



# SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

A Guiding Light in Sheepshead Bay

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October 26, 2022

Dear Families:

Halloween is just a few days away, and scary movies are starting to pop up on TV. My wife's favorite is *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, and my daughter...well, let's just say the horror genre really isn't her thing. For me, one of my favorite Halloween movies is *Ghostbusters*! I really enjoy how it combines humor, satire, and just the right amount of "scary."

Although it may just seem like a simple, fun movie, is there some underlying moral or life-lesson to be learned from watching *Ghostbusters*? Maybe. It's a story of ordinary people who wind up doing the extraordinary. They have no superpowers other than their intelligence and scientific knowhow. No one believes in them when they begin their own business to hunt and trap ghosts, and they're considered laughing stocks until they are tasked with saving New York City and the world from unimaginable danger.

When you think about it, that's a pretty important message, one that probably resonates with a lot of people, which is probably why the film has such a huge following even though it was released almost forty years ago!

I'd even go so far as to say that at Saint Mark Catholic Academy we're training the next generation of Ghostbusters!

No, we haven't added ghost hunting and trapping to our curriculum, but what we are doing is helping our students realize that they *can* make the ordinary extraordinary. They *can* accomplish anything they set their mind to, even when others may doubt them, and we're instilling in them their greatest superpower—their education!

Even if you've never seen *Ghostbusters*, you've probably heard the movie's theme song... "*If there's something strange in your neighborhood, who you gonna call? Ghostbusters!*" When it came time to choose a school for your children, I'm so glad you all knew exactly who to call!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson

Principal Ghostbuster!

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SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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# Halloween Party 2022

JOIN US FOR SOME GHOULISH GAMES, FREAKY FUN, AND FRIGHTENING FOOD!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2022

6:30PM TO 9:30PM

ST. MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY GYM



This will be a FULLY CATERED EVENT!

Children should wear costumes!



\$20 FOR STUDENTS

\$15 FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

\$25 AT THE DOOR FOR ALL TICKETS

INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TOO!

To purchase tickets, please click:

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/xTRKsJEY>

PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN ANY CASH TO THE SCHOOL!



**IT'S TIME FOR TRUNK-OR-TREAT AGAIN!**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2022**

Our last Trunk-or-Treat was in 2019, and we're happy to bring back this special event for our students!

### **What is TRUNK-OR-TREAT?**

Families drive into our schoolyard, decorate their cars for Halloween (sometimes creating elaborate scenes out of their trunks). Then kids walk from vehicle to vehicle, collecting candy the way they would during a normal trick-or-treating outing. It is a fun and safe way for our children to trick-or-treat in our schoolyard!

### **WE NEED CANDY!**

We would appreciate **CANDY DONATIONS** for TRUNK-OR-TREAT this year. If you are able, please send in sealed, unopened bags of fun-sized candy. We ask you to please be conscious of students with allergies, so **no candy with NUTS or PEANUT BUTTER** of any kind! Also, please be mindful of candy that can be a potential choking hazard, so **no "Jawbreakers" or any type of hard candies.**

Often, small bags of pretzels or cheese doodles are good!

Donations can be sent in until Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **CAN YOU BRING YOUR CAR?**

Yes! But spots are limited, and you must email me ([mwilson@smsonthebay.com](mailto:mwilson@smsonthebay.com)) by October 26<sup>th</sup>. We can only fit a certain number of cars in the schoolyard, so parents are invited on a first-come, first-served basis. Once we get your email, we'll provide you with the specifics!

**WE WILL PROVIDE THE CANDY.** All you need is your car and creativity!





# A SAFE HALLOWEEN AT SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

October 26, 2022



Dear Families:

On Monday, October 31st, students in nursery through grade two will be allowed to wear costumes. Students in grades three through eight will have a free black and orange dress down day.

For those students wearing costumes, please remember...

