



# SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

A Guiding Light in Sheepshead Bay

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December 1, 2021

Dear Families:

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful Thanksgiving last week. Believe it or not, we are now in the month of December, and we look forward to Christmas in just over three weeks!

We are now in the season of Advent, four weeks of preparation before the birth of Christ. Each week, a different candle on the Advent wreath is lit. The light of these candles symbolizes the light of Christ coming into the world on Christmas. Moreover, each of the four candles on the Advent wreath represents four different themes. Last week, the theme was hope; this week is the theme of peace. The third week of Advent is love, and the final week is joy.

When thinking about the symbol of light, I cannot help but be reminded of our school logo: the lighthouse surrounded by our motto “a guiding light in Sheepshead Bay.” It was Jesus, himself who said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” To me, the dedication of our teachers, the commitment of our families, and the hard work of our students helps the light of Christ to shine brightly at Saint Mark Catholic Academy.

The first week of Advent is already behind us, and the next three are bound to move just as quickly. It seems Christmas season always arrives in a hurry! That being said, there’s still a lot going on in the month of December! Most importantly, report cards will be distributed on Friday, December 10th. In the coming days, you will be receiving a link to sign up for parent-teacher conferences. At the request of the Office of the Superintendent, these meetings will be held virtually, either by phone call or Zoom meeting.

A hymn heard often in church is “Christ Be Our Light.” The refrain of this song is: “Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in Your church gathered today.” Indeed, the light of Christ shines brightly here at Saint Mark Catholic Academy!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson  
Principal

PS: Saint Mark Catholic Academy is closed on Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

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# PIZZA & DRESS DOWN DAY!

Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

\$5

for one slice of pizza and dress down



- All money must be paid in advance by Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
**Late payments WILL NOT be accepted.**
- No pizza may be purchased on Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- The Free Lunch Program **WILL NOT** be available Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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!

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, midriiffs, 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.

## PIZZA DAY ORDER FORM

Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

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: \$\_\_\_

# **EARLY DISMISSAL**

## **on Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

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- Please continue to use your usual entrance/exit.
- This *is* a early dismissal day for 3K and Pre-K for All students, too.
- The after-school program will continue to be available for all students.

### **DISMISSAL TIMES FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

- 3K for All classes will dismiss at 11:30am
- PreK for All classes will dismiss at 11:40am
- Kindergarten A and Kindergarten B will dismiss at 11:50am.
- Grades 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3, and 4 will dismiss at 12pm.
- Grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 will also dismiss at 12pm.

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**School is CLOSED on Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

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# Christmas Bow Sale



This Christmas, Saint Mark Catholic Academy will be holding a Christmas Bow Sale!

These bows will be hung on our fence outside the school on East 19<sup>th</sup> Street.

Along with being a festive decoration, these bows will also be a way for you to honor or memorialize a special family member or friend.

Each bow costs \$5.

If you are interested in purchasing a bow, please click on <https://tinyurl.com/59v6bmsn> or complete the form at bottom of the page.

The sale is ongoing, but bows will begin to be hung after the Thanksgiving Recess. Thank you!

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Saint Mark Catholic Academy • Christmas Bow Sale

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of bows to purchase: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Bow #1	In honor of	In memory of	_____
Bow #2	In honor of	In memory of	_____
Bow #3	In honor of	In memory of	_____

If necessary, please list additional bows on the back of the form.