



SAIN⁺ MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY
A guiding light for children today.

April 21, 2021

Dear Families:

Now that the weather is warmer, our students have been able to spend their recess and physical education periods outside in the schoolyard. It's great to see them enjoying the fresh air and sunshine! It's also wonderful to hear their excited voices and laughter as they play and enjoy the outdoors; it certainly brings a sense of normalcy to what has been a unique and unprecedented year.

Speaking of fresh air, this week, we celebrate Earth Day, a worldwide celebration of our planet and a time to "advocate for global, national, and local policies that protect and safeguard our natural resources." This year, we are helping to support the American Lung Association's Lung Force, which "unites women and their loved ones across the country to stand together against lung cancer and for lung health." What better way to recognize Earth Day than by championing clean air and healthy breathing!

As we have done with other fundraisers, we are allowing students who donate to dress down. (More information about these dress down days is in today's folder.) In addition, you will also find some information from Lung Force in your child's folder; we are encouraging our families to take part in Lung Force Walk New York City, a virtual event on Saturday, May 22!

As special thank you to Ms. Jasmine Quiles, a member of our Saint Mark family who brought Lung Force to our attention. On Thursday and Friday, please wear your turquoise and support this great cause! Happy Earth Day!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson
Principal

EARLY DISMISSAL

on Friday, April 30th

- 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, APRIL 30

- **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...

Summer Program Survey

Last week, I sent out an email asking families to complete a survey about our summer program...

As we get closer to the end of the school year, we would like gauge our families' interest in Saint Mark's Summer Program. The level of interest will determine what type of program, if any, we will offer this year.

Normally, there are three options families can choose from:

(1) **ACADEMIC PROGRAM:** Usually runs from 8:30am to 12pm for the month of July. Open to all students, not only those who require remediation to move on to the next grade. (Approximate cost: \$600.)

(2) **ACADEMIC PROGRAM & EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM:** Students participate in the morning academic program and then move to extra-curricular activities from 12pm to 6pm. (Approximate cost: \$2,300)

(3) **EXTENDED DAY ONLY:** Students participate in the extended day activities only from 12pm to 6pm. (Approximate cost: \$1,900)

Please visit the following link to complete a short survey:

<https://forms.gle/WnjZXVwqGBG8pdkQ9>

Even if you are NOT INTERESTED, I'd ask that you still fill out the form, so we have the most accurate information possible. (If you already completed the survey, there is no need to do it again. Thank you!)

Once we gather all of the responses, we will notify everyone about our plans for the summer.

Thank you again for your help!
Mr. Wilson



LUNG FORCE "TEAL" DRESS DOWN DAYS

THURSDAY, APRIL 22ND & FRIDAY, APRIL 23RD

\$5

TWO 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 Tuesday, April 20th.

All proceeds will support the American Lung Association's LUNG FORCE!



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.