



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

*A guiding light for children today.*

March 17, 2021

Dear Families:

## Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

Perhaps one of the more well-known feast days of the Church, Saint Patrick's Day is most associated with the Irish culture, and many relate today with the "luck of the Irish." Interestingly enough, a synonym for luck is "blessing."

This year, we have certainly been lucky, but more importantly, I believe we have been blessed. We are blessed to be back in school. We are blessed that we have dedicated teachers and staff. We are blessed by the resiliency and determination of our students, and we are blessed by the commitment and dedication of our families!

This week, along with celebrating the feast of Saint Patrick, we're also celebrating the feast of Saint Joseph. Saint Joseph is the patron saint of workers. The term "essential worker" is mentioned a lot these days. On Friday, say a special prayer to Saint Joseph for the safety and protection of all workers.

Also, on Friday, there will be a \$5 dress down fundraiser for St. Joseph's Day to support the *Joseph M. Lewinger Endowed Scholarship for Future Educators* at St. Joseph's College. As I mentioned in last week's Wednesday letter, I worked with Joe's mom for four years in St. Joseph's Office of Institutional Advancement before coming to St. Mark. Please support this great cause!

Last week, I mentioned that seven members of our Saint Mark family have ties to St. Joseph's College. They are Ms. Eliscar, Ms. Guglielmo, Ms. Maldonado, Ms. Monahan, Mrs. Rizzo, Ms. Allison Ryan, and me!

On behalf of our entire Saint Mark family, I wish you the luck of the Irish and this special Irish blessing:

*May love and laughter light your days, and warm your heart and home. May good and faithful friends be yours, wherever you may roam. May peace and plenty bless your world with joy that long endures. May all life's passing seasons bring the best to you and yours!*

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson  
Principal

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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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# REMINDER!

*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.

Financial aid deadline is approaching!  
SEATS ARE FILLING UP!

Thank you!