- No costume masks of any kind.
- Sneakers must be worn with all costumes.
- No costumes that restrict movement or vision or prevent sitting at desks.
- Costumes may not promote violence or have accessories or props that could be used as a weapon.
- No pretend "prop" weapons such as water pistols, knives, or swords.
- Costumes should not include items with sound effects, lights, or other components which would disrupt the classroom learning environment.

For those students dressing down, please remember...

- 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

On Monday, October 31st, classes will have the opportunity to have some Halloween fun. How each class celebrates is at the discretion of each teacher. Some teachers may elect to watch a Halloween movie, go on a virtual field trip, and/or do some Halloween arts and crafts.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation as we work together to provide a fun—and safe—Halloween for our students.



# HALLOWEEN CANDY BASKET RAFFLE TO BENEFIT UNICEF

**MS. DALY AND THE FOURTH GRADE** are raffling off a basket filled with Halloween candy to support UNICEF!

Many years ago, two little girls in Philadelphia thought Halloween and trick-or-treating should be more than collecting candy for themselves, so they began...

**"TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR UNICEF—THAT LITTLE ORANGE BOX!"**














It is a tradition here at SMCA that we participate, so buy a raffle for this Halloween basket and support the work of UNICEF world-wide!  
**HELP THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD!**



## \$2 PER RAFFLE

Drawing will be on Halloween!

# November 2022 – Saint Mark Catholic Academy

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	 All Saints Day Mass at 10am  ALL SAINTS DAY	All Saints Day Mass at 10am  ALL SAINTS DAY			Pizza-Dress Down Money Due Today	 Test for Admission into Catholic High School GOOD LUCK CLASS OF 2023!
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS	 Regular Day of School for K-8 NO SCHOOL for 3K and PreK ONLY PIZZA DRESS DOWN (\$5)	Regular Day of School for K-8 NO SCHOOL for 3K and PreK ONLY PIZZA DRESS DOWN (\$5)			SCHOOL CLOSED: Veterans Day 	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		3K Thanksgiving Family Engagement Activity 9am to 11am FAMILIES ARE INVITED! 	Pre-K and Kindergarten Thanksgiving Family Engagement Activity 9am to 11am FAMILIES ARE INVITED! 	Trimester Exams for Grades 5-8 Dress Down to Support Hearts of Joy International (\$5) 	Trimester Exams for Grades 5-8  FREE DISNEY DRESS DOWN!	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Trimester Exams for Grades 5-8	3K Thanksgiving Family Engagement Activity 9am to 11am FAMILIES ARE INVITED! 	EARLY DISMISSAL DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS MASS at 8:30am SCHOOL THANKSGIVING "DINNER" in GYM at 9:30am NO MORNING OR AFTERNOON BUS SERVICE	SCHOOL CLOSED: Thanksgiving Day 	SCHOOL CLOSED: Thanksgiving Recess 	
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
	Trimester Exams for Grades 5-8					



# DRESS DOWN DAY FUNDRAISER

TO SUPPORT THE  
SUSAN G. KOMEN FOUNDATION FOR  
BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

FOR 3K, PREK, K, AND GRADES 4-8

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

FOR GRADES 1, 2, AND 3

## \$5 RECOMMENDED DONATION

Please send in dress down money in a clearly labeled envelope with your child's name and grade.

Dress Down  
Day



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 jean

Parents will be called to bring a change of clothes for students who do not adhere to these regulations.



# Migrant Clothing Drive



Diocesan Schools will be collecting **New** clothing for the Migrants

**OCTOBER 31ST- NOVEMBER 14TH**

Items Needed are as followed:

- Pajamas all sizes
- Winter clothes (sweat shirts, sweaters)
- Toiletry items all types
- All sizes Coats, Jackets (Adult L not needed)
- Gloves, Hats and Scarves
- All sizes of Underwear, Socks, Diapers, wipes and assorted baby items (no formula needed)
- Sneakers and Footwear (no high heels) All children sizes and 6-7 women, 8-9 men
- Back packs and basic school supplies