



# SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

## A Guiding Light in Sheepshead Bay

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March 20, 2024

Dear Families:

I don't know what number iPhone I have. I've had it for many years, so it is undoubtedly old and outdated. My mom has a newer phone than me, and she's told me a few times that I should get an upgrade; you know your phone is old when your mom's phone is newer than yours! But, as I've told her, there's nothing wrong with it. I can make calls. I can text. I can check and write emails and access the internet. There's nothing wrong with my phone other than that it's old.

OK...so that's not exactly true. The one problem I have is that I have to recharge it more than I usually do. I have a charger at my desk, near my bed, in my car, and next to the couch. I can "recharge" pretty much anywhere I go! That's usually the first sign that your phone is getting older when it can't hold a charge as well as it used to. I'm holding out hope that my phone "hangs in" a little while longer! I should probably listen to my mom and get a new one, but I just can't bring myself to do it. I've had it for so long. I trust it will always be there, ready, willing, and able to go. We work well together. It just needs some extra time to recharge once in a while.

As we get closer and closer to the Easter Recess, you can feel a buzz in the building. You might say that the students are all "charged up." They sense the break is coming, and the recent warm weather has added to their "spring fever," so to speak.

Similarly, the adults in the building see the break is coming too, but like my phone, they are in need of a recharge. The faculty and staff of Saint Mark Catholic Academy work hard day in and day out, often without a time for a "recharge." The upcoming Easter Recess will afford them that well-deserved, well-earned opportunity.

Prior to Easter, this Friday's professional day will provide our teachers with a chance to not only "recharge" but also get a bit of "update," too. A professional day is not a day off for teachers. Sure, they don't have to meet with their classes, so the day might be less demanding. Yes, we do provide them with breakfast and lunch; they even get to dress down, but that's not what the day is all about! In actuality, a PD day is an opportunity for the teachers to become the students. It affords the faculty and staff with the opportunity to "brush up" on their pedagogical knowhow and hone their craft. After all, most phones won't update unless they're charging.

This Friday and over the Easter Recess our faculty and staff will get some time to recharge too, and they deserve it and need it...because I need them. We work well together. I trust them, and I know they'll always be there for our students, whether their batteries are at 1% or 100%.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson  
Principal

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# FRIDAY, MARCH 22

- This Friday there is **NO SCHOOL** for students in **kindergarten through grade eight**.
- **3K and Pre-K** students have school, but it is a **12:30pm** dismissal.
- There is **NO AFTER-SCHOOL** on Friday.

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# Summer 2024

June 26th - August 9th 2024

# Academic

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 12 PM



# Extended Day Program

Monday - Friday 12 PM - 6 PM

## ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

Our Summer Academic and Extended Day programs are focused on creating an engaging and fun learning culture.

Our Academic program focuses on Math and ELA and Educational Enrichment opportunities for our Summer Program participants.

Our Extended Day Program participants will have the opportunity to participate in outdoor activities as well as a wide variety of physical education classes and fun activities.

Our students will have educational and fun experiences in a summer to remember!



## FUN & ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Critical Thinking Activities
- ✓ Sports
- ✓ Movies
- ✓ Games

# BOYS AND GIRLS 3-K TO 8th GRADE

✓ **Early morning drop off!**



**For Details:**

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**TO REGISTER**

# Fish Fry

Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

At: 6:30pm

Dinner will be in the Saint Mark Catholic Academy Cafeteria



**We will be making Palm Crosses in the  
Lion's Den after our Fish Fry Dinner**

## Dinner Costs

Adults - \$20.00

Kids - \$10.00 (Ages 16 & under)

**\*All Fish Dinners will receive French Fries, Salad, and a Beverage**

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If you have any further questions, please contact Michael Davis at **347-574-1828**

or the Rectory at **718-891-3100**

# Good Friday Walk

Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

Meet at Saint Mark Church at 9:30am



## Schedule

We will be processing The Stations of the Cross. After our walk, Soup and Bread will be held in the Saint Mark Catholic Academy Cafeteria.