



# SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

## A Guiding Light in Sheepshead Bay

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November 10, 2021

Dear Families:

Just a few weeks prior to his assassination, President John F. Kennedy said, “As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them.” Whether they’re a member of our immediate family, a neighbor, or a friend, we all know—or have known—a veteran. This Thursday should be more than just a day off from work or school, it is also a day to express our gratitude and appreciation for those who fought on behalf of our country.

This Friday, we will do our small part to honor our veterans by having a dress down day fundraiser to support the Wounded Warrior Project. According to their website, the objective of the WWP is as follows:

*Every warrior has a next mission. We know that the transition to civilian life is a journey. And for every warrior, family member, and caregiver, that journey looks different. We are here for their first step, and each step that follows. Because we believe that every warrior should have a positive future to look forward to. There’s always another goal to achieve, another mission to discover. We are their partner in that mission.*

Just as we have generously supported the Tunnel to Towers Foundation and the Susan Komen Foundation, I know our Saint Mark Catholic Academy family will once again champion this fundraising effort to recognize our veterans. Thank you!

I’d also like to thank our families for supporting our school fundraisers, especially SchoolStore.com, Pampered Chef, and our Disney Gift Card raffle. There’s still plenty of time to participate; your generosity is certainly appreciated.

Speaking of Disney, it was Walt Disney himself who said, “Our heritage and ideals, our code and standards—the things we live by and teach our children—are preserved or diminished by how freely we exchange ideas and feelings.” Without question, the freedom we have to share ideas and feelings is only possible because of the veterans who have served to protect it. Enjoy your day off tomorrow, but also take the time to thank a veteran.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson  
Principal

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# RED, WHITE, & BLUE DRESS DOWN DAY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

## \$5 DONATION

ALL PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT THE WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT, IN  
RECOGNITION OF VETERANS DAY!

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



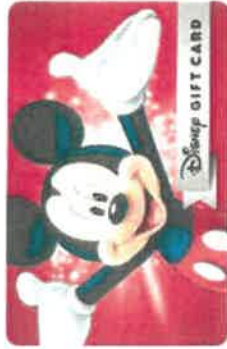
Although it is a dress down day, students are reminded to dress with modesty. Students should adhere to the following attire as described in the Parent-Student Handbook:

- 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.**

# Disney GIFT CARD RAFFLE

**3 RAFFLE TICKETS FOR \$5!**



1st Place: \$100 Disney Gift Card

2nd Place: \$50 Disney Gift Card

3rd Place: \$25 Disney Gift Card



**THAT'S THREE CHANCES TO WIN!**

Raffle Tickets purchased ONLINE ONLY at:



<https://tinyurl.com/4da38p8n>

**Deadline to purchase raffles is Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**Drawing held on Thursday, November 18th—**

**Mickey Mouse's Birthday!**

# IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT MORNING ARRIVAL

Every morning, we are fortunate to have four staff members supervise each of our four entrances. It is important that they remain vigilant and focused on the students coming into the building. Therefore, we ask that you please:

- Do not **hand money** or **envelopes** to staff members at the door.
  - Any payments being made should be placed in a clearly labeled envelope and sent to school with your child in his/her folder.
  - If you need to make a significant payment (tuition or after-school fees), please make an appointment with Mr. Bunch or Mr. Cleland in the Business Office.
- Do not ask any staff members at the door to **relay messages** to school staff or teachers.
  - If you need to speak with a staff member or teacher, please call the school office or send an email.
  - As I'm sure you know, arrival is one of the most "active" times of the day, so faculty and staff are usually busy getting ready for the day and supervising students.

*Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we ensure a safe, secure, and efficient arrival for our students.*