



SAIN⁺ MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

A guiding light for children today.

October 21, 2021

Dear Families:

Yesterday was the first game of baseball's World Series between the Tampa Bay Rays and the Los Angeles Dodgers. Although my beloved Mets didn't make the playoffs this year, I'll be watching a few innings of the Series when I get a chance.

This year, there's so much that isn't as it "used to be," even in baseball. Normally, teams play a 162-game season; this year, only 60 games were played. Typically, the stands are filled with thousands of fans; this year, teams played in empty ballparks. The World Series, the final showdown between two teams, is being played as it normally would be—a small glimpse of normal.

Played over the course of almost seventh months, many describe the game of baseball as a "marathon, not a sprint." Now in October, we at Saint Mark Catholic Academy are at the early stages of our own marathon. Like the players longing for a World Series victory, we, too, have our eye on the ultimate prize...June, and the conclusion of a healthy and prosperous year. Yes, June is a long way away (245 days, to be exact!). So, we must look at each day as a victory. Each day that our students are in school, safe, and productive is a win—a small glimpse of normal.

This week, our students will be receiving their first-trimester progress reports. For kindergarten through eighth grade, these reports will be available online. Please see the directions in this week's folder.

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. 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.

Along with being a classic, *Field of Dreams* is a renowned baseball-lovers movie. At a moment in the film when things seem bleak and uncertain, a character played by James Earl Jones, gives uplifting speech, which he concludes by saying, "This game...reminds us of all that once was good, and that could be again." Each day, each "victory," is a sign that things are going to be "good again."

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson
Principal



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**VIEW YOUR CHILD'S
 PROGRESS REPORT ONLINE**

October 21, 2020

Dear Families:

This year, rather than print out progress reports, we are making them available for parents and families to view online, via OptionC.

You should have already received your log in information from Mrs. Ryan. If you don't have it, or don't remember what it is, please email her at lryan@smsonthebay.com or call the office at (718) 332-9304.

The following is a direct link to Saint Mark's OptionC page:
<https://www.optionc.com/Templates/BlueRay/default.asp?key=982>. In addition, there are some **directions on the back of this letter** that will help you find your child's progress report.

Please note that nursery and pre-k progress reports are still being printed; online progress reports will be for students in kindergarten through grade eight.

Once you have viewed your child's progress report, please complete the bottom of this page and return it to your child's teacher tomorrow.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson
 Principal

I was able to successfully log in to OptionC and view my child's progress report.

Child's Name _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

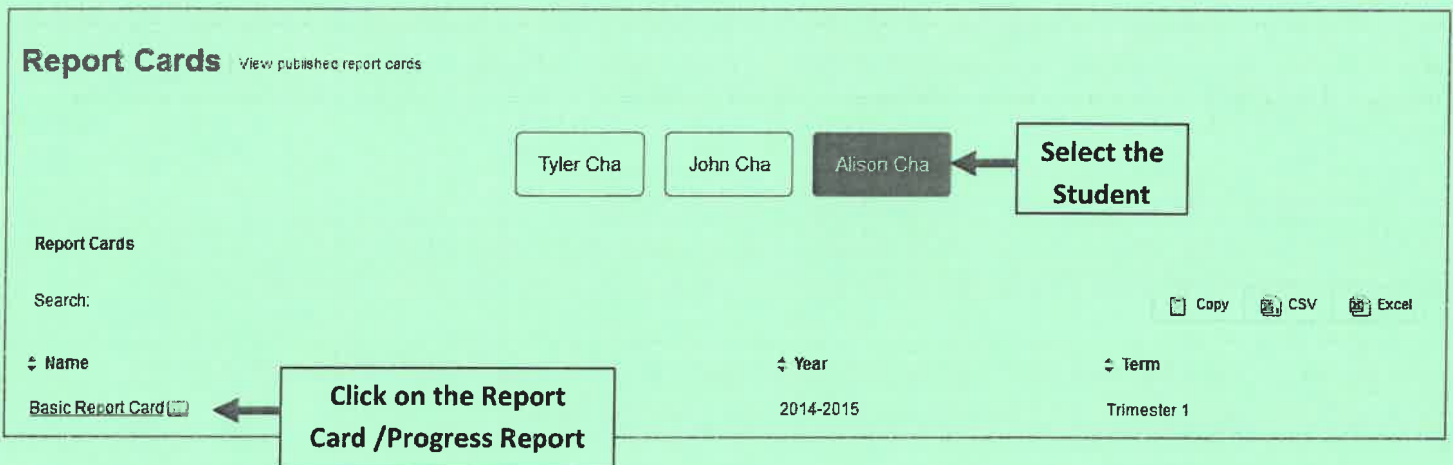
How Parents View Online Report Cards and Progress Reports in OptionC

****Please Note: This Functionality May or May Not be Enabled by your School****


Once logged into OptionC, please go to Students > Report Cards.



Select the Student and Click on the Report Card /Progress Report Link.



You will now see your Child's Report Displayed.



OptionC Demonstration School
title
subtitle
* indicates modified curriculum

Trusted the care and education of your child to you first as the primary educators. The Catholic school is the finest collaborator with you in fulfilling this responsibility in a Christ-centered, value based, secure environment. The foundation formed during the first years of formal education is the bedrock for the future development of your child's talents and abilities. Your child's progress is a key element in our mission of education and regular progress.

Student: Sample Student Grade: 7 Teacher: Baptist Year: 2014 - 2015

Class Name	Teacher	1	2	3	Final Grade	Comments
Algebra	Seton					
Meth	Giuliani					
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Music	Goretti					

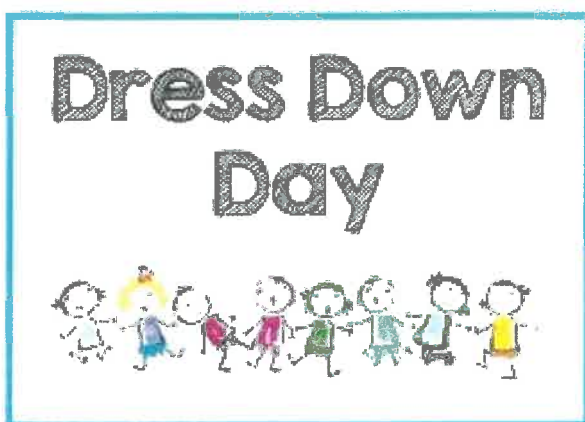
DRESS PINK DOWN DAY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

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PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT SUSAN G. KOMEN FOUNDATION

Please send in dress down money in a clearly labeled envelope with your child's name and grade.



Although it is a dress down day, students are reminded to dress with modesty. Students should adhere to the following attire as described in the Parent-Student Handbook:

- Appropriate length skirt, shorts or dress – no shorter than 3" above the knees
- No torn or tight jeans or pants
- No spaghetti strap tanks, midriiffs, tube tops, etc.
- No logo type T-shirts
- No hats (unless specifically designated)
- No loose/baggy pants or shorts
- No make-up or nail polish (including gels/French manicures)
- No hoop earrings or excessive jewelry
- No jeggings, leggings or skinny jeans

Parents will be called to bring a change of clothes for students who do not adhere to these regulations.

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