shortness of breath?

If you develop fever, cough or shortness of breath while in home self-monitoring, avoid close contact (within 6 feet) with other people, and call the NYC Health Department at 347-396-7990 for further instructions.

12. What if I need to leave home to receive medical care for a chronic illness or other issue?

If you need to see a doctor or health care provider for a medical problem, you should call your provider ahead of your visit and let them know about your recent travel.

13. What can I do if I feel overwhelmed or distressed about being at home?

Emotional reactions to stressful situations such as this emerging health issue are expected. It is normal to feel sad, anxious or overwhelmed, or have other symptoms of distress, such as trouble sleeping. If symptoms become worse, last longer than a month or if you struggle to participate in your usual daily activities, reach out for support and help. You can call [NYC Well](#) at 888-NYC-WELL (888-692-9355) or text “WELL” to 65173. NYC Well is a confidential helpline that is staffed 24/7 by trained counselors who can provide brief supportive therapy, crisis counseling, and connections to behavioral health treatment and support in over 200 languages.

Returning to School or Work

14. Do I need to get cleared to return to work or school?

No. If you did not have any fever, cough or shortness of breath during your 14-day home self-monitoring period, you can go back to work or school. There is no formal clearance process. People without fever, cough or shortness of breath are not tested for the virus that causes COVID-19.

15. Who do I contact if I need a doctor’s note for my employer or school to explain my absence?

You can download and print a doctor’s note from the NYC Health Department’s website by visiting nyc.gov/health/coronavirus or calling 347-396-7990. Your school or employer may ask for documentation of your travel to confirm the dates of your home self-monitoring.

16. My employer or school is not allowing me to return after I completed home self-monitoring. What are my options?

There is no medical reason for your work or school to exclude you after the home self-monitoring period is over. Please show them the doctor’s note from the NYC Health Department. You can also report this situation to the NYC Commission on Human Rights by calling 311 and saying, “human rights.”

For more information on COVID-19, visit nyc.gov/health/coronavirus or cdc.gov/coronavirus.

If feel you have been harassed due to race, nation of origin or other identities, call 311 and say, “human rights” to report to the NYC Commission on Human Rights.