



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

*A guiding light for children today.*

January 27, 2021

Dear Families:

I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. Each day I share a prayer with the students from a book called *Prayers Before the Bell*. Yesterday's prayer I found to be especially appropriate, and I'd like to share it with you...

*Dear Jesus, we are your followers.  
Help us work for peace among all your people.  
Help us see that color, race, creed, and gender aren't reasons to exclude others.  
As your true followers, we know that if we want peace,  
We must also work for justice.  
We must work for a world where everything is fair, where everyone has what he or she needs to live.  
Help us, Lord, to make this world a place where children everywhere can be happy.  
We ask this through you, who said,  
"Let the little children come to me." Amen.*

It's difficult to believe that we are just about halfway through the schoolyear already. Yes, there have been some "bumps in the road," but given the circumstances, I believe everyone—from families and students to teachers and staff—is doing a great job. As we mark this halfway point, let's continue to work together to provide a quality education in the safest environment possible for all of our students.

One of the simplest, but most important things we can do to ensure everyone's safety is mask wearing. Please wear your mask when picking up your child. Also, please remind your child to keep his or her mask on until you are a comfortable distance from the school or in your car.

As we now enter the second half of the year, progress reports are right around the corner. Progress reports will be released through OptionC, just as they were last trimester. As always, you don't need to wait for progress reports or report cards to check your child's progress; this can be done each day on OptionC.






Again, thank you for your continued support and cooperation...here's to a great start to the second half of the year!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson  
Principal

PS: Please remember to send in your re-registration paperwork as soon as possible. Thank you!

# February 2021 Saint Mark Catholic Academy

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Catholic Schools Week 	9 Catholic Schools Week	10 Catholic Schools Week	11 Catholic Schools Week	12 ½ Day Dismissal Grades N, K-8 Pre-K for All Remote Learning Day	13
14 	15 Presidents' Day Winter Recess School Closed 	16 Winter Recess School Closed	17 Winter Recess School Closed 	18 Winter Recess School Closed	19 Winter Recess School Closed 	20
21	22 Classes Resume	23	24	25	26	27
28	1	2	3	4	5	6

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## IT'S TIME TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID!

*Tuition assistance is available for students in kindergarten through grade 8 who meet certain eligibility requirements.*

### TO APPLY...

- Families must be enrolled for the 2021-2022 school year, including all paperwork and re/registration fee.
- Contact **Mr. William Bunch** in the Business Office.
  - (718) 332-9304, extension #2
  - [wbunch@smsonthebay.com](mailto:wbunch@smsonthebay.com)
  - Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30am to 2:30pm
- Have 2020 W2 and 1040 Federal Tax Forms ready.
- There is a \$35 application fee.

### DEADLINES...

- Application process begins **Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**.
- **March 22, 2021** for families who received an award last year.
- **April 19, 2021** for families applying for the first time.

### FREE SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE...

- If you are interested in applying, please contact Mr. Bunch. Funding is limited, so we **highly recommend** that families work with Mr. Bunch during this process to ensure the best possibility of receiving an award.



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# **EARLY DISMISSAL**

## **on Friday, February 12th**

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- Please continue to use your usual entrance/exit.
- PRE-K FOR ALL will be a 100% REMOTE DAY for ALL STUDENTS.
- The after-school program will continue to be available for all students.

### **DISMISSAL TIMES FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12<sup>th</sup>**

- **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.**