



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

A Guiding Light in Sheepshead Bay

March 2, 2022

Dear Families:

I hope everyone had a restful and rejuvenating mid-winter recess.

Since we returned to school on Monday, we say a prayer for peace each morning for the people of Ukraine. I know many of members of our school community have family and friends who are in harm's way; we remember in particular you and your loved ones

Today is also Ash Wednesday, the start of the season Lent. Our Holy Father Pope Francis appealed "to everyone, believers and nonbelievers alike" to make today, March 2—Ash Wednesday—"a day of prayer and fasting for peace." The prayer we say each morning is the "Prayer of Saint Francis." Perhaps you may want to say the Prayer of Saint Francis in your own homes...

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.*

*O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.*

On a more positive note, our Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success. It was great to see our students—from 3K to eighth grade—get excited about reading! I must also thank you, our families, for supporting this great event and sparking the joy of reading in our children!

Appropriately, today is Read Across America Day. The other night, after my wife and I read our daughter our usual bedtime story, my daughter said that when she's in school, she and her classmates "can't wait for someone to read to them!" Whether your child is 3 or 13, read them a story tonight! *Children who are read to learn two things: First, that reading is worthwhile, and second, that they are worthwhile.* - **First Lady Laura Bush**









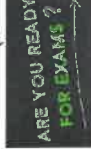








Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson
Principal

Continuing the tradition of faith, service, and education.

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March 2022 REVISED SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
	<p>Classes Resume</p> <p>Scholastic Book Fair</p>  <p>Last day reregistration fee is \$150.</p>	<p>Scholastic Book Fair</p>  <p>Reregistration fee is now \$200.</p>	<p>Scholastic Book Fair</p> <p>Ash Wednesday</p>  <p>Pizza and Dress Down (\$5)</p>			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	<p>All students are getting a pack of Oreos in celebration of Oreo's 110th Birthday!</p> <p>\$5 Dress Down Fundraiser to support "Voices of Children," a group supporting children in Ukraine.</p> 				<p>National Preschoolers Day!</p> 	<p>First Penance</p> 
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	<p>π Pi Day (3.14)</p> <p>Trimester Exams (Grades 5-8)</p> 	<p>Trimester Exams (Grades 5-8)</p> 	<p>Trimester Exams (Grades 5-8)</p> 	<p>End of Trimester 2</p>  <p>FREE Dress Green Day</p> <p>Trimester Exams (Grades 5-8)</p>	<p>St. Joseph's Day Fundraiser Dress Down (\$5) supporting the Joseph M. Lewinger Scholarship at St. Joseph's College</p> <p>NO SCHOOL FOR 3K & PREK ONLY (K-8 FULL DAY)</p> <p>Trimester Exams (Grades 5-8)</p>	<p>St. Joseph's Day</p> 
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				<p>Trimester Exams (Grades 5-8)</p> <p>Last day to apply for financial aid for those reapplying for a grant. Please contact Mr. Bunch before today to make an appointment. (Deadline for first-time applicants is April 23.)</p> 	<p>Report Cards Distributed</p>  <p>Early Dismissal Day for ALL GRADES</p>	
27	28	29	30	31	April 1	
		<p>NYS ELA Exam (Grades 4, 6, and 7)</p>	<p>NYS ELA Exam (Grades 4, 6, and 7)</p>		<p>Pizza and Dress Down (\$5)</p> 	<p>REMINDER:</p> <p>Easter Recess is Thursday, April 14 through Sunday, April 24.</p>

DRESS DOWN FUNDRAISER

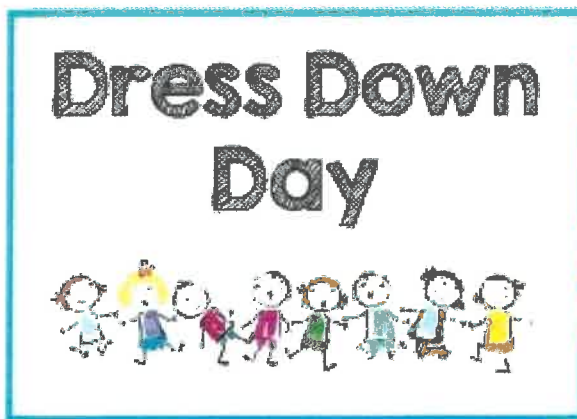
TO GIVE ALMS AND SUPPORT THE CHILDREN OF UKRAINE

\$5 SUGGESTED DONATION

MONDAY, MARCH 7TH

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE VOICES OF CHILDREN, AN ORGANIZATION THAT GIVES PSYCHOLOGICAL AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT TO CHILDREN WHO SUFFERED AS A RESULT OF WAR OPERATIONS.

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.

