



SAIN⁺ MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

A guiding light for children today.

October 14, 2020

Dear Families:

As the ELA teacher, one of my favorite books to teach was *To Kill a Mockingbird*. In this time of uncertainty and insecurity, I'm reminded of a quote from that novel. Scout says "Until I feared I would lose it, I never loved to read. One does not love breathing." Since March, we all have had this underlying apprehension about school closing. This was exacerbated by the orders dictated by the governor and the mayor. That being said, I think that this time has given us a new appreciation and new sense of gratitude about our time in school. We often took coming to school for granted; like Scout says, she didn't come to love reading until she feared she would lose it. I am now grateful and appreciative of each day I get to spend at Saint Mark Catholic Academy, and I hope you are too!

A wise person once told me, "Don't let the immediate get in the way of the important." Although sometimes it can be difficult, we have to remain focused on our priorities and objectives, which are to provide a quality education for our children in a safe environment. Next week, you will be receiving your child's first trimester progress report, which is meant to give you an idea of how your child is doing so far. These reports are sent out at this time to give you enough time to make any necessary adjustments and improvements.

On a lighter note, while health guidelines prohibit us from holding our annual "trunk-or-treat" this year, we are still going to be able to celebrate Halloween! On Tuesday, October 27th, students will have the opportunity to participate in our first pumpkin patch! Participating students will get a pumpkin, a picture, and a dress down. Please see the flyer in today's folder. Also, on Friday, October 30th students in nursery through second grade will be able to wear their costumes to school. More details will follow as we get closer to Halloween.

As I've mentioned many times already, we live in uncertain times. Our children see and hear so much, and as a parent, I share your concerns. As a school, we will continue to maintain a sense of normalcy for your children, while also keeping them as safe and as healthy as possible. To again quote *To Kill a Mockingbird*, "Things are never as bad as they seem."

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson

Principal

HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN PATCH

at Saint Mark Catholic Academy

Tuesday, October 27

OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS

Participating students will get...

- A PUMPKIN
- A DRESS DOWN
- THEIR PHOTO TAKEN IN A FALL SCENE
- THEIR PHOTO PRINTED AND RETURNED IN A HALLOWEEN FRAME

Cost: \$10 per child

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