



SAIN<sup>†</sup> MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY  
*A guiding light for children today.*

November 4, 2020

Dear Families:

First, I must again thank Father Bob and Mr. Cleland for their hard work and support to ensure that Saint Mark Catholic Academy remained open on Election Day yesterday. Thank you!

Christmas came early last week for students in the Diocese of Brooklyn with the announcement that schools would be closed on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. Even though Christmas is 51 days away, the gifts just keep on coming! This week, the Office of the Superintendent announced that Christmas Recess will be starting earlier than originally planned. **Saint Mark Catholic Academy will close at dismissal on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> and reopen on Monday, January 4, 2021.** We thank the Diocese for recognizing the hard work of our teachers and students by providing these extra days off!

This Friday will be a red, white, and blue dress down day in recognition of Veterans Day on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds will be donated to the Wounded Warriors Foundation. Please see the flyer in today's folder for more information. Thank you!

This week, our fourth graders composed letters to the faculty and staff reminding us to vote. Mine was written by Kaylee Popoca, who wrote: "Remember, when you vote, your vote is your voice in our government." Since this letter is being written on Tuesday afternoon, I don't know the outcome yet, but I hope that everyone did vote and that, who ever wins, our voices are ones that call for peace and unity.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson  
Principal

## **THREE IMPORTANT CALENDAR CHANGES**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> is a FULL DAY OF SCHOOL.**

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

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> SCHOOL IS CLOSED.**

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

### **CHRISTMAS RECESS STARTING EARLIER!**

*The Diocese of Brooklyn has extended Christmas Recess this year.*

**The school will close at dismissal on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, and we will reopen on MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021.**

# RED, WHITE, AND BLUE DRESS DOWN DAY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6 \$5

PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT

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, midriffs, 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.**