#### December 14, 2022

#### Dear Families:

These past few days our students have been practicing for their upcoming performances. Grades one through eight are getting ready for their Christmas Show on December 19, and 3K, Pre-K, and kindergarten are getting ready for their Winter Extravaganza on December 21.

With so much practice, I'm sure that all of our students will do a great job. They say, "practice makes perfect," but I think it's hard to expect perfection, even if you do practice a lot. It's more about trying hard and doing your best.

Around the holidays, we get wrapped up in seeking perfection. We want to receive the perfect gift. We look online and travel to different stores looking for the perfect present for our loved ones. We try on different clothes for the perfect Christmas outfit. Not to mention when we're hosting a holiday celebration, we want everything to be just right; we need perfection.

One of my favorite holiday movies is *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*. It's an adult movie, but it nonetheless shares an important message. If you've never seen it...Clark, the patriarch of the Griswald family, invites everyone to his house for the "perfect Christmas." But, after the tree burns down, his lights malfunction, and the turkey is overcooked, he feels like a failure. By the end of the movie, he realizes it's not about perfection...it's about being with family and enjoying the holidays. He tells his family that Christmas is not about "bonuses or gifts, or turkeys or trees...it means something different to everybody. Now I know what it means to me."

I know for many of us Christmas means family. Please join us for our students' special performances next week. While they may not be perfect, it's always a special time when our school family and families at home come together!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson

Principal

### PIZZA & DRESS DOWN DAY!

Friday, December 16

\$5

for one slice of pizza and dress down







- All money must be paid in advance by
   <u>Thursday</u>, <u>December 15th</u>.

   Please do not drop off money in the office.
   <u>Late payments WILL NOT</u> be accepted.
- No pizza may be purchased on Friday, December 16.
- The Free Lunch Program <u>WILL NOT</u> be available Friday, December 16, so students not participating <u>MUST</u> bring lunch from home.
- Students participating should bring in a drink from home. (No soda.)
   No drinks will be available.
- There is <u>no fee</u> for 3K and PreK students, but donations are accepted. Thank you!

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 <u>Parent-Student</u> 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 jeans

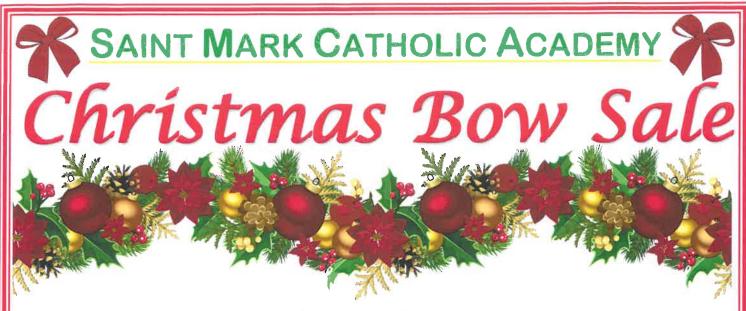
Parents will be called to bring a change of clothes for students who do not adhere to these regulations.

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#### PIZZA DAY ORDER FORM Friday, December 16

Child's	Name_	ıme						Grade						
	If you	would	like to	o order	any	addition	al slice	s of	pizza	, one	additional	slice	is \$	<b>53</b> .
			C	one slice	e of	pizza aı	nd dress	dov	vn:	\$5				
			P	ddition	al sli	ces:	@ \$3 e	ach:	+	\$	_			

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:



This Christmas, Saint Mark Catholic Academy will be holding a Christmas Bow Sale!

These bows will be hung on our fence outside the school on East 19<sup>th</sup> Street.

Along with being a festive decoration, these bows will also be a way for you to honor or memorialize a special family member or friend.

### Each bow costs \$5.

If you are interested in purchasing a bow, please visit <a href="https://tinyurl.com/x54n2pa7">https://tinyurl.com/x54n2pa7</a> or complete the form at bottom of the page.

The sale is ongoing, and bows will be hung as orders come in. Thank you!

Saint Mark Catholic Academ	y • Christmas Bow Sale				
Child's Name:	Grade:				
Number of bows to purchase:	Amount Enclosed: \$				
Bow #1  In honor of In memory of					
Bow #2 □ In honor of □ In memory of					
Bow #3 In honor of In memory of					
If necessary, please list additional b	ows on the back of the form.				

WE'VE GOT AN EARLY CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR YOU!

### Please join us as we celebrate the return of our...



Grades 1 through 8 will be performing!

# MONDAY, DECEMBER 19 at 6:15PM

TICKETS ARE \$5 EACH.

SEATING IS ON FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

All tickets are purchased <u>ONLINE ONLY</u> at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/p5r2k3vf">https://tinyurl.com/p5r2k3vf</a>



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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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