



# SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

A Guiding Light in Sheepshead Bay

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March 15, 2023

Dear Families:

Can you believe it? It's just about the mid-way point of Lent, which means Easter is just over three weeks away! It's exciting to look ahead to the holidays...family, friends, food, and some time off from school...what's not to like?

While we have so much to look forward to, March is a long month, and there's so much going on! On Friday, we will celebrate Saint Patrick's Day, and a few days after that is the Feast of Saint Joseph.

Next week, our students receive their second trimester report cards. Not only is this an important time for teachers and parents to discuss student progress, but it is also the signal that the year is two-thirds of the way over. We're in the "home stretch" now! In fact, we are in the midst of planning for our summer program!

On Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> we will host our 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Card Party! This is the first card party we've have since the spring of 2019, and it's great to see that so many tickets are being sold. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year! Since we haven't had a card party in a few years, and we now have several new families, we've been getting a few questions about what a card party is. **Please see the attached letter for additional information.**

As you can see, March is a busy month. It's no wonder we turned the clocks ahead on Sunday—we need as much daylight as possible to get in all of these special events and activities!

In the midst of the hustle and bustle, let's also remember that Lent is a time for prayer, fasting, and charity; it's a period of preparation to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection at Easter, which is right around the corner. We certainly have a lot to look forward to!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson  
Principal

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# **EARLY DISMISSAL**

## **on Friday, March 17th**

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- Please continue to use your usual entrance/exit.
- The after-school program will continue to be available for all students.
- This is still a FULL DAY for 3K and Pre-K students
- **NO MORNING OR AFTERNOON BUS SERVICE.**

### **DISMISSAL TIMES FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 17th**

- 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.

# 2 DRESS DOWN DAYS!

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

FREE DRESS GREEN DAY TO CELEBRATE  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY

MONDAY, MARCH 19

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY DRESS DOWN TO SUPPORT THE JOSEPH  
LEWINGER SCHOLARSHIP FOR FUTURE EDUCATORS AT ST. JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY

**\$5 SUGGESTED DONATION**



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 Parent-Student 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 jean

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



## WHAT IS A CARD PARTY?

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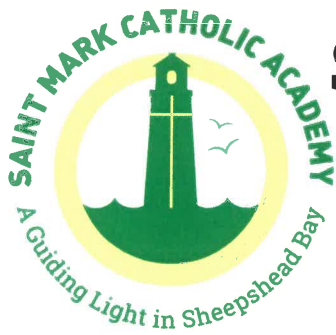
A card party isn't about playing card games. It's about winning prizes! Thanks to many volunteers and donors, we have hundreds of prizes and gift cards to raffle off!

**It's important to note that this is an event for those who are 18-year-old and over.** It is not an event for children. Instead, it is an opportunity for adults to socialize, win prizes, and have fun—all while supporting Saint Mark Catholic Academy.

If you'd like to purchase tickets to the card party, please do so soon—seats are filling up quickly. Please let us know if you have any questions about the card party. Thank you, as always, for your support!

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Mr. Mark Wilson  
Principal



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100 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN SHEEPSHEAD BAY

**Reminder!** Financial Aid/Scholarship Application

## DEADLINE EXTENDED

YOUR CHILD MUST BE REGISTERED AT ST. MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

### DEADLINE FOR

Returning Families who received an award in the previous academic year.



**31**  
**MARCH**

### DEADLINE FOR

New families (students who did not receive an award in previous academic year).



**30**  
**APRIL**

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE MONEY TO HELP WITH YOUR CHILD'S TUITION COST. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND SCHOLARSHIP ARE BASED ON COMPLETING FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION AND FAMILY HOUSEHOLD SIZE AND INCOME ,AND YOUR CHILD MUST BE REGISTERED AT ST. MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

**EMAIL Mrs. Lisa Rizzo - [LRIZZO@SMSONTHEBAY.COM](mailto:LRIZZO@SMSONTHEBAY.COM)**  
and schedule an appointment to get help completing the application.