



# SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

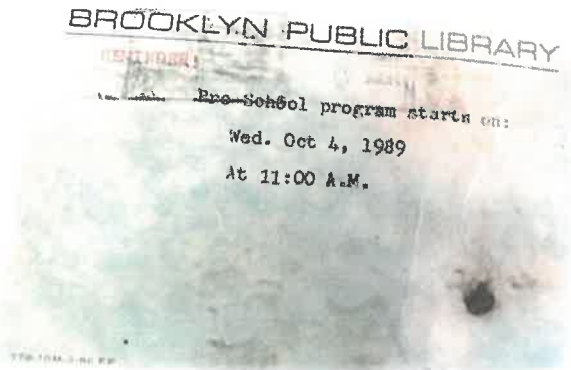
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October 2, 2024

Dear Families:

By now, everyone knows that Saint Mark Catholic Academy is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> school year; however, there's another anniversary coming up this Friday that's very personal for me.



No...it's not my wedding anniversary. No...it's not a loved one's birthday. To be honest, it's not even a day I really remember.

Friday, October 4 will mark 35 years since I started pre-school classes at the Brooklyn Public Library! Like I said, I don't remember the day, and the only reason I know about it is because my mom recently found the post card she received in the mail to remind her that classes started on Wednesday, October 4, 1989.

I may not remember starting pre-school, but I do remember being read to by the librarian. Who knows? Perhaps those early days in "library school," as I called it, sparked my love of literature that led to me becoming an English teacher. Because of that first "first day," I've had 35 first days of school since then, some as student, others a teacher, and now six as a principal!

My office on the first floor is in the heart of our early childhood program, which is appropriate because our early childhood students are, indeed, the heart of our school. It is during these early years that our youngest learners develop a sense of what school is all about. They acquire a sense of identity and independence, and most importantly, they develop a love of learning.

That is why the work of our early childhood teachers is so important. Their effort and dedication lay the foundation for all the teaching and learning that our students will experience for the rest of their lives. While our littlest learners may not remember their first "first day," they'll most certainly never forget it.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson  
Principal

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WORLD'S FINEST CANDY SALE

# CHOCOLATE GOES HOME ON THURSDAY!

World's Finest Chocolate will be going home on  
**Thursday, October 3rd.**

One box per family will be distributed.

**Please remember, the candy has already been paid  
for by your Fundraising Commitment.  
DO NOT SEND IN ANY MONEY OR PAYMENT.**



**First Pasta Night**  
**in the Academy Cafeteria**  
**Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 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**








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# October 2024 Saint Mark Catholic Academy

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
		TACHS Prep Class	World's Finest Chocolate Goes Home 	Pizza-Dress Down Day (paid in advance) 	Parish Pasta Night Faculty PD DAY: NO SCHOOL for K and Grades 1-8 Full Day for 3K & PreK with regular dismissal	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		TACHS Prep Class		TACHS Prep Class	Breast Cancer Pink Dress Down (\$5 suggested donation) First Friday Mass 8:30am	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED: Columbus Day</b> 	TACHS Prep Class		Evening Progress Report Conferences (Specific times TBA) TACHS Prep Class	Early Dismissal Day for All Students Afternoon Progress Report Conferences (Specific times TBA)	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		TACHS Prep Class		TACHS Prep Class	SMCA Halloween Party 	
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
		TACHS Prep Class		<b>HAPPY HALLOWEEN!</b>  -Pumpkin Patch! -Trunk-or-Treat!	All Saints Day Mass 10am	