



SAIN⁺ MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

A guiding light for children today.

September 30, 2020

Dear Families:

Tomorrow, we begin the month of October. Before we know it, Columbus Day will be upon us and then Halloween. As we look forward to these days, I'd like to draw your attention to a lesser-known, but very important date: October 2nd. Did you know that the first Friday in October is designated as World Smile Day? It is a day to "*Do an act of kindness. Help one person smile*" that was established by Harvey Ball, a commercial artist who created the infamous yellow smiley face.

Along with encouraging acts of kindness, we already have much to smile about at Saint Mark Catholic Academy. We're a few days shy of completing our third full week in school together. In addition, we've added a third section of first grade. We're happy to welcome 12 new students to the Saint Mark family, along with their teacher, Ms. Vanessa Velilla. We are also happy to welcome Ms. Marissa Case who will be our new art teacher!

Just a few quick reminders that I'm sure will make our students smile...

- **Friday, October 9** is an early dismissal (half day) for students in nursery and kindergarten through eighth grade. We will still stagger dismissal times. A separate schedule will be sent home next week.
- Also, please remember that the school is closed for all students on **Monday, October 12th** in observance of Columbus Day.
- The Diocese of Brooklyn has **postponed** the Professional Day on **Friday, November 6th**. This is now a **full day of school** for all students.

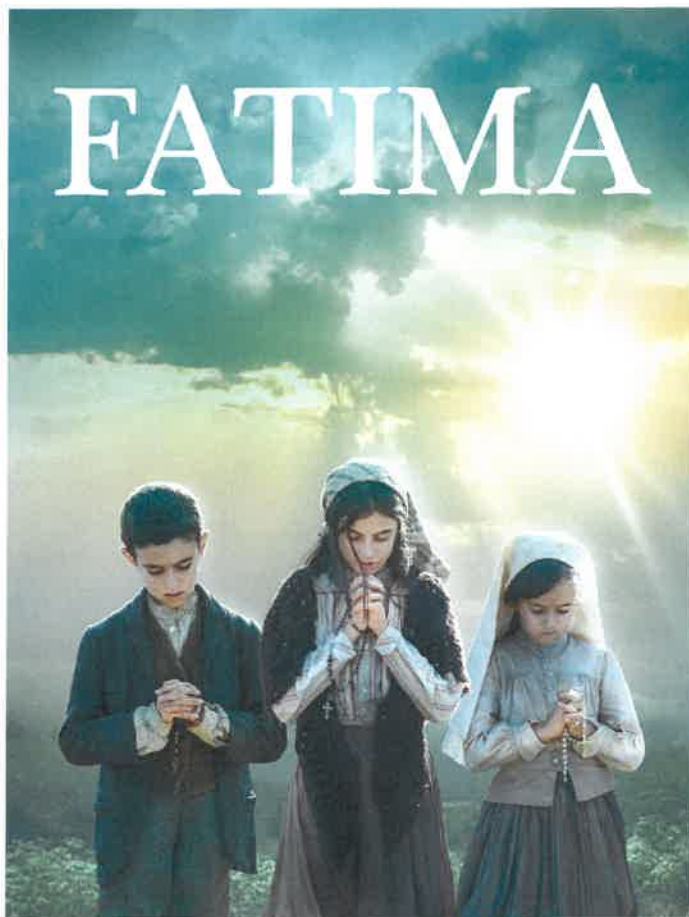
Ironically, we're all wearing masks, which makes you wonder how Word Smile Day can be celebrated this year. Look no further than the title of a recent article from *Scientific American* for your answer: "From behind the Coronavirus Mask, an Unseen Smile Can Still Be Heard."

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson
Principal

Youth Ministry Outdoor Movie Night

Friday, October 2nd at 7pm



The Movie will be shown outdoors in the Saint Mark School Yard. There will be limited spacing and the costs are:

- \$10 - for Adults
- \$5 - for Ages 13 and under

Please Contact your Youth Minister Michael Davis if you have any further questions # 347-574-1828

Masks and Social Distancing Required