



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

A Guiding Light in Sheepshead Bay

November 29, 2023

Dear Families:

I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and enjoyed some free time with their children and families. The Thanksgiving Recess affords us a few days of rest at a very opportune time, giving us a much-needed break before the rush of the Christmas season “officially” begins.

This time of year, the classic Christmas shows start appearing on TV. One classic is “Frosty the Snowman.” The antagonist from that show, Professor Hinkle, is often quoted as saying, “Busy! Busy! Busy!” How appropriate! With Christmas less than four weeks away, there is perhaps no busier time at Saint Mark Catholic Academy than Christmas time!

Next week, our students will receive their first report card. The following week is our first-ever Family Christmas Radio Bingo, a Christmas dance party with plenty of games and prizes! Finally, in the last week before Christmas Recess, we have our Early Childhood Winter Extravaganza Show, our Christmas Show for Grades 1-8, and our Breakfast with Santa on December 22. There are also some other special activities going on, too!

Speaking of Christmas, all of our students received an early gift this year, a Saint Mark Catholic Academy magnet! We hope that you will display these on your cars. Perhaps someone may see it and ask you about Saint Mark Catholic Academy! With all that’s going on, there’s plenty to talk about!

Sincerely,


Mr. Mark Wilson
Principal

Continuing the tradition of faith, service, and education.

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**Policies and Procedures for
Report Card Distribution on Thursday, December 7, 2023**

November 29, 2023

Dear Families:

Believe it or not, we have reached the end of the first trimester! Since we're closing out this marking period, your child will soon receive his or her first report card. Students in kindergarten through grade eight will receive their child's report card via email on Thursday, December 7th. Students in 3K and Pre-K will get paper report cards sent home with their child on Thursday, December 7th.

The purpose of this letter is to serve as a reminder that report card meetings are not mandatory because you already met with your child's teacher for progress reports back in October. We will still have conferences, but these will be at the teacher's request and discretion. A teacher may require a meeting for a variety of reasons including but not limited to a student's academic progress, conduct, or social-emotional growth. Any request a teacher makes for a meeting is mandatory.

For students in grades five through eight, it has been customary for teachers to meet with just the homeroom teacher for parent-teacher conferences. Since meetings are now at the teachers' discretion, teachers may request meetings with the parents of students *outside* of their homeroom, if they feel it is necessary.

Parents will be notified of a required meeting via email on Tuesday, December 5th. In this email, there will be a link to sign up for a conference with your child's teacher. Conferences times will be 1pm through 3pm on Thursday, December 7th. If you cannot participate in a conference at that time, please contact the teacher to arrange one prior to the Christmas recess.

If you have any questions about report card conferences procedures, please reach out!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson
Principal

Mrs. Lisa Rizzo
Assistant Principal

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FAMILY CHRISTMAS RADIO BINGO

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY AND
CHILDREN OF ANY AGE!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

6:30PM - 9PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6)

\$10 CHILDREN - \$15 ADULTS

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

NAME THAT TUNE,
BINGO AND A DANCE
PARTY ALL ROLLED
INTO ONE!

JOIN US FOR A
FESTIVE NIGHT OF
BINGO, DANCING,
PRIZES AND FUN.

TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/4A28B7H9](https://tinyurl.com/4A28B7H9)



WE'VE GOT AN EARLY CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR YOU!

Please join us as
we celebrate our...



Grades 1 through 8 will be performing!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20
at 6:15PM

TICKETS ARE \$5 EACH.

SEATING IS ON FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

All tickets are purchased ONLINE ONLY at
<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/wTRcRJNU>



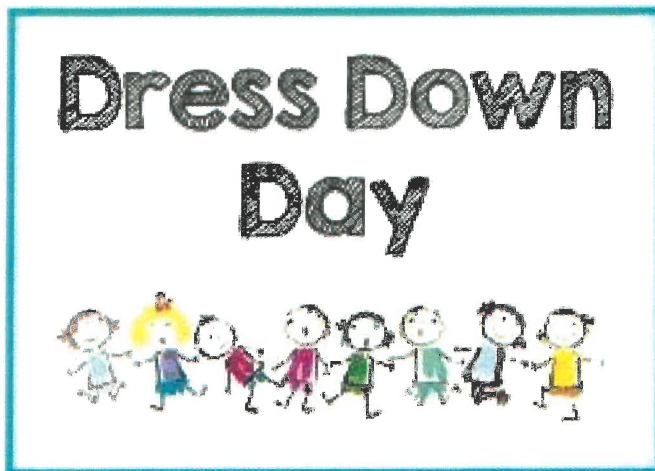
TOYS FOR TOTS DRESS DOWN DAYS!

