



SAIN⁺T MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

A guiding light for children today.

November 18, 2020

Dear Families:

With all the negativity and sadness in our world, it's nice to be able to focus on something uplifting and happy—the birthday of Mickey Mouse! Today he turns 92! Wow! He sure has aged well! I hope I look that good at 92!

Many years ago, Walt Disney himself said, “I hope we never lose sight of one thing—that it was all started by a mouse.” It is a remarkable feat when you think about it. A corporation that's worth hundreds of billions of dollars all started with a tiny mouse. It helps us to realize that we, ourselves, can accomplish anything if we have the right idea and enough determination!

Speaking of celebrations, the holiday season is right around the corner. Please take a look at the calendar and important dates reminder in today's folder. We are closed for Thanksgiving from Wednesday, November 25th through Friday, November 27th. In addition, school is closed for Christmas Recess from Monday, December 21st through Friday, January 1st; school resumes on Monday, January 4, 2021. Please be sure to adhere to all health and safety guidelines if you're traveling.

Along with the holidays, report cards are quickly approaching, too. I'm still waiting for official guidance from the Office of the Superintendent, but I can confirm that there will be no in-person conferences; parents will have the opportunity to conduct a Zoom or schedule a call with teachers. More details to follow soon. (Keep in mind that you can always check your child's progress on OptionC.)

I understand that so much of this academic year has been different. Our students are socially distanced, they have little opportunity to interact with their friends, and now they are faced with the prospect of COVID testing. Please know that our faculty and staff work very hard to create a sense of normalcy and routine for our children.

To quote Walt Disney again, “To all who come to this happy place, welcome!” I hope Saint Mark Catholic Academy continues to be a safe and happy place for our entire school community!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson
Principal

IMPORTANT CALENDAR CHANGES & REMINDERS

- **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH SCHOOL IS CLOSED.**
(This was originally a “half-day” dismissal. The Diocese has decided to start the Thanksgiving Recess early!)
- **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4TH is an EARLY DISMISSAL DAY** for Nursery and Kindergarten through Grade 8. (PreK is still in for a full day.)
- **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH SCHOOL IS CLOSED for ALL STUDENTS, including Pre-K.**
- **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11TH is an EARLY DISMISSAL DAY for ALL STUDENTS** for Report Card distribution.
- **CHRISTMAS RECESS STARTING EARLIER!**
The Diocese of Brooklyn has extended Christmas Recess this year. School will be closed starting Monday, December 21st, and we will reopen on Monday, January 4, 2021.

December 2020

Saint Mark Catholic Academy

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
					FACULTY MEETING Half Day Dismissal for Nursery & K-8 Full Day for Pre-K December Dress Down Extravaganza!	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Feast of the Immaculate Conception School Closed for ALL STUDENTS 			REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION Half Day Dismissal for ALL GRADES December Dress Down Extravaganza!	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
					Christmas Recess Begins at Dismissal FULL DAY OF SCHOOL December Dress Down Extravaganza!	SCHOOL CLOSED: Christmas Recess
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
					Christmas Day 	
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					New Year's Day 	SCHOOL CLOSED: Christmas Recess
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DECEMBER DRESS DOWN EXTRAVAGANZA

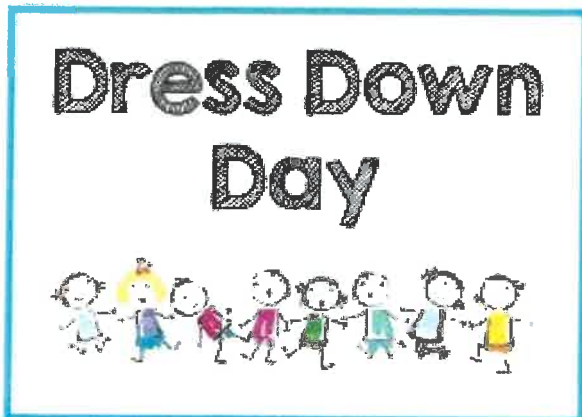
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4; FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11; FRIDAY DECEMBER 18

\$5

THREE DAYS OF DRESS DOWN DAYS FOR ONLY \$5!

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

Please submit \$5 in advance by Thursday, December 3rd.



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.



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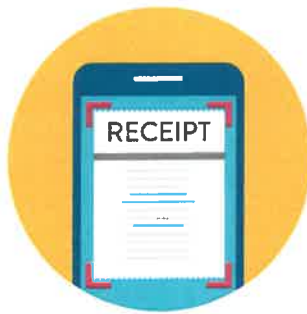


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