



# SAIN<sup>+</sup> MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

*A guiding light for children today.*

December 2, 2020

Dear Families:

I hope everyone had a healthy, safe, and restful Thanksgiving! Believe it or not, we are now in the month of December, and we're already in Advent, counting the days until Christmas (23, to be exact!).

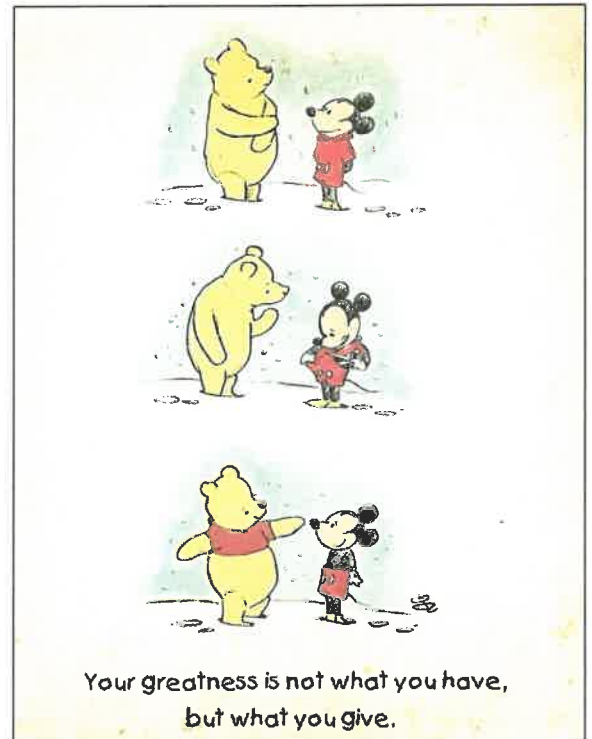
Christmas is, of course, synonymous with giving. How appropriate then that just yesterday was Giving Tuesday, "a global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world." While much of both Giving Tuesday and Christmas is associated with monetary giving, let's remember that we all have much more to give than money and material gifts. Take our school community for example...

- Our teachers and staff give their time and share their talents with their classes. They make tremendous sacrifices every day, and they all are "transforming their communities and the world!"
- Then there are our students who give kindness and consideration each day when they help a friend with classwork, hold a door open for a teacher, or pick up a piece of trash in the schoolyard.
- Of course, you—our families—sacrifice and give so much to send your children to Saint Mark Catholic Academy. We are certainly grateful that you've entrusted us with your children—there is no greater gift!

Speaking of giving, thanks to the generosity of the Office of the Superintendent, we have been given the gift of time. The first day of Christmas Recess is now December 21<sup>st</sup>. Although December is a short month, there is still much going on before the Christmas Break...

- This Friday is an early dismissal. In addition, it is the first of three Fridays that are part of our December Dress Down Extravaganza—three dress downs for \$5!
- Saint Mark Catholic Academy is closed to all students on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.
- Our Christmas Bow Sale is ongoing; please see the flyer in today's folder!
- Next week, report cards will be released. Because of COVID-19 regulations, report cards will be "distributed" electronically through OptionC, and parent-teacher meetings will be held via telephone call or Zoom conference.

Although Giving Tuesday is only one day out of the year, let's remember to do our best to give and share all year round, for "your greatness is not what you have, but what you give."



Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson  
Principal

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# **EARLY DISMISSAL**

## **on Friday, December 4**

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- Please continue to use your usual entrance/exit.
- This is a full day for Pre-K for All students.
- The after-school program will continue to be available for all students.

### **DISMISSAL TIMES FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4**

- **Nursery A and Nursery B** will dismiss at 12:15pm.
- **Kindergarten A and Kindergarten B** will dismiss at 12:30pm.
- **Grades 1A, 1B, 1C, 2A, 2B, 3, and 4** will dismiss at 12:40pm.
- **Grades 5, 6, 7, and 8** will dismiss at 12:30pm.

# DECEMBER DRESS DOWN EXTRAVAGANZA

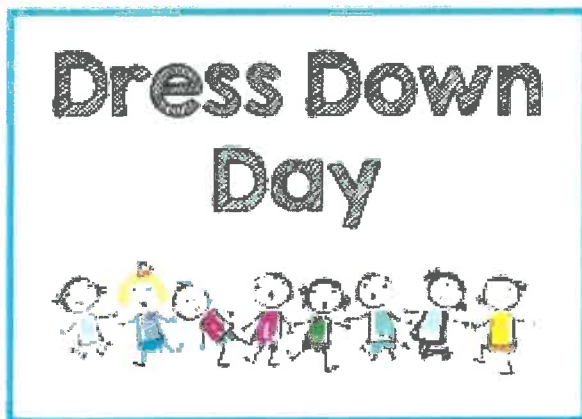
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4; FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11; FRIDAY DECEMBER 18

## \$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 3<sup>rd</sup>.



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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# Christmas Bow Sale



This Christmas, Saint Mark Catholic Academy will be holding a Christmas Bow Sale!

These bows will be hung on our fence outside the school on East 19<sup>th</sup> Street.

Along with being a festive decoration, these bows will also be a way for you to honor or memorialize a special family member or friend.

Each bow costs \$5.

If you are interested in purchasing a bow, please click on <https://tinyurl.com/yy5zjtfy> or complete the form at bottom of the page.

The sale is ongoing, but bows will begin to be hung after the Thanksgiving Recess. Thank you!

Saint Mark Catholic Academy • Christmas Bow Sale

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of bows to purchase: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Bow #1  In honor of  In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Bow #2  In honor of  In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Bow #3  In honor of  In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

If necessary, please list additional bows on the back of the form.