



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

A Guiding Light in Sheepshead Bay

September 28, 2022

Dear Families:

Several years ago, when I was still the middle school English teacher, the previous principal of Saint Mark Catholic Academy, Mrs. Carol Donnelly, asked me to set-up a Facebook page for the school. When I mentioned this to my seventh-grade homeroom, they told me, quite matter-of-factly, “Mr. Wilson, Facebook is for old people!”

Ever since then, I’ve felt like I’ve been trying to play catch-up with the latest social media platforms and trends. One that I’ve stumbled upon recently is #TheTellMeChallenge, also known as “Tell Me Without Telling Me.” Keep in mind that even though I’ve just noticed it, it’s probably been around for years and is already becoming outdated and old-fashioned. That said, in case you don’t know what it means, “Tell Me Without Telling Me” is a game in which users ask others to share personal opinions and beliefs without using a direct mention of the subject.

Unfortunately, just like so many social media fads, a majority of them often have a negative impact on our students, so I’d like to put a more positive spin on this one... *“Tell Me Without Telling Me” Saint Mark Catholic Academy is special place for our students.* This one is pretty easy. Just take one step into the school building, listen to our early childhood students learning something new while making new friends. Walk upstairs to see our middle schoolers engaged in a close reading of text. Watch a teacher spend an extra few minutes with a student who may be struggling with a math problem. The list goes on and on.

Perhaps there is no greater example of *“Tell Me Without Telling Me”* than the pictures we posted on Facebook yesterday of our 3K and Pre-K student playing on our new outdoor playground. The smiles on their faces as they played and laughed together truly shows the entire community what a special place SMCA is! (Even though it was on Facebook, I hope *everyone* saw it, not just “old” people!)

A quote often attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi reads, “Preach the Gospel at all times and if necessary, use words.” When you think about it, isn’t that really just another way of saying...tell me without telling me you are a follower of Jesus Christ...tell me without telling me you love your neighbor as yourself...tell me without telling me you’re a model of generosity, virtue, and love.

At Saint Mark Catholic Academy we preach the Gospel every day, come see for yourself—or check it out on social media.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson

Principal

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Dear Families,

This Saturday is the first of October and it is a tradition in my family to go apple and pumpkin picking. We start the day with apple cider and freshly baked donuts, pick way too many apples and then make our way back to the orchard's store for me to buy everything that is pumpkin spice. Coincidentally, the discussion of traditions was brought up in sixth grade this past week and I began to think of some of the traditions that St. Mark has: the Halloween party, trunk-or-treat, Thanksgiving gathering, the Card party, etc. Some of these traditions were put on hold due to the pandemic, but this year we are able to enjoy them once again! As the first month of school comes to an end, we get to look forward to all of these traditions and so much more!

I would like to take this time to thank all of you for your well wishes and congratulations on my new position. As the middle school math teacher for the last two years, my focus was on the students and families in grades five through eight, but now my focus will be on all the children in the building. I am eager to initial test papers, observe lessons in the classroom, and assist our families. I look forward to a great productive year, and participating in all of our school traditions again.

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Mrs. Lisa Rizzo

Assistant Principal

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October 2022 Saint Mark Catholic Academy

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
					3K, Pre-K, and Grades 5-8 Individual Pictures 	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	K-4 Individual Pictures 	Class Pictures and Eighth Grade Individual Photos 	WORLD TEACHERS' DAY October 5 			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	SCHOOL CLOSED: Columbus Day 		Terra Nova Testing Begins for Grades 3-8			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Pumpkin Patch Day! 		Progress Report Conferences ZOOM OR PHONE CALL 5pm - 7pm Pizza & Dress Down (\$5)	Early Dismissal Day Progress Report Conferences IN-PERSON 12:30pm - 3pm	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
					Evening Halloween Party	
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	HAPPY HALLOWEEN! (Costumes for students in 3K to Grade 2 only.) Trunk-or-Treat	All Saints Day Mass 10am			Pink Dress Down for Susan Komen Foundation 	



St Mark Catholic Academy Violin Program

When: Wednesdays after school, beginning October 12th

For: Students in grades 2 to 8

Instructor: Mr Quinn

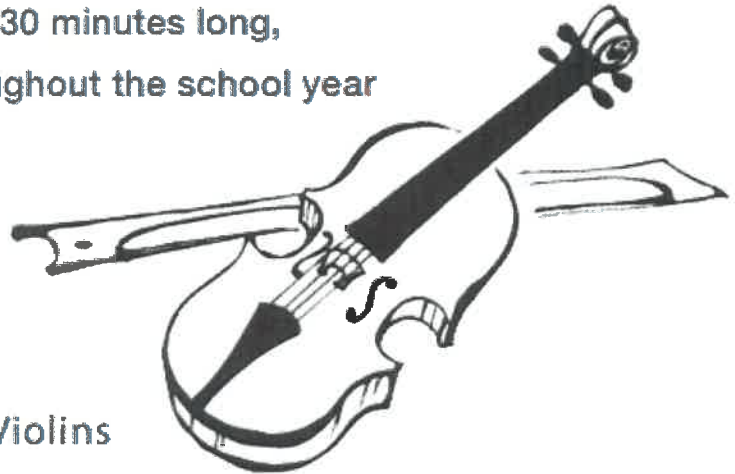
Cost: \$500 for the year

Duration: Classes are 30 minutes long,
lasting throughout the school year

- *Weekly classes*
- *Yearly concert*
- *Year end pizza party!*

Violin RENTAL:

\$100 to rent Brand New Violins



**Registration and payment
will be made online.**

**Please be on the lookout for these
important links!**