



October 19, 2022

Dear Families:

Tomorrow and Friday our families will get to meet with their children's teachers. For parents and teachers, it's an opportunity to discuss how the year is going...a chance to celebrate accomplishments and plan for continued growth.

For our students, it can always be a bit nerve wracking when parents and teachers meet—I know it was for me! I can still remember staying at my grandma's house when my mom went to go pick up my report card from school. The hour she was gone felt like an eternity, and when I heard the front door open, my stomach hit the floor and my heart went into my throat!

Even though my grades were good, I felt apprehensive. As I recall those days, I'd like to remind our families and, most especially, our students that this is not a time for nervousness and fear. Parents and teachers are on the same "team," and our goal is the same: to see the children of SMCA grow and thrive. That's what these meetings and discussions are all about!

Finally, please remember that families will be receiving their child's *progress report* this week, **not** the final report card. This change was made to give families and teachers the opportunity to see how students are doing **prior to the report card**. All too often, during report card conferences families will ask their children's teachers about what is necessary to improve for the next report card. By holding progress report conferences, parents and teachers can have those conversations and plans can be put in place before a **final report card** is issued. (The first report card is in December...more information to follow.)

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to Saint Mark Catholic Academy.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson
Principal

EARLY DISMISSAL

on Friday, October 21st

- Please continue to use your usual entrance/exit.
- The after-school program will continue to be available for all students.
- **NO MORNING OR AFTERNOON BUS SERVICE.**

DISMISSAL TIMES FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21st

- 3K-A and 3K-B will dismiss at 11:30am.
- PreK-A, PreK-B, and PreK-C will dismiss at 11:40am.
- Kindergarten A and Kindergarten B will dismiss at 11:50am.
- Grades 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3, and 4 will dismiss at 12pm.
- Grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 will also dismiss at 12pm.

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 27th.

CAN YOU BRING YOUR CAR?

Yes! But spots are limited, and you must email me (mwilson@smsonthebay.com) by October 26th. 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!



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

A LINK WILL BE SENT OUT SOON

FOR FAMILIES TO PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN ANY CASH TO THE SCHOOL!

