



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

A Guiding Light in Sheepshead Bay

September 18, 2024

Dear Families:

This past Monday, September 16 was Mayflower Day. Mayflower Day commemorates the day the ship the Mayflower set sail from Plymouth, England in 1620. Wow! Can you believe that it's been over 400 years since that fateful voyage?

According to the website *Mayflower400UK.org*, "Its passengers were in search of a new life – some seeking religious freedom, others a fresh start in a different land. They would go on to be known as the Pilgrims and influence the future of the United States of America in ways they could never have imagined."

The trip took 66 days, and the over 100 people aboard the Mayflower had to deal with storms, illness, and other hardships before finally reaching what is now Cape Cod. Imagine what would have happened if they had given up and turned around, unable to deal with the adversity and hardship associated with their journey!

Call it a coincidence, but Mayflower Day is awfully close to the beginning of the school year, isn't it? All of us—students, staff, and families—are setting out on a new journey together. Not every day will be "smooth sailing." At times, the journey will be difficult; we will face some hardships, but we will face them together. We will "stay the course."

Why...? Because we too have our sights set on the destination: a successful school year, filled with learning, growth, and optimism. It took the Mayflower 66 days to cross the Atlantic Ocean; our journey is just about three times as long, at 180 days, and we're only a few days in. The school year has just started; we're still "getting our sea legs," but there's no doubt about it...this year, we need "all hands on deck," for Saint Mark Catholic Academy has set sail on its 100th school year!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson
Principal

Continuing the tradition of faith, service, and education.

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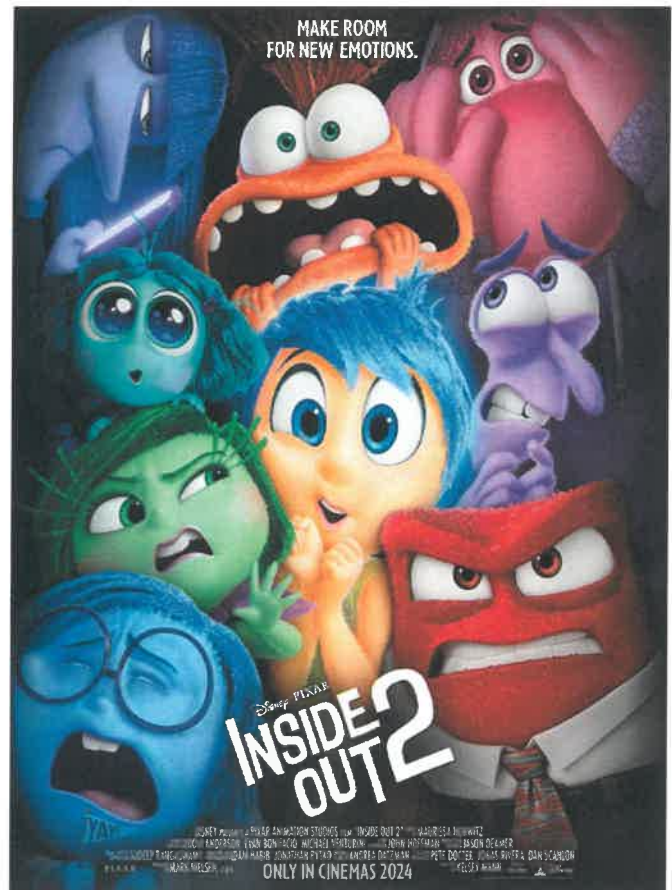
Barbecue Movie Night

Friday, September 27th

from 6:30pm-9:30pm

FREE to all our Families

Saint Mark Catholic Academy invites all Families to enjoy a night of Food & Fun



Movie will be playing outdoors Starting at 8pm
Food will be served from 6:30pm-8pm
(Burgers, Hotdogs, Chicken, and so much more..)

PIZZA-DRESS DOWN FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

We have changed the process to participate in pizza-dress down days this year. Rather than pay for each pizza day separately, families will submit one pizza-dress down payment that will cover the entire school year. All payments will still be made online.

PIZZA DATES:

Friday, September 27
Thursday, October 3
Friday, November 1
Friday, December 6
Wednesday, January 29



Friday, February 28
Monday, March 31
Wednesday, April 16
Friday, May 23
Thursday, June 5

LINK TO PAY FOR PIZZA-DRESS DOWN: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/MK44LEaA>

**This one-time form will close on Wednesday, September 25.
After that, no pizza-dress down orders may be placed
for the remainder of the year.**



Our monthly charitable dress downs are still paid in cash to the office, as usual.

First Pasta Night
in the Academy Cafeteria
Friday, October 4th at 6:30pm

To RSVP, please contact Michael Davis
@ (347) 574-1828
Space is limited. Send Money labeled
PASTA NIGHT



We will be serving Rigatoni Bolognese Pasta. The costs will be \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for Kids. Salad and beverages will be included, and Wine will be available for purchase.

After Dinner we will be having a Movie Night with Life is Beautiful on the big screen. Popcorn will be available for FREE.





SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER CLUB

Come join us for enrichment soccer sessions led by our professional coaching staff! Program focus on skill development in a fun environment with players split into age appropriate groups. Class held on campus, directly after school dismissal.

Dates: Tuesday October 15th - Tuesday December 10th (8 sessions)
Time: 3:10 PM - 4:10 PM



Any questions please email us at:
Info@uksoccerschool.com



For more information, please visit:
www.uksoccerschool.com



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

VIOLIN PROGRAM

WHEN:

MONDAYS immediately after school, starting October 7.

FOR:

Students in grades 3 through 8

INSTRUCTOR:

Mr. Quinn, SMCA's Music Teacher

COST:

\$500 (\$250 deposit; remaining \$250 due in December)

DURATION:

30 minutes

**WEEKLY CLASSES!
YEARLY CONCERT!
YEAR-END PIZZA PARTY!**

To register and make your deposit:

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/zJF50uvG>

