



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

A Guiding Light in Sheepshead Bay

January 18, 2023

Dear Families:

On this day in 1882 A. A. Milne was born. Now, most of you are probably asking...*Who's A. A. Milne?* While you may not know who he is, you're probably much more familiar with the characters he created...Christopher Robin, Piglet, Eeyore, Owl, Rabbit, Kanga, Roo, and—of course—Winnie the Pooh!

A. A. Milne wrote *Winnie-the-Pooh* in 1926, a collection of short stories following the adventures of a teddy bear, Winnie-the-Pooh, and his friends. Although the stories are nearly a century old, they remain timeless because of their messages of imagination, friendship, and kindness.

In fact, quotes from Milne's characters are now widespread on social media, acting as sources of both inspiration and contemplation for adults. Do a Google search and see the hundreds of excerpts from *Winnie-the-Pooh*. Here's just a small sample...



how do you spell love?
- piglet

you don't spell it.
you feel it.
- pooh

"Sometimes," said Pooh, 'the smallest things take up the most room in your heart.'"

"Some people care too much. I think it's called love."

"You can't stay in your corner of the Forest waiting for others to come to you. You have to go to them sometimes."

"The things that make me different are the things that make me."

"If there ever comes a day when we can't be together, keep me in your heart. I'll stay there forever."

"How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."

Looking through all of these quotes and excerpts, what strikes me most is that these are all taken from children's books. Some of the themes and messages seem pretty profound and philosophical, yet they were not intended for adults but rather young people.

That's because love, empathy, and creativity are most certainly children's themes. They seem profound to adults because we're the ones who need to "rediscover" them all over again. Children live and practice them daily! I dare say that's why so many of our faculty and staff became educators; they get to experience our students' imagination, friendship, and kindness each day...that, and they get to read stories like *Winnie the Pooh* for a living!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson
Principal

Continuing the tradition of faith, service, and education.

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SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

presents



Radio Bingo

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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SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2023 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



MONDAY, JANUARY 30

- 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



TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

The Great Read

MORNING: Guest Readers visit classrooms
AFTERNOON: Older students read to younger students

Create a Bookmark Family

Engagement Activity (Grades 3K to 2)
Families are invited to their children's classrooms to make bookmarks together!



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1



CULTURE DAY

Each class chooses a country, and students study the culture, art, music, dress, and food!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY!

Free Green/Yellow Dress Down

Free pizza and snack for all students!



Who Will Win—Green or Gold?

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY!

OPEN HOUSE

9am to 11am

Current and prospective families are invited to visit our classrooms and see our students and teachers in action!

Faculty vs. Eighth Grade
Volleyball Game



**PLEASE COME VISIT US TO SEE
THE GREAT THINGS THAT ARE
GOING ON AT**

ST. MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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St. Mark & St. Margaret
Mary Parish
Presents

MARDI GRAS

Date: February 18th

Time: 6 pm to 9pm

**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.



St. Mark Catholic Academy

26th Annual Covid 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