WE ARE COLLECTING TOYS FOR TOYS FOR TOTS.

EACH DAY A STUDENT BRINGS IN A NEW AND UNWRAPPED TOY, THEY MAY DRESS DOWN.

STUDENTS MAY PARTICIPATE
AS MANY TIMES AS THEY WOULD LIKE...

NOVEMBER 30 THROUGH DECEMBER 12!



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, midriiffs, 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.



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY



Christmas Bow Sale



This Christmas, Saint Mark Catholic Academy will be holding a Christmas Bow Sale!

These bows will be hung on our fence outside the school on East 19th Street.

Along with being a festive decoration, these bows will also be a way for you to honor or memorialize a special family member or friend.

Each bow costs \$5.

If you are interested in purchasing a bow, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/bdfw3eje> or complete the form at bottom of the page.

The sale is ongoing, and bows will be hung as orders come in. Thank you!

Saint Mark Catholic Academy • Christmas Bow Sale

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Number of bows to purchase: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Bow #1 In honor of In memory of _____

Bow #2 In honor of In memory of _____

Bow #3 In honor of In memory of _____

If necessary, please list additional bows on the back of the form.

December 2023 Saint Mark Catholic Academy

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
					Second Trimester Begins Pizza/Dress Down Day (\$5) Parish Pasta Night	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1 st Sunday of Advent 				Report Cards Distributed Half Day for 3K and PreK: 7:30am to 12:30pm NO SCHOOL for K-8: Faculty Professional Day	SCHOOL CLOSED: Feast of the Immaculate Conception 	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
2 nd Sunday of Advent  Light the Bay				In-School Christmas Sale 	FAMILY CHRISTMAS RADIO BINGO! 6PM IN GYM \$10 for kids \$15 for adults 	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
3 rd Sunday of Advent 	Early Childhood Winter Extravaganza 3K, Pre-K, and K 10am in the gym		Christmas Show Grades 1-8 6:15pm in Gym		8:30am Christmas Mass School-wide Christmas Breakfast in Gym NO AFTERSCHOOL	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
4 th Sunday of Advent 	SCHOOL CLOSED: Christmas Day 	SCHOOL CLOSED: Christmas Recess	SCHOOL CLOSED: Christmas Recess	SCHOOL CLOSED: Christmas Recess	SCHOOL CLOSED: Christmas Recess	SCHOOL CLOSED: Christmas Recess
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
SCHOOL CLOSED: New Year's Eve	SCHOOL CLOSED: New Year's Day	SCHOOL CLOSED: Christmas Recess	School Resumes			

Youth Ministry Presents

A Pasta Night

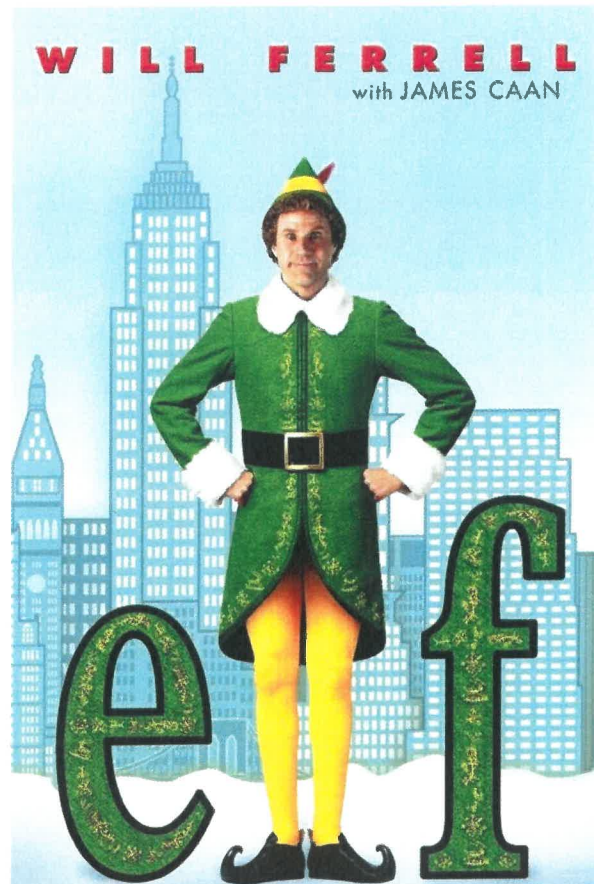
December 1st Dinner at 6:30pm

followed by a Movie at 7:30pm

Linguine with clam sauce will be served
In the cafeteria

We will be showing the Movie ELF

Please Enter through the School Yard



Contact Michael Davis @ 347-574-1828 if you have any further questions