



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

A Guiding Light in Sheepshead Bay

January 25, 2023

Dear Families:

In just a few days, we kick off our Catholic Schools Week celebration! It's an exciting time for our students because of the fun and unique activities that are planned, but it's also a time to reflect on our mission and focus on our Catholic Identity. After all, that is at the heart of what we do!

Every educator has their favorite "teacher movie," a film that they most relate to. For me, it was—and continues to be—*Mr. Holland's Opus*, the story of a struggling musician who becomes a music teacher to support his family. He goes into the job reluctantly, but by the end dreads retirement. Says Mr. Holland, "I got dragged into this gig kicking and screaming, and now it's the only thing I want to do."

During his first few months on the job, Mr. Holland begins to question his choice. He does his job, but the principal sees that he's just going through the motions. She stops Mr. Holland in the hallway one day and shares her concerns. He's confused, and responds, "Mrs. Jacobs, I get here on time every morning, don't I? I'm doing my job the best I can."

It is Mrs. Jacobs's reply that always "sticks with me." She tells Mr. Holland, "A teacher is two jobs. Fill young minds with knowledge, yes. But more important, give those minds a compass so that that knowledge doesn't go to waste. Now, I don't know what you're doing with the knowledge, Mr. Holland, but as a compass, you're stuck."

That is what Catholic Education is all about—and that is the reason I became a teacher. You can get an education from any school, but a Catholic school is that "compass." That is what makes us different. That is what makes our school special, and that is what we're really celebrating during Catholic Schools Week!

It's no coincidence that the symbol of our school is the lighthouse. Like a compass, it offers direction and guidance. What's more, the lighthouse is also a sense of hope and optimism, especially when the "sea is rough" and the "sky is dark." Most importantly, both a compass and lighthouse lead us to our destination.

By the time they graduate, Saint Mark students have only just begun their life's journey. But they leave us confident that their Saint Mark education will serve as their ultimate guide to whatever their destination might be.










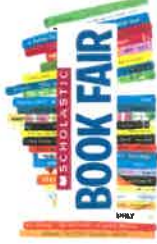
Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson
Principal

Continuing the tradition of faith, service, and education.

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February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			CULTURE DAY Each class chooses a country, and students study the culture, art, music, dress, and food!	STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY FREE Pizza Lunch and Snack!	TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY! OPEN HOUSE 9am to 11am Come visit!	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					\$5 Pizza & Dress Down 	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	 Valentine's Day Sale	Valentine's Day Sale  \$5 Dress Red Day for the American Heart Association				Parish Mardi Gras Party 
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	SCHOOL CLOSED: Mid-Winter Recess 	SCHOOL CLOSED: Mid-Winter Recess	SCHOOL CLOSED: Mid-Winter Recess 	SCHOOL CLOSED: Mid-Winter Recess	SCHOOL CLOSED: Mid-Winter Recess	
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SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2023 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



MONDAY, JANUARY 30	TUESDAY, JANUARY 31	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am Opening Mass Valentine's Day Cards for Nursing Home Residents Chris Romolo "Champ Up" Presentation for grades 4-8 "Game Day" for 3K to Grade 3 	<p>The Great Read MORNING: Guest Readers visit classrooms AFTERNOON: Older students read to younger students</p> <p>Create a Bookmark Family Engagement Activity (Grades 3K to 2) Families are invited to their children's classrooms to make bookmarks together!</p> 	 <p>CULTURE DAY</p> <p>Each class chooses a country, and students study the culture, art, music, dress, and food!</p>
<p>THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2 STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY!</p> <p>Free Green/Yellow Dress Down</p> <p>Free pizza and snack for all students!</p>  <p><i>Who Will Win—Green or Gold?</i></p>	<p>FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY!</p> <p>OPEN HOUSE 9am to 11am</p> <p>Current and prospective families are invited to visit our classrooms and see our students and teachers in action!</p> <p>Faculty vs. Eighth Grade Volleyball Game</p>	 <p>PLEASE COME VISIT US TO SEE THE GREAT THINGS THAT ARE GOING ON AT ST. MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY</p> <p>(718) 332-9304 SMCAONTHEBAY.ORG</p>

St. Mark & St. Margaret
Mary Parish
Presents

MARDI GRAS

Date: February 18th

Time: 6 pm to 9 pm

**Location: Saint Mark Catholic
Academy Gymnasium & Cafeteria**

Cost: \$15 for adults

\$10 for (Children 10-17)

\$5 for (Children 9 and under)

*We will have: Potluck Dinner,
DJ, Photo Booth, Virtual Reality Games
and so much more!*

Please cut below and return this Reservation/Ticket Order Form to the Rectory or to the School

Mardi Gras Reservation/Ticket Order Tear off Form:

Name _____ Phone _____

#Adults _____ @ \$15 = _____ #Children (Age 10-17) _____ @ \$10 = _____

#Children (Age 9 and under) _____ @ \$5 = _____ Total \$ _____.

We accept both Cash and Checks in advance or at the door the night of the event.

(Checks are Payable to Saint Mark Church)

To ensure a variety, please specify what you are bringing for the potluck dinner:

Please Circle an Option and write your selected option(s) on the line below:

Option 1 – Rice/Pasta Option 2 – Meat Option 3 – Salad Option 4 – Desert

Option 5 – Beverage (Water, Juice, or Soda)

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

SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

IT'S TIME TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID!

Tuition assistance is available for students in kindergarten through grade 8 who meet certain eligibility requirements.

TO APPLY...

- Families must be enrolled for the 2023-2024 school year, including all paperwork and re/registration fee.
- Contact **Assistant Principal Mrs. Lisa Rizzo**.
 - (718) 332-9304, extension #4
 - lrizzo@smsonthebay.com
 - Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30am to 2:30pm
- Have 2022 W2 and 1040 Federal Tax Forms ready.
- There is a \$40 application fee.

DEADLINES...

- Application process begins **Tuesday, January 17th**.
- **March 24, 2023** for families who received an award last year.
- **April 23, 2023** for families applying for the first time.

FREE SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE...

- If you are interested in applying, please contact Mrs. Rizzo. Funding is limited, so we **highly recommend** that families work with Mrs. Rizzo during this process to ensure the best possibility of receiving an award.



Futures in Education
FOR KIDDIKS AND GEEKS



Children's Scholarship Fund

St. Mark Catholic Academy

26th Annual Carid Party

Saturday, March 25th

Doors Open 11am

\$30 Entry Fee

(INCLUDES LUNCH)

Thousands of Dollars in Prizes

Tickets Now Available

718.332.9304 - 7-3 pm

347.574.1828 - 24 Hrs a Day



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

presents



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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