



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

A Guiding Light in Sheepshead Bay

April 9, 2025

Dear Families:

All of you know me by the name Mr. Wilson, but when I was thirteen years old, I went by the name of Simon for a short time. I'll explain...

When I was in eighth grade, my class performed the Passion Play, a dramatic presentation that depicts the Passion of Jesus: his trial, suffering, death, and resurrection. The "script" for the play was taken primarily from this week's Palm Sunday Gospel.

Although it was 25 years ago, I still remember the parts I played. I was Simon of Cyrene, the man who helped Jesus carry his cross. Since there were more roles in the play than students in our class, many of us were assigned dual roles, so in addition to playing Simon, I was also a member of the crowd during Jesus' trial. I still remember my line: "What further need have we of witnesses? You have heard the blasphemy!"

Needless to say, I was a little bit disappointed with our teacher's casting decisions. Simon doesn't say anything, and the one line I had as "person in the crowd" helps to condemn Jesus! Now, almost three decades later, I don't mind my roles in the Saint Bernadette School Class of 2000 Passion Play. In fact, I think they're pretty significant and dare I say even symbolic!

At some point in our lives, we all are both the "person in the crowd" and Simon. We all have moments in our lives when we our words are hurtful and cruel; we "crucify" others with our lies and gossip. That said, we also have times when we redeem ourselves, when we offer charity, kindness, and a helping hand. In those times, we're Simon.

It's easy to put people down with our words, but how often do we support others through our actions? Although Simon doesn't say anything, his role is crucial. There is no salvation without crucifixion. Does Jesus make it to Calvary without Simon there to help carry the cross? While I didn't have a starring role, I think my portrayal of Simon gives Best Supporting Actor a whole new meaning!

Sincerely,

Mr Mark Wilson
Principal

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LUNG FORCE DRESS DOWN DAYS

THURSDAY, APRIL 10 AND FRIDAY, APRIL 11

SUGGESTED DONATION \$5

TWO DAYS OF DRESS DOWN FOR THE COST OF ONE!

LUNG FORCE unites those impacted by lung cancer across the country to stand together against lung cancer.

WEAR TURQUOISE TO SUPPORT LUNG HEALTH!

Dress Down
Day



LUNG FORCE
Turquoise Takeover
American Lung Association.

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, midribs, 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.

RAFFLE



American Lung Association.

LUNG FORCE WALK

American Lung Association.

Raffle will run March 26 - April 15

Winner will be announced April 16



**Scan the QR code to donate
to enter to win and support
lung disease research,
education, and advocacy!**

**Every \$1 donated = 1 entry
Every \$5 donated = 6 entries**

Prize

2 NYC FC Tickets & Swag Bag

May 17, 2025, 4:30pm

Sec 335, Row 4, Seats 9&10

(\$250 value)



New York City FC vs. New York Red Bulls

Sat • May 17, 2025 • 04:30 PM

Flushing, NY — Citi Field





SIGN UP TODAY
FOR THE COOLEST

CHESS CLASS

ON THE PLANET*

*We can only speak for planet Earth

New chess
players welcome!

Your brain is your superpower...

...are you ready to use it? Join the Chess Wizards community today for fun, friendship, and some serious chess skills. **All experience levels welcome.** We make chess fun for everyone!

Ready to make new friends and **amaze your parents?**

Chess Wizards offers challenging chess lessons, fun group activities, exciting tournaments, and more! If your child is brand-new to chess, we'll teach them the basics and get them playing right away. If they're a seasoned checkmate artist, they'll learn new ways to show their creativity on the chess board.

Class **Information**

School Name: St. Mark Catholic Academy

Dates: 04/14, 04/28, 05/05, 05/12, 05/19, 06/02, 06/09

Class Day and Time: Monday 03:15pm - 04:15pm

NO CLASS ON: **04/21, 05/26**

Total # of Classes: 7 Classes

Location: Room: TBD

Price:

See link in folder
to register

Notes:

Also, Make Sure To Explore Our Chess Camps!

Treat your child to an amazing day of chess lessons, games, and classic camp activities - and treat yourself to a break! Scan the QR code to search for camps near you.



Join our **chess classes** today!



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WHAT IS A CARD PARTY?

April 9, 2025

Dear Families:

In just a few weeks we will host our 28th Annual Card Party! This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, and it's great to see that so many tickets are being sold already!

Since we now have several new families, we've been getting a few questions about what a card party is.

