



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

A Guiding Light in Sheepshead Bay

September 14, 2022

Dear Families:

Once more I'd like to welcome you back to Saint Mark Catholic Academy for the 2022-2023 school year. Over the summer, my family and I made our annual August trip to Disney World, and during our vacation there was a moment that made me think immediately of SMCA and all of you...

Now, I know you must be thinking: *Why is the principal thinking about school on vacation?* But, to be honest, I couldn't help it... After a long night in the parks we were headed back to our hotel on one of the Disney buses. (By the way, my daughter thinks that every MTA bus in New York City goes to Disney World!) When guests are being taken back to their hotels, Disney plays ambient music on their buses. Since we were staying at Disney's Yacht Club Resort, the music had a nautical feel to it; there was even an occasional seagull squawk, too. This immediately reminded me of Sheepshead Bay. Then, as we got closer to Yacht Club, an automated announcement interrupted the music and seagulls: *"Ladies and gentlemen, this is Disney's Yacht Club Resort. Please collect your belongings, watch your head and step as you disembark, and take small children by the hand. Thanks for riding with us, and welcome home."*

That was it: *Welcome home!* For a few days in August, Disney World does feel like home for my family and me, but for ten months out of the year, Saint Mark Catholic Academy is my home—and I hope that it is a home for all of you, especially our students. So, when I heard that announcement, I knew exactly how I would greet all of you to start the school year...

As I have done so many times in the past, I know I can count on my Saint Mark family to provide a welcoming and warm environment of all members of our school community. So, whether it's your first few days with us, or you have been with us for many years... "Welcome home!"

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson

Principal



The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022



Rosary

A multi-lingual rosary will be held in the main upper church.



Confessions

Priests will be made available throughout the pilgrimage.



Mass

Main celebrant, Bishop Robert J. Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn

Buses leaving ST. Mark Church at 6 AM and returning at 8 PM

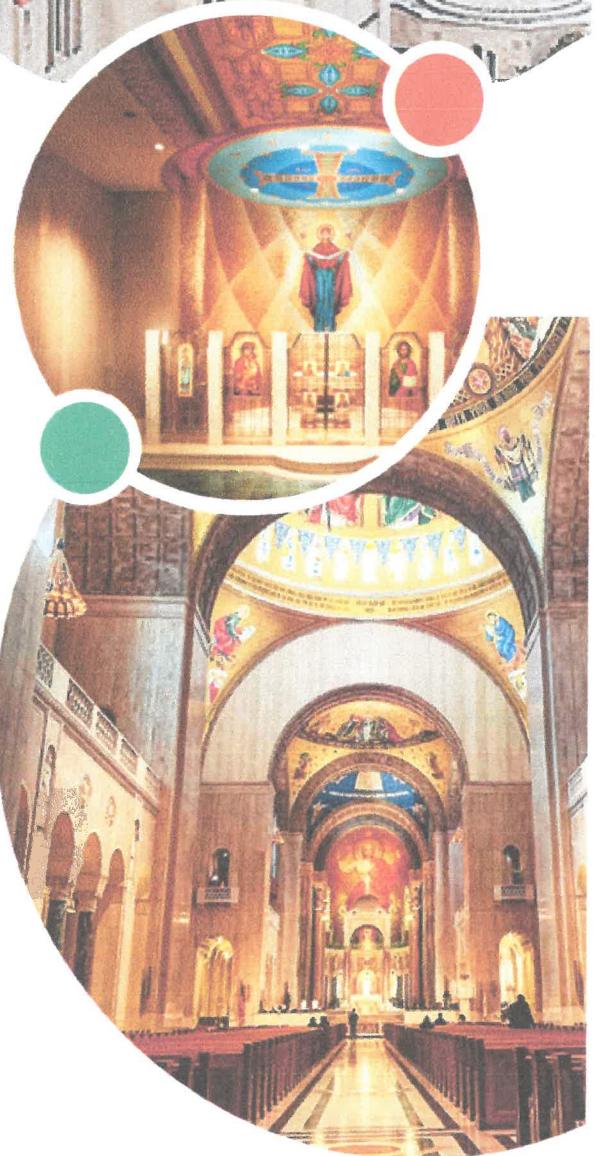
For more information call:

Parish Office at (718) 891-3100

Or

Michael Davis at (347) 574-1828

\$50.00 per person





ST. MARK SPORTS ASSOCIATION

ST. MARK BASKETBALL

REGISTER NOW!

