



SAIN^T MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

A guiding light for children today.

November 3, 2021

Dear Families:

I hope everyone had a fun and safe Halloween! Did you know that Halloween actually has significant Catholic roots? The name itself comes from All Hallows Eve—that is, the Vigil of All Saints Day—when Catholics remember those who have gone to heaven.

Since Halloween was on Sunday, this Monday was All Saints Day, and we were so happy to continue a special tradition at Saint Mark. Each class adopted a saint, and then students shared some information about their class saints during the All Saints Day Mass. This year, some of our classes adopted more well-known saints, like Saint Nicholas—also known as Santa Claus, while other classes chose some lesser-known saints, like Saint Isidore the Farmer. Others chose more modern saints like St. Teresa of Calcutta, who was canonized in 2016, while some chose saints like Saint Gregory the Great, who was made a saint in 604AD! Regardless of when they were canonized or how famous they may be, every saint is model for us. In fact, each one of us is called to sainthood!

Many of the saints we recognized on Monday did not do extraordinary things; rather, they lived their faith. That is, they led ordinary lives, but did so in service to God and others. Similarly, our mission statement defines Saint Mark Catholic Academy as a “faith community,” and indeed that is what we are. Although not all of our students are Catholic, they take part in our Catholic values on a daily basis. Whether it be through simple gestures like saying “thank you” or more overt activities like fundraisers and prayer services, our entire school community lives our faith and exemplifies sainthood each and every day.

Along with Veterans Day, this month we also recognize a very special day. Yes, Thanksgiving is right around the corner, but this special day is actually a week before Thanksgiving... November 18th is Mickey Mouse’s 93rd birthday. Just as we did last year, we’ll celebrate with a Disney dress down day on November 18th and a Disney gift card raffle.

The other day, my daughter, who is now in kindergarten, asked me, “Do you know what a saint is?” Wanting to hear her definition, I said, “No, I don’t. Can you tell me?” Her reply was, “They’re Jesus’s helpers.” What a simple, but appropriate way to look at sainthood. November 1st isn’t just about venerating saints who are recognized by the church. All Saints Day is also about honoring those who may never receive praise or recognition but are saint nonetheless because of the life they lived...because they were Jesus’s helpers.

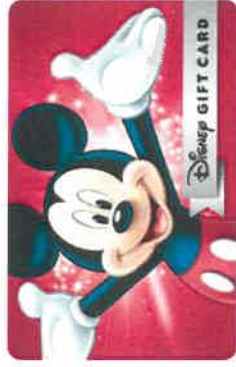
Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson
Principal

PS: Here are the answers to last week’s Halloween movie quote quiz: 1. E; 2. C; 3. A; 4. B; 5. D

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 16th.

Drawing held on Thursday, November 18th—

Mickey Mouse's Birthday!

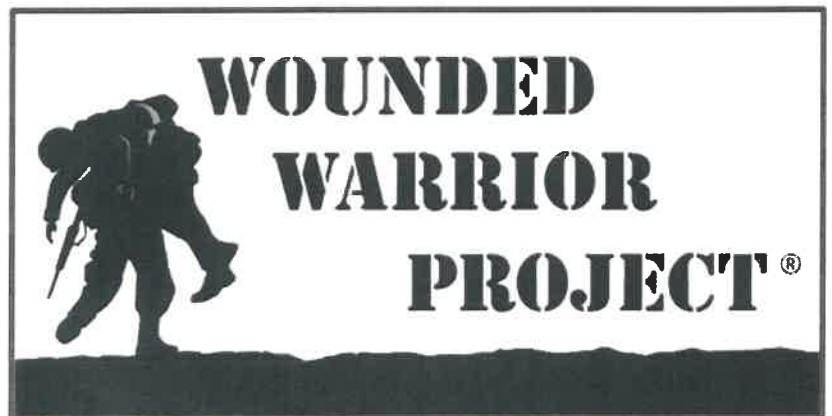
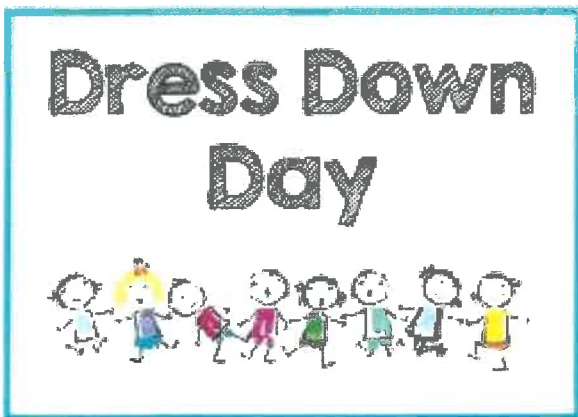
RED, WHITE, & BLUE DRESS DOWN DAY

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.



SchoolStore.com Fundraiser Reminder

November 3, 2021

Dear Families:

Thank you to those of you who have already participated in our SchoolStore.com Fundraising Initiative!

To date, we have **94** students participating! We would like to see **ALL** of our families sign up. **THERE IS NO COST TO YOU.** After you join, you send out email invitations to family and friends. When they buy something through SchoolStore.com, Saint Mark Catholic Academy receives a percentage of the cost of their purchase.

We've already raised \$502.80—and that's with just under a third of the school participating!

To participate, please visit:

<https://www.schoolstore.net/sid.t?0000115280>

Thank you for your support!