



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

A Guiding Light in Sheepshead Bay

February 5, 2025

Dear Families:

Today would have been Hank Aaron's 91st birthday. For those of you who may not recognize the name, Hank Aaron is perhaps one of the greatest to ever play the game of baseball. He hit 755 homeruns over the course of his career, a record that last over 30 years! Since February is Black History Month, it's fitting that we remember Hank Aaron today and recall the lasting impact he had on the game of baseball.

Often, sports are used as metaphor for life, especially in the game of baseball. After all, in baseball a hitter with a .300 average is considered outstanding—which means even the elite players fail, on average, 7 out of 10 times, and there's no doubt that Hammerin' Hank was one of the elite.

Although he hit more homeruns than pretty much every player in history, there were plenty of times when Mr. Aaron swung and missed. "My motto was always to keep swinging. Whether I was in a slump or feeling badly or having trouble off the field, the only thing to do was keep swinging." (This reminds a little of Dory from *Finding Nemo* although she said, "Keep swimming.")

We're just about at the middle of the school year. We just finished an exciting, but busy Catholic Schools Week. The holiday season is a not-too-distant memory. Many of us—students and teachers alike—are feeling tired, perhaps worn down. Warmer weather and summer seem much too far away. We may want to give up. Instead, let's keep swinging.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson
Principal

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Valentines Day Sale

February 11th

Gifts cost \$2 to \$10

Parents are welcome to shop after dismissal in the gym based on availability



Cuisine From Haiti

Movie Night

Friday, February 7th at 6:30pm

Costs \$20 for Adults & \$10 for Kids



We will be serving a traditional Haitian Style Cuisine prepared by Ange Davis and with the help of our community. We will also be watching a traditional Caribbean Film called Cool Runnings.