**Come Join Us For The Upcoming
2022-2023 Basketball Season**



Programs & Fees:

Team Basketball Registration Fee: \$250.00

Ages 7-13 (Travel Team)

Instructional Basketball: \$200.00

Ages 4-6 (meets Sundays 9:00am-10:00am)

In House Basketball: \$225.00

Ages 9-13 (meets Sundays 10:00am-11:30am)

For First Time Players



Team Basketball Program runs October 2022 thru March 2023. Includes one (1) practice per week; one (1) to two (2) games each weekend. Team practice begins as early as October 2022.

Register Now

KARATE CLASSES RETURN TO SAINT MARK!



WHO: Classes open to students from pre-k through grade 8.

WHEN: FREE demo class on Wednesday, September 21st from 3pm to 4pm in the gym. (Parents welcome to observe.)

Round 1 Sessions Dates:

September: 28

October: 5, 12, 19, and 26

November: 3, 10, and 17

December: 7 and 14

COST: \$100 per session (Payments will be made online.)

All students who attend after school past 4pm on Wednesdays will receive a \$5 credit on their afterschool bill

Students who participate will have the opportunity to advance to different belts and skill levels.

Saint Mark Catholic Academy

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The **Saint Mark After-School Program** welcomes students whose parents seek a safe, supervised venue where students have the opportunity to complete homework and engage in recreational activities.

Please note that the Saint Mark After-School Program is committed to your child's academic success and wellbeing. In order for the students to benefit from all that is available to them, we must have the cooperation of the students and the support of their families. We are available to discuss with you any questions or concerns.

A few program particulars:

HOURS AND RATES...

- The hours are from dismissal until 6pm.
- Children may attend the After-School Program daily, or on an as-needed basis.
- **Register at: <https://forms.gle/af5XJEDyayL6LxtK8>**
Although registration is highly recommended, should the need arise, you may call the school office by 1pm to indicate that your child needs to attend the program that same day.
- **Full School Days 2022-23 School Year:**
3pm to 3:30pm: \$10
3pm to 4:30pm: \$20
3pm to 6:15pm: \$25
(Snack is provided at 4pm at no additional cost.)
- **12pm Dismissal Days 2022-23 School Year:**
12pm to 12:30pm: \$10
12:00pm to 1:30pm: \$20
12:00pm to 3pm: \$25
12:00pm to 6pm: \$40
(Students should bring lunch on half days)
- Half price will be charged for a second child from the same family.
- Each week, in the Wednesday folder, an account statement indicating fees for the week prior is sent home. Payment is due that same week to the Business Office.
- **Late Fee: A late fee of \$35 will be applied to all afterschool balances two weeks past due.**

PICK-UP...

- At the end of the session, a child is released only to a parent or adult on record.
- All students must be signed out at the time of pick-up. This will help us to ensure that you are billed correctly. If you fail to sign your child out, you will be billed for the entire day. Only students in grades 6 – 8 are able to sign themselves out if there is a letter on file from you, the parent, giving permission for your child to go home alone.
- Children must be picked up by 6pm. If you will be late in picking up your child (after 6:15 p.m.) you must contact Michael Davis at (347) 574-1828. After 6:15PM, an additional fee per 15 minutes will be billed to your account.

PLEASE NOTE...

- Do not send in your child with toys or electronic games. We are not responsible for misplaced or damaged items.
- **Cell phones are not permitted to be used during After-School hours.** If your child is found using a cell phone it will be confiscated and you must pick it up in the Principal's Office.
- Students may participate in recreational activities only after all homework is complete.