



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

A Guiding Light in Sheepshead Bay

January 19, 2022

Dear Families:

I have a special calendar in my office that highlights all of the special “national days” each month. Today, January 19, is National Popcorn Day! That’s why each student has received a bag of Pirate’s Booty as a special snack. (Pirate’s Booty is the healthiest and safest alternative to popcorn.)

For me, popcorn is one of my favorite snacks. It’s one of the reasons I enjoy going to the movies. Sure, I’m going to watch a movie, but I truly look forward to getting my unnecessarily large tub of popcorn. (I always ask for a large, but they get me every time by saying the tub is only a few cents more!)

In November, I had the opportunity to go to the movies for the first time in a very long time. In fact, it was the first time I had been to the movies in two and a half years! It was great to be able to munch on popcorn and watch a movie on a big screen. For the two hours the movie was on, I didn’t think about COVID or the pandemic. I didn’t think about how different everything was; I was reminded of how normal everything could be.

Even though it seems like a new variant emerges at the most inopportune time, it’s my sincere hope that we don’t lose sight of the fact that it is temporary. As it says in the Bible, “For our momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison” (2 Corinthians 4:17).

When I’m bogged down in the office by the latest COVID cases and protocols, I make it a point to visit our classrooms. I enjoy sitting in the back of the room and watching our students. To me, each visit to a classroom is like that night in the movie theater. I get to see our students in action and forget about everything else—now if I could only figure out how to bring popcorn with me!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson
Principal

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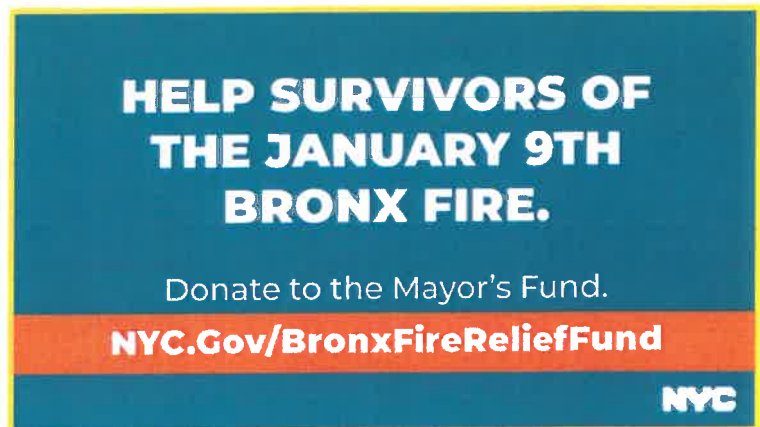
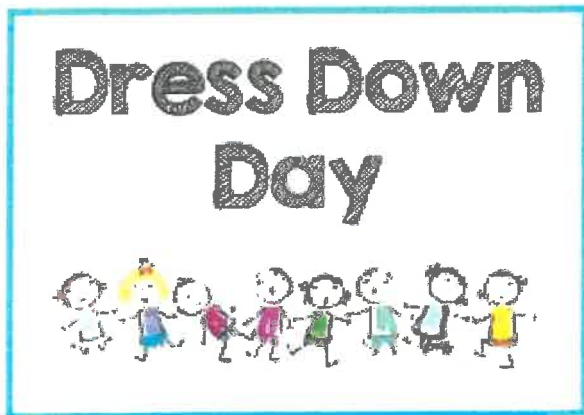
TO SUPPORT VICTIMS OF BRONX APARTMENT BUILDING FIRE

\$5 SUGGESTED DONATION

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20TH

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE MAYOR'S BRONX FIRE RELIEF FUND.

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.