



February 7, 2024

Dear Families:

Although there is no scientific evidence to support it, many people look forward to Groundhog Day to determine if we'll have an early spring or long winter. Today, our students receive their progress reports, and in some respects, this is like another Groundhog Day for them.

If the groundhog doesn't see his shadow, then we're headed for an early spring. However, if he does see his shadow and scurries back inside, that means we've got six more weeks of winter ahead of us.

The same can be said for progress report time! When our students and their families see their progress reports today, there's really only two options for them: stay the course or make some changes. What's more, report cards are distributed in—you guessed it—just about six weeks.

Last week, many people watched the movie *Groundhog Day*. In the movie, Billy Murray plays a TV weatherman who finds himself reliving the same day over and over again when he goes on location to the small town of Punxsutawney to film a report about their annual Groundhog Day. Unlike that TV weatherman, our students have the time and the opportunity to make some changes between now and report cards. Don't continue to do the same thing and expect a different result. If you want to make some adjustments, then you have to put the work in.

Finally, to our students, there are plenty of people here to help you...your parents, teachers, and other members of the school community will support you. Some of our students may be too young to remember, but back in 2014 then-Mayor de Blasio made headlines when he dropped the Staten Island groundhog! Rest assured; we will not let you fall! We are here to help!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson
Principal

**VALENTINE'S DAY
TOMORROW
SALE**

FEBRUARY 8TH



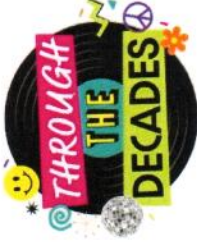

Gifts will cost from \$3 to \$15

Parents are welcome to come and shop
with your child after school hours
between 2:30pm and 3:30pm based
on product availability

Saint Mark Catholic Academy

100th Day of School Week-Long Celebration

\$15 PER STUDENT FOR ALL ACTIVITIES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16
100TH DAY OF SCHOOL 	Mardi Gras PANCAKE TUESDAY 	HAPPY ST. VALENTINE'S DAY! 	DRESS DOWN THROUGH THE DECADES! 	PIZZA AND DRESS DOWN 
Dress like you're 100 years old!	PANCAKE BREAKFAST & JUICE DRESS PURPLE for Mardi Gras!	Dress Red Day for the American Heart Association Ash Wednesday		



TO SUBMIT PAYMENT: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/IUxyjB3j>

St. Mark & St. Margaret Mary Parish
Presents



Mardi Gras Party

We are only 4 Days away!



Date: February 10th
Time: 6 pm to 9pm
Location: Saint Mark Catholic Academy Gymnasium & Cafeteria

Prices
\$15 for adults
\$10 for (Children 10-17 years old)
\$5 for (Children 9 years old and under)
Family & Friends are also Welcome

We will have a Potluck Dinner with Chicken Nuggets, Pigs in a Blanket, Mozzarella Sticks, Chicken Wings, a DJ, 360 Degree Photo Booth, Virtual Reality Games and so much more!



RSVP now or at the door the night of the event

Please cut below and return this Reservation/Ticket Order Form to the Rectory or to the School



Mardi Gras Reservation/Ticket Order Tear off Form:

Name _____ Phone _____

#Adults _____ @ \$15 = _____ #Children (Age 10-17) _____ @ \$10 = _____

#Children (Age 9 and under) _____ @ \$5 = _____ Total \$ _____.

We accept both Cash and Checks in advance or at the door the night of the event.

(Checks are Payable to Saint Mark Church)

To ensure a variety, please specify what you are bringing for the potluck dinner:

Please Circle an Option and write your selected option(s) on the line below:

Option 1 – Rice/Pasta Option 2 – Meat Option 3 – Salad Option 4 – Desert

Option 5 – Beverage (Water, Juice, or Soda)

-You can also RSVP with: Michael Davis at 347-574-1828 or call the Rectory at 718-891-3100.



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