2022-2023

Tuition Assistance Available

Financial aid is available for eligible students in (K-8) Kindergarten through Grade 8, who attend a Brooklyn or Queens Catholic School or Academy.

Families must meet financial eligibility requirements and be registered/enrolled for 2022-23 to be considered.

No consideration will be given for a family who has not completed the enrollment process, which includes reregistration fee.

Only completed financial aid applications will be considered.



Financial Aid Application Assistance Available

Appointments Starting: Thursday March 3, 2022

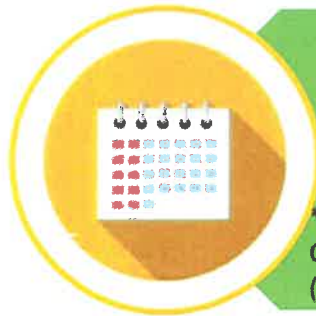
REGISTER for An Appointment

<https://tinyurl.com/yckndvfr>

(NO WALK-IN) Appointment Required



Scan to make Appointment



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE

March 25, 2022: Families who received an award last academic year

April 22, 2022: New Families

***FINANCIAL AID IS LIMITED-** COPY OF Your 2021 W2 AND 1040 FEDERAL TAX FORMS NEEDED TO COMPLETE APPLICATION- You must also have your Log in information (Contact Mr. Bunch at 718-332-9304 EXT 2



SUPPORT & HELP

- Applicant Support: @ St. Mark Catholic Academy
- Mr. William Bunch
- Phone 718-332-9304 EXT 2
- Monday - Friday 8:30 am- 2:30 pm
- Email at wbunch@smsonthebay.com



Scan to Make Appointment



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please contact Mr. Bunch in the Business Office at 718-332-9304 EXT 2

Note: There is a non-refundable \$45 application processing fee payable by credit card. Applications are available Online in English and Spanish.



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FOR BROOKLYN AND QUEENS



Children's Scholarship Fund

SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY SUPPORTS THE NYPD

As part of an ongoing fundraiser, we will be selling **BLUE BOWS** in support of the New York City Police Department and all law enforcement agencies.

For a **\$5 donation**, a family will have a bow placed on our fence on East 19th Street. Also, each child will be entitled to a **BLUE DRESS DOWN** on the day of their choice.

The fundraiser will begin **February 10th** and end on **April 13th**.

All funds will support the **NYC PBA Widows and Children's Fund**.



Saint Mark Catholic Academy • BLUE BOW SALE **\$5 Donation for each bow**

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

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Number of bows to purchase: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY'S FRIDAY PIZZA DINNER RAFFLE



ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY!

Sponsored by

V&S PIZZA

1723 Emmons Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11235



For \$20, your family has
SIX (6) chances to win a family pizza dinner
package from **V&S Pizza!**

The family pizza package includes...

- A large cheese pizza
- Two orders of garlic knots
- A 1.5-liter bottle of soda



Drawings will be held on:

March 4th • March 11th • March 18th • March 25th • April 1st • April 8th

Raffles can be bought throughout the six weeks. • Winners will not be removed.
Multiple opportunities to win!

FRIDAY PIZZA DINNER RAFFLE

Family Name: _____

Number of Raffles: _____ @ \$20 each = Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Winners will get a voucher to bring to V&S. No deliveries.

EXTRA! EXTRA!

READ ALL ABOUT IT...*ONLINE!*



Starting in March, we will transition from many different papers going home in the Wednesday Folder to an email blast that will include an attachment with a "virtual folder" that will contain important flyers and documents. Of course, the Wednesday Folder will still go home, but it will be used to send home any tests or forms that need to be returned to school. Thank you for your patience as we attempt to **"GO GREEN"** and reduce the amount of paper that goes home.

If you haven't been getting our emails and text message blasts, please contact Mrs. Ryan as soon as possible!
Thank you!

-for grades 5,6,7,and 8 ONLY -

Middle School Trimester II Exam Schedule

CLASS	Monday 3/14	Tuesday 3/15	Wednesday 3/16	Thursday 3/17	Friday 3/18
5	Social Studies	ELA	Math	Religion	Science

CLASS	Monday 3/14	Tuesday 3/15	Wednesday 3/16	Thursday 3/17	Friday 3/18
6A	Math	Religion	Science	Social Studies	ELA

CLASS	Monday 3/14	Tuesday 3/15	Wednesday 3/16	Thursday 3/17	Friday 3/18
6B	Religion	Science	Social Studies	ELA	Math

CLASS	Monday 3/14	Tuesday 3/15	Wednesday 3/16	Thursday 3/17	Friday 3/18
7	ELA	Math	Religion	Science	Social Studies

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8	Science	Social Studies	ELA	Math	Religion