



# SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

A Guiding Light in Sheepshead Bay

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January 4, 2023

Dear Families:

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a chance to get some well-deserved rest and relaxation over the Christmas Recess. For me, it was nice to take a break from my usual schedule to spend some time with my family. (My daughter and I watched *Home Alone* so many times we can recite the lines now!)

This year is an exciting time for Saint Mark Catholic Academy and for me, too. 2023 marks 100 years since construction began on our school building. (Take a look at the cornerstone on East 19<sup>th</sup> Street and Jerome Avenue; it reads 1923.) It's remarkable to think that Saint Mark has been a part of the Sheepshead Bay community for nearly a century! In fact, October 2024 will mark 100 years since the school opened its doors to its first students!

On a personal note, this new year is special to me because it marks my ten-year anniversary at Saint Mark. In September of 2013, I was hired to teach middle school English. Little did I realize that I would become the principal six years later in 2019!

That's what's so exciting about turning the calendar to a new year; you never know what the future has in store. It reminds me of a line from *Back to Future III*, a movie about a time-traveling car that makes trips to both the past and the future. After car makes its final "journey," the inventor who created it says, "...your future hasn't been written yet. No one's has. Your future is whatever you make it. So make it a good one..."

So, again, I wish you all a happy and healthy new year! Make 2023 "a good one." Here's to another 100 years of Catholic Education in Sheepshead Bay!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson

Principal

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# BLUE DRESS DOWN DAY

IN HONOR OF  
LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY!

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

**\$5 SUGGESTED DONATION**

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE NYPD PBA WIDOWS' AND CHILDREN'S FUND, INC.



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

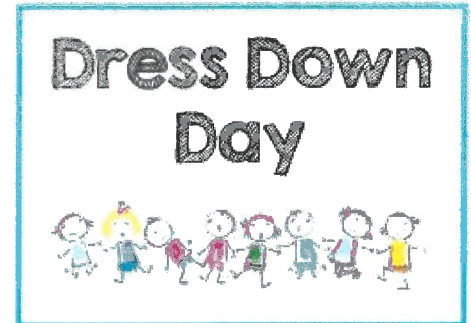
**Parents will be called to bring a change of clothes for students who do not adhere to these regulations.**

# PIZZA & DRESS DOWN DAY!

Friday, January 13

\$5

for one slice of pizza and dress down



- All money must be paid in advance by Wednesday, January 11. Please do not drop off money in the office. **Late payments WILL NOT be accepted.**
- No pizza may be purchased on Friday, January 13.
- The Free Lunch Program **WILL NOT** be available Friday, January 13, so students not participating **MUST** bring lunch from home.
- Students participating should bring in a drink from home. (No soda.) **No drinks will be available.**
- There is **no fee** for 3K and PreK students, but donations are accepted. Thank you!

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## PIZZA DAY ORDER FORM

Friday, January 13

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**If you would like to order any additional slices of pizza, one additional slice is \$3.**

One slice of pizza and dress down: \$5

Additional slices: \_\_\_ @ \$3 each: + \$\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$\_\_\_

St. Mark ~ St. Margaret Mary  
**Mardi Gras**  
 2023

Come join our parish celebration  
 Saturday, February 18, 2023



Place: St. Mark Catholic Academy

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Come join our family

Bring a Dish!

Adults ~ \$15.00

Children ~ (11-17) ~ \$10.00

Kids ~ (3-10) ~ \$5.00

Virtual Games



Photo Booth



For tickets & reservations ~ Contact:

Michael Davis @ 347-574-1828 or the rectory @ 718-891-3100

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #- \_\_\_\_\_

Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ CHILDREN: (11-17) \_\_\_\_\_ KIDS: ((3-10) \_\_\_\_\_



FOOD CATEGORY

Meat: \_\_\_\_\_ Pasta//Rice/Potato \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetable: \_\_\_\_\_

Desert: \_\_\_\_\_

# SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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**Friday, January 27**  
**DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM**

## WHAT IS RADIO BINGO?

A mix between the more traditional games of *Name That Tune* and *Bingo*, **Radio Bingo™** puts a new spin on some old favorites. Rather than playing with numbered Bingo cards, we give you Radio Bingo™ cards with songs on them instead. When you hear a song, you make it off of your card...when you get a line of songs marked off you call BINGO! It's as simple as that!

# Tickets \$25

## ADULTS (AGED 21 and OVER) ONLY

Admission includes game cards, light snacks, non-alcoholic beverages  
*...and great memories!*

(Of course, guests may bring their own food and drink, too.)

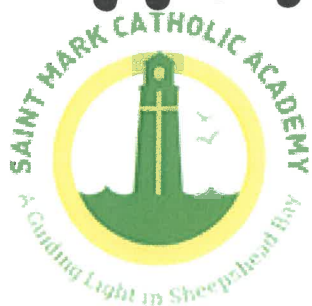
**For tickets...**

**Contact Lori at (718) 332-9304 or  
visit: <https://tinyurl.com/39d9jfes>**



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# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



## WEEK



# CHANGE CHALLENGE!

**STARTS JANUARY 5 ENDS JANUARY 20**

Bring in your change (quarters, dimes, nickels & pennies) and help your team collect the most money!

Students have been split up into 2 teams; YELLOW & GREEN, whichever teams has the most money

**WINS!**

**WINNING TEAM WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON**

**FRIDAY JANUARY 27TH!**

