



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

*A guiding light for children today.*

February 9, 2021

Dear Families:

Happy Catholic Schools Week! Although COVID-19 regulations may have put a bit of a limit on what we have been able to do this week, there's been no limit to the fun we've been having! As we reach the middle of the week, students have dressed in their favorite sports gear, participated in Wacky Tacky Wednesday, and enjoyed a pizza lunch—and there's still Thursday and Friday left to go!

While this week is set aside for fun and unique activities to celebrate Catholic Education, when you think about it, every week at Saint Mark Catholic Academy is Catholic Schools Week! That's because our faith, our academic excellence, and our commitment to the whole child is part of what we do each and every day!

This week, we celebrated "GratiTuesday," so I must take this time to thank you—our parents and families—for your continued support and commitment to Saint Mark Catholic Academy. We know and understand the sacrifices you make to send you children to SMCA, and we are indeed grateful that you and your children are part of our school family! We couldn't do it without you!

Last week, I shared with you a quote from St. Martin de Porres. After reading more about him, I found out that he is known for establishing hospitals, orphanages, and even animal shelters. In fact, St. Martin de Porres is the patron saint of public health workers. As we get ready to mail our students' letters to Operation Gratitude, let's continue to say a special prayer that, through the intercession of St. Martin de Porres, all essential works are kept healthy and safe!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson  
Principal

# **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.

# REMINDER!

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*Just a friendly reminder...*

If you haven't already, please send in your re-registration paperwork and reregistration fee for the 2021-2022 school year.

Planning for September is underway!

**SEATS ARE FILLING UP!**

Thank you!

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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.

