



SAIN[†] MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

A guiding light for children today.

October 28, 2020

Dear Families:

Two “thank yous” are in order this week! First, thank you to all of our families who took part in our pink dress down day. We raised \$700 for the Susan Komen Foundation! Also, thank you to everyone who participated in our Pumpkin Patch fundraiser yesterday. It was great to see everyone getting into the fall season!

Even though it’s not even Halloween yet, there are rumblings of Christmas already starting...sales in stores...movies on TV...songs on the radio. To help us get in the spirit, I’m happy to share an early Christmas gift with all of you: The Diocese of Brooklyn is starting the Thanksgiving break early; **school is closed on Wednesday, November 25th!**

Speaking of Thanksgiving and Christmas, as the holidays approach, so too does the colder weather. In an effort to keep the building adequately ventilated, we’re going to keep our windows open as long as the weather allows. Students are encouraged to dress warmly. Please remember that it is still permissible to wear your gym uniform every day.

Since we can no longer gather in the auditorium, we’ve been saying prayers over the PA system every day. Along with saying the pledge and a Hail Mary, we say a prayer taken from a book called *Prayer Before the Bell*, a book of daily prayers for school. This week, the prayers are especially appropriate... “*Dear God...When we’re troubled, when we’re afraid, when we’re uncertain, or when we’re worried, help us trust that you will be with us...*” In these times of insecurity and apprehension, let’s remember that God is with us.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson
Principal

SAINT MARK IS OPEN ON ELECTION DAY, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd

October 28, 2020

Dear Families:

As some of you may know, Saint Mark Catholic Academy has served as a polling site for many years. In the past, the New York City Board of Elections has used our school gymnasium. This year, to ensure the health and safety of our students, the polling site is going to be set-up under a tent in the schoolyard. Thanks to the hard work of our pastor, Father Bob and our school business manager, Mr. Cleland, we have been able to make this accommodation and keep the school open on Election Day.

At no time will anyone coming to vote need to enter the school building.

Since it takes a day or two to set up and break down the tent, there will be a few minor adjustments to our school day next week...

- Students in grades 5 and 7 who normally use entrance #4 will now move to entrance #5 (the gym doors across from the post office). They will both enter and dismiss from this location.
- Student recess periods will take place in the classrooms.
- Physical education classes will take place in students' classrooms.

We anticipate these changes lasting the entire week (November 2 through November 6) but there may be a chance of things wrapping-up a little sooner.

Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation. Should you have any questions, please email me at mwilson@smsonthebay.com.

Sincerely,



Mr. Mark Wilson

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IMPORTANT CALENDAR CHANGES

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH is a

FULL DAY OF SCHOOL.





(The previously scheduled professional day was cancelled by the Diocese.)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH

SCHOOL IS CLOSED.

(This was originally a “half-day” dismissal. The Diocese has decided to start the Thanksgiving Recess early!)

November 2020 Saint Mark Catholic Academy

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends 	2	3 Election Day School Open 	4	5	6 Full Day of School	7
8	9	10	11 Veterans Day School Closed 	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 School Closed	26 Thanksgiving Day School Closed 	27 School Closed	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5