A card party isn't about playing card games. It's about winning prizes! Thanks to many volunteers and donors, we have hundreds of prizes and gift cards to raffle off!

It's important to note that this is an event for those who are 18-year-old and over. It is not an event for children. Instead, it is an opportunity for adults to socialize, win prizes, and have fun—all while supporting Saint Mark Catholic Academy.

If you'd like to purchase tickets to the card party, please do so soon—seats are filling up quickly. **If you are unable to attend the card party, but would like to make a donation, that would great, too!**

Please let us know if you have any questions about the card party. Thank you, as always, for your support!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson
Principal

St. Mark Catholic Academy
28th Annual Card Party
CELEBRATING
-100 Years of Excellence in Catholic Education-

FULL CHANCE AUCTION
Saturday, May 17th
Doors Open 10am | Auction Starts 12 Noon
\$40 Entry Fee
(INCLUDES LUNCH CATERED BY BASSETT CATERERS)
TICKETS GO ON SALE
APRIL 1ST.
718.332.9304 347.574.1828
8-3pm 24 Hrs a Day

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St. Mark & St. Margaret Mary

2025 Family Picnic

Saturday, April 26th from 11:30am to 6pm

Nansen Park

**Address: 3455 Victory Boulevard
Staten Island, NY 10314**

All You Can Eat: BBQ Chicken, Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Fries, Sausage & Peppers, Roast Beef, Watermelon, Ice Cream, Soda & so much more...

There will be loads of activities including: A DJ, Football, Volleyball, Soccer, Soft Ball, Potato Sack Races, Musical Chairs & so much more...

All Family & Friends are Welcome

The Costs are:

\$40 for Adults 18+ / \$20 for Kids 4-17yrs old / Free for Children 3yrs old and younger



Cut the line below and return back the bottom portion with cash or check in an envelope to the Rectory or to the Academy. Checks are Payable to Saint Mark Church

St. Mark & St. Margaret Mary 2025 Family Picnic Cut off Slip

Write in the Quantity of People Attending: Adults _____, Kids _____, Children _____

Write in how much money will be given _____. Will you be taking the bus? YES or NO

Circle One

Names of Adult &/or Kid & Child Attending _____

***Kids Over 12yrs old do not need an adult to travel on the Bus. The Bus leaves the main entrance of St. Mark Catholic Academy at 10:30am and returns at 6:30pm**

Please reach out to Michael Davis at 347-574-1828 if you have questions

SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY



Summer 2025

June 30th - August 15th 2025

Academic

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 12 PM

&

Extended Day Program

Monday - Friday 12 PM - 6 PM

BOYS AND GIRLS 3-K TO 8th GRADE

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

Our Summer Academic and Extended Day programs are focused on creating an engaging and fun learning culture.

Our Academic program focuses on Math and ELA and Educational Enrichment opportunities for our Summer Program participants.

Our Extended Day Program participants will have the opportunity to participate in outdoor activities as well as a wide variety of physical education classes and fun activities.

Our students will have educational and fun experiences in a summer to remember!

FUN & ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Critical Thinking Activities
- ✓ Sports
- ✓ Movies
- ✓ Games



✓ **Early morning drop off!**



For Details:

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WWW.SMCAONTHEBAY.ORG

TO REGISTER



SCAN ME

SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

SUMMER ACADEMIC AND EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM 2025

June 30th – August 15th 2025

REGISTER HERE: <https://tinyurl.com/568aye5b>



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Academic Program: St. Mark Catholic Academy is currently planning for the *School's Summer Academic Program* and the *Summer Extended Day Program*. The Academic Program provides our students with the essential or enriched coursework for greater success next school year. *If you have questions about the summer academic program and/or its importance for your child, please contact Mr. Mark Wilson (Principal)*

Extended Day Program: Once again, this summer, we are offering an "extended day" program after morning classes five days a week. Enrichment and recreational activities, as well as breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack/beverage, are included. *Mr. Michael Davis is coordinating this Extended Day program. To learn more about the program, please contact Mr. Michael Davis (347)-574-1828.*


REGISTRATION FEE:	EARLY MORNING DROP OFF:
-EARLY REGISTRATION FEE \$225 NON-REFUNDABLE ENDS MAY 16 th , 2025	<u>(7:30 AM - 8:30 AM) Includes Breakfast</u>
<small>*AFTER MAY 16th, 2025, REGISTRATION FEE IS \$275- NON-REFUNDABLE</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Child=\$200 2 Children=\$350 3 Children=\$500

