



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

A Guiding Light in Sheepshead Bay

December 21, 2022

Dear Families:

My family and I are avid fans of the TV quiz show *Jeopardy!* Even if I'm not able to watch, my mom will text me the Final Jeopardy category and question. The question last night was a fitting one for this time of year: **"The shouts of excited children at a 1946 holiday parade are said to have inspired this perennial favorite."**

Did you figure it out? The answer was "Here Comes Santa Claus." How appropriate! In just a few days, Santa will be here!

Last night, I did a quick Google search to find out more about the history of "Here Comes Santa Claus," and I discovered something interesting. Most Christmas songs are labeled either religious or secular, but this one is unique in that it combines the tradition of Santa Claus and the Christian origin of the holiday. Just take a look at some of the lyrics...

*Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus right down Santa Claus Lane
He doesn't care if you're rich or poor, for he loves you just the same
Santa knows that we're God's children, that makes everything right
Fill your hearts with the Christmas cheer, 'cause Santa Claus comes tonight*

*Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus right down Santa Claus Lane
He'll come around when chimes ring out, then it's Christmas morn again
Peace on earth will come to all, if we just follow the light
Fill your hearts with the Christmas cheer, 'cause Santa Claus comes tonight*

*Peace on earth will come to all, if we just follow the light
Let's give thanks to the Lord above 'cause Santa Claus comes tonight
'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight
Let's give thanks to the Lord above 'cause Santa Claus comes tonight*

A few lines that really stand out to me ...

Let's give thanks to the Lord above 'cause Santa Claus comes tonight."

The gifts that we look forward to on Christmas are certainly a gift from God, so it's important to give thanks to God when "Santa comes."

Santa knows that we're God's children, that makes everything right."

The children who come to Saint Mark Catholic Academy are indeed all God's children, and they are a gift to you, their families—and a gift to us, their family here at school!

"Peace on earth will come to all, if we just follow the light."

The symbol of Saint Mark Catholic Academy is the lighthouse. Yes, because we're a school near the water, but more importantly because we follow that very same light, the light of Christ.

On behalf of the students, faculty, and staff of Saint Mark Catholic Academy, I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Thank you for the gift of your children! They certainly "fill our hearts with the Christmas cheer"!

*Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!*

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson
Principal

Continuing the tradition of faith, service, and education.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Mrs. Whinn

Ms. Felicia
Mrs. Spangher

Buffets Mrs. Kone

Jamnia Vele Follow Be Ms.

Jurick

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,

but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

William Davis

Mrs. Riggs
Mrs. Bowen

Mrs. B
Sam

Mrs. Mark Johnson
Mrs. Douglas

Mrs. Purosh
Mrs. Johnson

Mrs. Rosato
Ms. Baylin

Mrs. Jeanne

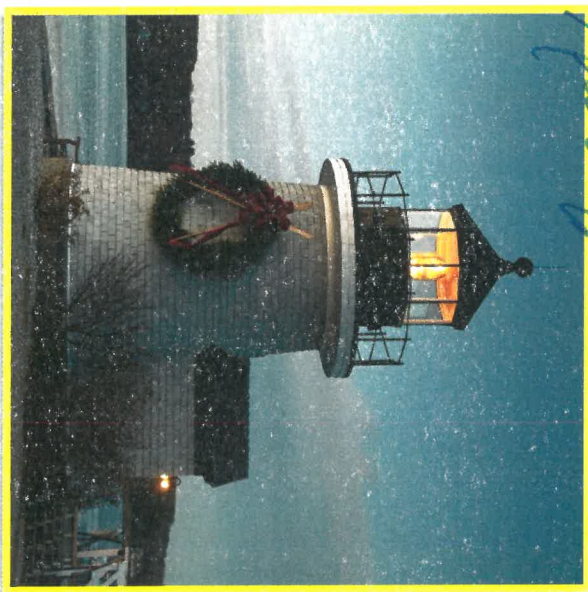
Alison Ryan

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Mr. Duff

Mrs. Breen
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Ms Debbie
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-From the Saint Mark Catholic Academy Family

St. Dominic DeGorte
Dorcas Douglas
Honey Wolf

Ms. Alessi

Mrs. Jackson Jones

Mrs. Alexis

Mrs. M. Walden

January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
SCHOOL CLOSED: New Year's Day	SCHOOL CLOSED: Christmas Recess	Classes Resume				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day  \$5 Dress Blue Day to Support NYPD Widows and Children Fund		Re-registration for the 2023-24 School Year Begins (Packets sent home.)		Pizza and Dress Down Day (\$5) 	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	SCHOOL CLOSED: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				Progress Report Conferences 5pm-7pm ZOOM OR PHONE CALL ONLY	EARLY DISMISSAL DAY Progress Report Conferences 12:30pm-3pm IN-PERSON ONLY RADIO BINGO 6:30pm	
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
 Catholic Schools Fall, Excellence, Service	Catholic Schools Week (Separate Schedule Coming Soon!)	Catholic Schools Week (Separate Schedule Coming Soon!)	Catholic Schools Week (Separate Schedule Coming Soon!)	Catholic Schools Week (Separate Schedule Coming Soon!)	Catholic Schools Week (Separate Schedule Coming Soon!)	 Catholic Schools Fall, Excellence, Service

The Christmas Eve Pageant

Let us Celebrate the birth of Christ together

December 24th at 4:30pm Mass in St. Mark Church



*If you have further questions regarding this Pageant, please contact
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