



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

*A guiding light for children today.*

March 3, 2021

Dear Families:

Do you know what ichthyologist is?

An ichthyologist is a scientist who studies bony fish, including sharks. One of the more notable ichthyologists was a woman named Eugenie Clark, a New York native who graduated from Hunter College and became interested in ocean life while visiting the New York Aquarium in Battery Park (before it moved to its current location in Coney Island).

Though many people may not know who Eugenie Clark is, she's certainly famous to me because I remember reading about her in a book called *Shark Lady: True Adventures of Eugenie Clark* by Ann McGovern. I can distinctly remember reading this book in elementary school...that's because I couldn't put it down! I was enthralled by the story of this woman who was brave enough to go on these daring undersea adventures to study ferocious sharks!

This month is Women's History Month, when we honor women like Eugenie Clark, who despite adversity and hardship, turned their passions into their careers and their life's work.

Along with our celebration of Woman's History Month, there's a lot going on in March at Saint Mark Catholic Academy. Next week, our middle school students take their trimester exams, cumulative tests that assess all of the work covered in the second trimester. Please keep our students in your prayers as they complete these tests. Now that trimester exams are here, that means that the end of the second trimester is quickly approaching. In fact, report card day is Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Also, please keep in mind two important dates coming up on the calendar. This Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> is an early dismissal for nursery and kindergarten through grade eight. (It is a full day of school for pre-k.) Also, Saint Mark will be closed on Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> for a faculty retreat. We're sending home a revised calendar, which includes this adjustment.

Although Eugenie Clark passed away in 2015 at the age of 92, there are still women who are making history right now! In fact, Justice Sonia Sotomayor of the United States Supreme Court has been quoted as saying, "Catholic schools have been a pipeline to opportunity."







Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson  
Principal

# March 2021

# Saint Mark Catholic Academy

**REVISED**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	1	2	3	4	5	6
					Early Dismissal Day Grades N & K-8 Pre-k for All Full Day	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			Trimester Exams Grades 5 – 8 	Trimester Exams Grades 5 – 8 	Trimester Exams Grades 5 – 8 	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
			St. Patrick's Day Free Dress Down Wear Green! 		St. Joseph Day \$5 Dress Down Fundraiser 	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
					Early Dismissal Day All Grades Report Cards 	
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
			School Closed Professional Day	Easter Recess School Closed	Easter Recess School Closed	

# **EARLY DISMISSAL**

## **on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

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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, MARCH 5**

- **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.

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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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