



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

October 20, 2021

Dear Families:

On Monday, former Secretary of State and four-star general Colin Powell passed away at the age of 84. A child of immigrants, Secretary Powell, who grew up in New York and attended public schools throughout his life, understood the value of education and hard work. He is noted as saying *“Always focus on the front windshield and not the rearview mirror.”*

Sometimes, we get focused on the past. We worry about what we should have done or what could have been. Although difficult, we need to look to the future and what lies ahead. Today, our students receive their progress reports, which show how our children have done so far this school year. These reports give students and their families an opportunity to make adjustments to ensure continued improvement and success for the remainder of the trimester and the rest of the school year.

Speaking of looking ahead, we have some exciting activities to look forward to. On October 26th, we will have a pumpkin patch day. Participating students will get their picture taken and receive a pumpkin, cotton candy, and a candy apple. In addition, on October 29th our students will enjoy in-class Halloween festivities. Students in 3K, PreK, kindergarten, first grade, and second grade will be allowed to wear costumes to school, and those in grades three and up will have a free orange and black dress down day. More details can be found in today’s folder.

Again, please take the time to review your child’s progress report. Celebrate the successes and work toward continuous improvement. If you need to, please make an appointment to speak with your child’s teacher to address any concerns you may have. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson
Principal

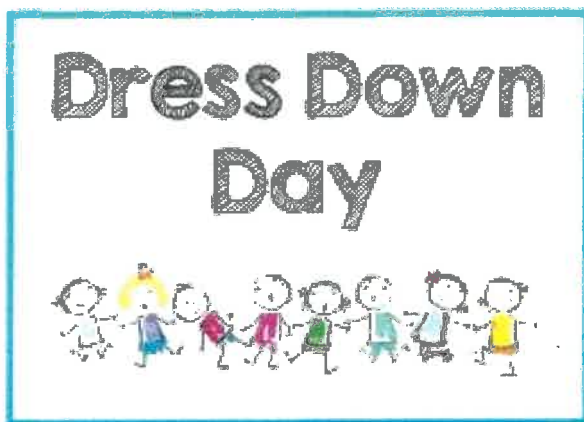
PINK DRESS DOWN DAY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

\$5

ALL PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT THE SUSAN G. KOMEN FOUNDATION, IN RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT OF BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH!

Please send in dress down money in a clearly labeled envelope with your child's name and grade.



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.

A SAFE HALLOWEEN AT SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

October 20, 2021



Dear Families:

Although we are limited by health and safety regulations, that does not mean we can't have fun on Halloween!

On Friday, October 29th, students in nursery through grade two will be allowed to wear costumes. Students in grades three through eight will have a free black and orange dress down day.

For those students wearing costumes, please remember...

- A face covering (cloth mask) must still be worn. Consider using a Halloween-themed cloth mask.
- No costume masks of any kind.
- **Do not** use a costume mask (one that is part of a Halloween costume) as a substitute for a cloth mask.
- **Do not** wear a costume mask over a cloth mask, because it can be dangerous if the costume mask makes it hard to breathe.
- Sneakers must be worn with all costumes.
- No costumes that restrict movement or vision or prevent sitting at desks.
- Costumes may not promote violence or have accessories or props that could be used as a weapon.
- No pretend "prop" weapons such as water pistols, knives, or swords.
- Costumes should not include items with sound effects, lights, or other components which would disrupt the classroom learning environment.

For those students dressing down, please remember...

- Appropriate length skirt, shorts or dress - no shorter than 3" above the knees
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On Friday, October 29th, classes will have the opportunity to have some Halloween fun. How each class celebrates is at the discretion of each teacher, but all festivities will be adhering to the following guidelines...

- No visitors will be allowed in the building at any time.
- Please do not send in any candy, snacks, or drinks for your child's class.
- There will be no communal sharing of food or drink.
- No cupcakes, Munchkins, cookies, or "loose" items will be permitted. Some teachers may provide pre-packaged snacks.
- Students may be provided with pre-assembled goodie bags only.
- Parties will be conducted in individual classrooms or "cohorts." At no point will there be mingling of classes or students.
- Some teachers may elect to watch a Halloween movie, go on a virtual field trip, and/or do some Halloween arts and crafts.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation as we work together to provide a fun—and safe—Halloween for our students.

-Mr. Wilson and the faculty and staff of Saint Mark Catholic Academy

PIZZA & DRESS DOWN DAY!

Tuesday, November 2nd

\$5

for one slice of pizza and dress down



- All money must be paid in advance by Friday, October 29th. **No late payments can be accepted.**
- No pizza may be purchased on Tuesday, November 2nd.
- The Free Lunch Program **WILL NOT** be available **Tuesday, November 2**, so students not participating **MUST** bring lunch from home.
- Students participating should bring in a drink from home. (No soda.) **No drinks will be available.**
- There is **no fee** for 3K and PreK students, but donations are accepted. Thank you!

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PIZZA DAY ORDER FORM

Tuesday, November 2

Child's Name _____ Grade _____

If you would like to order any additional slices of pizza, one additional slice is \$3.

One slice of pizza and dress down: \$5
Additional slices: ___ @ \$3 each: + \$___
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$___



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