TUITION & PAYMENT SCHEDULE

SUMMER ACADEMIC PROGRAM [mornings] Mon – Fri 8:30am – 12:00pm		SUMMER ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND EXTENDED DAY Mon – Fri 8:30 am – 6:00 pm		EXTENDED DAY ONLY Mon – Fri 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm	
TUITION (1 CHILD)	\$1,200	TUITION (1 CHILD)	\$2,850	TUITION (1 CHILD)	\$2,400
Payment Due dates: June 6 th & July 7 th 2025		Payment Due dates: June 6 th & July 7 th 2025		Payment Due dates: June 6 th & July 7 th 2025	
TUITION (2 CHILDREN)	\$2,080	TUITION (2 CHILDREN)	\$5,050	TUITION (2 CHILDREN)	\$4,240
Installment Payment Due dates: June 6 th & July 7 th 2025		Installment Payment Due dates: June 6 th & July 7 th 2025		Installment Payment Due dates: June 6 th & July 7 th 2025	
TUITION (3 CHILDREN)	\$2,905	TUITION (3 CHILDREN)	\$7,113	TUITION (3 CHILDREN)	\$5,965
Installment Payment Due dates: June 6 th & July 7 th 2025		Installment Payment Due dates: June 6 th & July 7 th 2025		Installment Payment Due dates: June 6 th & July 7 th 2025	

SUMMER ACADEMIC AND EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM: MON – FRI 8:30 AM – 6:00 PM

- **INDIVIDUAL WEEKS:** \$500 per week must be prepaid at the beginning of each week. (8:30 AM - 6:00 PM)
- **DAY RATE:** \$125 Per/Day-Full Day Session only (8:30 AM - 6:00 PM)

CONTACT:	Mrs. Lori Ryan	(718)-332-9304	SUMMER PROGRAM	TO REGISTER	 <div>SCAN ME</div>
CONTACT:	Mr. Michael Davis	(347)-574-1828	EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM		
CONTACT:	Mr. Mark Wilson	(718)-332-9304	ACADEMIC PROGRAM		

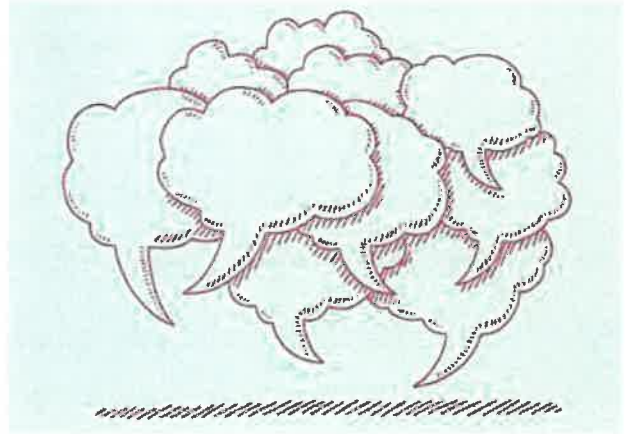
Free English Classes at Sheepshead Bay Library

Practice English in a conversation group

Tuesdays, 4:00pm - 6:00pm

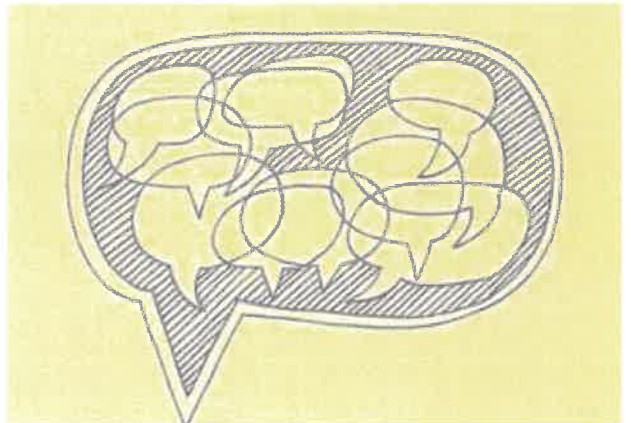
Thursdays, 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Fridays, 10:30am - 12:00pm



Free ESOL Classes

**Mondays and Wednesdays,
10:30AM - 12:30PM**



Free ESOL Classes (from We Speak NYC)

Thursdays 5:30PM - 7:30PM

Starting 4/10

Saturdays, 10:30AM - 12:30PM

Starting 4/12

