November 23, 2022

## Dear Families:

As I write to you now, the school is quiet—a far cry from this morning, when the building was bustling with activity as we got ready for our school-wide Thanksgiving feast! It was the first time we were able to hold this event in three years!

As I've said so many times before, this has always been my favorite day of the school year! In fact, Thanksgiving itself is my favorite holiday, too. It brings families together—and this is exactly what we did today. We brought families together. Our school families and our "home" families sat down and shared a meal together as one unified Saint Mark family! What more could we ask for?

When we began preparing and planning for this event about a month ago, we toyed with the idea of having the food catered this year. That idea didn't last too long! Part of what makes this day so special is that everyone contributes. From the turkey to the cupcakes and everything in between, all of our families brought something to the table. What better way to express love than through food! That's another reason this day is so special...everyone contributes...everyone brings something to the table.

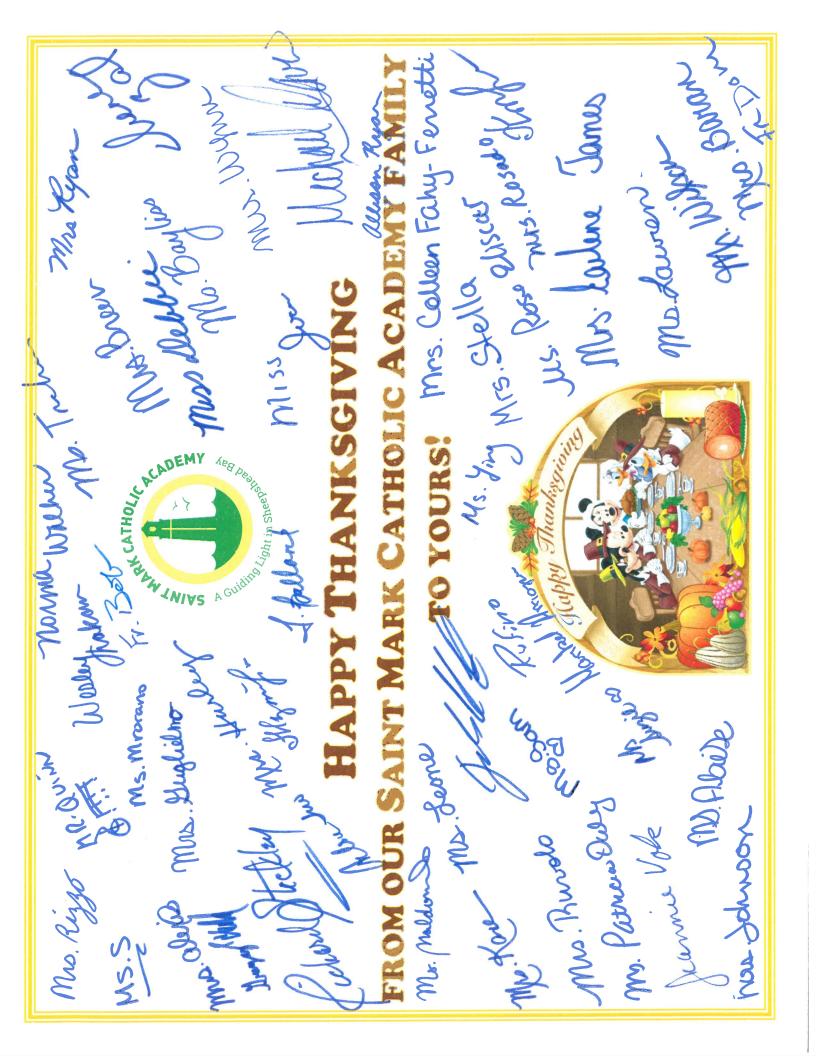
Saint Mark Catholic Academy is a special place, and today's Thanksgiving feast is the perfect representation of that. Truly, everyone does bring something to the table...Our families bring their support and commitment. Our teachers bring their dedication and love, and our students bring the greatest thing of all—themselves! Each one of them brings something unique and different to "the table" that is our school. Indeed, what more could we ask for?

Again, on behalf of all of us at Saint Mark Catholic Academy, we wish you and your families a happy, healthy, and safe Thanksgiving! Thanks for all you bring to our table—today and every day!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson

Principal



## December 2022 Saint Mark Catholic Academy

Saturday	3		10		17		24	SCHOOL CLOSED: Christmas Eve	31	SCHOOL CLOSED: New Year's Eve School Resumes Tuesday, January 3
Friday	2		6	Professional Day: NO SCHOOL for K-8 Regular Day of School for 3K and Pre-K Report Cards Issued	16	Pizza and Dress Down Day (\$5)  Students' Christmas Sale Students' Christmas Sale	23	SCHOOL CLOSED: Christmas Recess	30	SCHOOL CLOSED: Christmas Recess
Thursday	-		8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception  An free free free free free free free fre	15	Students' Christmas Sale	22	Christmas Breakfast in the gym for all students.  FULL DAY OF SCHOOL	29	SCHOOL CLOSED: Christmas Recess
Wednesday	30		7		14		21	Early Childhood Winter Extravaganza Show 3K, PreK, and Kindergarten 10am in gym	28	SCHOOL CLOSED: Christmas Recess
Tuesday	29		9		13		20		27	SCHOOL CLOSED: Christmas Recess
Monday	28		5		12		19	Christmas Show Grades 1-8 6:15pm in gym	26	SCHOOL CLOSED: Christmas Recess
Sunday	27	First Sunday of Advent	4	Second Sunday of Advent	11	Journey to the Inn and Light the Bay Saint Mark Church Third Sunday of Advent	78	Fourth Sunday of Advent	25	SCHOOL CLOSED: Christmas

## . MARK-ST. MARGARET MARY DECORATING PARTY! PARISH CHRISTMAS



Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> 9:30am to 1:30pm

Gathering in the school cafeteria at 9:30am!

ALL ARE WELCOME! JOIN IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT