



# SAIN<sup>+</sup>T MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

*A guiding light for children today.*

September 23, 2020

Dear Families:

Happy fall! Yesterday marked the first day of autumn. This time of year always reminds me of my grandmother; she loved to travel to upstate New York and Pennsylvania to see the changing leaves and pick apples for her famous pies! According to her, McIntosh were the best for a pie!

Along with the beautiful leaves and delicious pies, so many of us associate fall with the beginning of the school year. I just want to reiterate how proud I am of our school community. With your help and cooperation, we were able to ring in the new fall season in the school building *together!*

As we get ready to complete our second full week of school, I'd just like to remind you of a few important details...

- Please be sure to complete the online health screening questionnaire. This must be done each day for each child. Remember, if you answer "yes" to any of the questions, your child should stay home that day. Here is the link: <https://forms.gle/MbThQzmWiy2BjFhf6>
- Many families have asked about birthday celebrations. Unfortunately, no outside food can be brought into the building. According to the Diocese of Brooklyn "*Due to COVID-19, students may not bring food into the classroom to be shared with other students. To promote health and safety, students should consume only the foods that they have brought to school or have been provided by the school.*" That said, even without food or treats, our teachers will ensure that student birthdays are recognized and celebrated!
- This week, you will receive the October calendar. Please take note of the early dismissal day ("half day") on **Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**. Also, please remember that the school is closed on **Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Columbus Day.

One of the most important aspects to an effective classroom, and ultimately an effective school, is routine and procedure. Although we've only been in school for about two weeks, I get the sense that what was once new and different is beginning to become part of our routine. Thank you for a successful start. Soon, it will be as easy as pie!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson

Principal



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## Parent-Student Handbook Agreement

We have visited the Saint Mark Catholic Academy website (smcaonthebay.org) to read and review the Student-Parent Handbook.

We have read and will abide by the Parent-Student Handbook.

We also are aware that the school or the principal retain the right to amend the Handbook for just cause. (Parents will be given prompt notification if changes are made.)

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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