



January 10, 2024

Dear Families:

Even though we're in the early days of 2024, we are already looking toward another new year, the new academic year, that is! Believe it or not, but preparations are already well underway for September. **Today, each family will receive a manila envelope, which includes all of the necessary information about how to re-register for the 2024-2025 school year.** Please be sure to submit your completed packet as soon as possible since we're receiving many calls from prospective families.

As a parent of a child in Catholic school, I myself know the sacrifices you make to send your children to Saint Mark Catholic Academy. Thank you! In the same respect, I also know *why* you make those sacrifices. Most schools—whether they're public, private, or charter—can follow the state standards and provide an education. Our family environment, our dedicated faculty, and our Catholic values are just some of what make Saint Mark and other Catholic schools special!

This Monday, January 15th, we observe Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Coincidentally, one of my favorite quotes of Dr. King expresses what Catholic education is all about, and I find it important to share it each year: *"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education."* To me, that is the mission of Catholic Education and the goal of every teacher and educator at Saint Mark Catholic Academy.

Again, thank you for choosing Saint Mark Catholic Academy. We still have lots to accomplish this school year, but we're already excited about everyone joining us again in September—our centennial year! Thank you!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson
Principal

Winter Wonderland Semi-Formal Dance

ONLY GRADES 4-8 OF ST. MARK

AND

MUST BE IN FORMAL ATTIRE:

- No Jeans
- No Sneakers
- No T-shirts

Pizza, Drinks, and Desserts will be provided

ON JANUARY 26, 2024

Doors will be open from
6:00 til 9:30

\$20 entry

Money in by January 22.

Money will also be

collected at the door



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

IT'S TIME TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID!

Tuition assistance is available for students in kindergarten through grade 8 who meet certain eligibility requirements.

TO APPLY...

- Families must be enrolled for the 2024-2025 school year, including all paperwork and re/registration fee.
- Contact:
 - **Assistant Principal Mrs. Lisa Rizzo**
 - lrizzo@smsonthebay.com
 - **Business Manager Julian Cleland**
 - jcleland@smsonthebay.com
- Have 2024 W2 and 1040 Federal Tax Forms ready.
- There is a \$40 application fee.

DEADLINES...

- Application process begins **Tuesday, January 16^h**.
- **March 24, 2024** for families who received an award last year.
- **April 23, 2024** for families applying for the first time.

FREE SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE...

- If you are interested in applying, please contact Mrs. Rizzo or Mr. Cleland. Funding is limited, so we **highly recommend** that families work with Mrs. Rizzo or Mr. Cleland during this process to ensure the best possibility of receiving an award.

**DO YOU HAVE A CHILD AT HOME
WHO WILL BE 3 OR 4 IN SEPTEMBER?**

**3-K
FOR
ALL**



**SAINT MARK
CATHOLIC ACADEMY**
100 Years of Catholic Education
in Sheepshead Bay

Students applying for our 3K for All must be 3 (three) years of age by **December 31, 2024**.

Students applying for Pre-K for All must be 4 (four) years of age by **December 31, 2024**.

**Siblings of current Saint Mark Catholic Academy
students are given priority seating.**

If you are interested in 3K for All or Pre-K for All please contact
Education Director Ms. Jeannie Vok at

jvok@smsonthebay.com

(718) 332-9304 Extension 3

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



WEEK



CHANGE CHALLENGE!

STARTS JANUARY 11 ENDS FEBRUARY 2

Bring in your change (quarters, dimes, nickels & pennies) and help your team collect the most money!

Students have been split up into 2 teams; YELLOW & GREEN, whichever teams has the most money

WINS!

WINNING TEAM WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 9TH!

