January 11, 2023

Dear Families:

After a restful and relaxing Christmas recess, it's nice to be back in school, returning to our usual schedule. That said, it can sometimes be difficult to get back into routine after a long break. So, the day off on Monday comes at a very opportune time!

While days off here and there are great and offer us a quick break, it's important to remember the reasons for holiday. This Monday, January 16, we observe Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

One of my favorite Dr. King quotes is when he discusses education, and I find it important to share it each year: "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education." To me, that is the mission of Catholic Education and the goal of every teacher and educator at Saint Mark Catholic Academy.

Since Dr. King was such a great speaker, he is often quoted, especially at this time of year. Nevertheless, it's important to remember all that was said *about* Dr. King, too.

Two years ago, Pope Francis shared the following about Dr. King: "In today's world, which increasingly faces the challenges of social injustice, division and conflict that hinder the realization of the common good, Dr. King's vision of harmony and equality for all people, attained through nonviolent and peaceful means, remains ever timely."

Whether the conflict is on a global scale or a personal struggle in our personal lives, it's important to keep the words of Dr. King in mind. This Monday is only a reminder of what we should be doing each and every day.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson

Principal

SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY



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

WINNING TEAM WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON FRIDAY JANUARY 27TH!





Name	Phone	
#Adults	@\$15= #Children (Age 10-17)@\$10=	
#Children (A	Age 9 and under)@\$5= Total \$	
We accept b	both Cash and Checks in advance or at the door the night of the event.	
(Checks are Pa	ayable to Saint Mark Church)	
To ensure a	variety, please specify what you are bringing for the potluck dinner:	
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Please Circle	e one Option Below:	
0 11 4 5		
Option 1 – R	Rice/Pasta	
Option 2 – N	Vleat	
Option 3 – Sa	Salad	
Option 4 – D	Desert	
Option 5 – B	Beverage (Water, Juice, or Soda)	

Mardi Gras Reservation/Ticket Order Form:

Please return this Reservation/Ticket Order Form to the Rectory or to the school

You can also RSVP with Michael Davis at: 347-574-1828 or call the Rectory at: 718-891-3100