



March 22, 2023

Dear Families:

This Friday school is closed—at least for our students it is. While your children get a head start on the weekend, our teachers will be in school for a professional development day. “PD Days” are on many school calendars, but their purpose and function are not always explained to students and families.

A professional day is not a day off for teachers. Sure, they don’t have to meet with their classes, so the day might be less demanding. Yes, we do provide them with breakfast and lunch; they even get to dress down, but that’s not what the day is all about! In actuality, a PD day is an opportunity for the teachers to become the students. It affords the faculty and staff with the opportunity to “brush up” on their pedagogical knowhow and hone their craft.

The best way to explain it would be comparing it to other professions: Would you want to see a doctor who hasn’t reviewed the latest research in medical science? In the same respect, would you want to be represented by a lawyer who hasn’t stayed current with the latest changes and updates to the law? Teachers are no different. Whether they’ve been teaching for thirty years or three, it’s important to “stay sharp,” and professional days are opportunities to do just that.

Even me, as the principal...I participate in professional days, too. In fact, the head of a school used to be referred to as the “principal teacher.” Part of my job is not only to ensure the continuing education of our students, but also our faculty, too. To put it simply, teachers (and school administrators) are life-long learners.

So, even though it’s a day off for our students. It’s certainly a day of work for our teachers. They have a full day of school ahead of them! Whether I assign them homework is another story!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson  
Principal

# **REMINDER:**

School is CLOSED on  
Friday, March 24 for

ALL STUDENTS.

**ENJOY THE WEEKEND!**



# ST. MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY Summer 2023 June 28th - August 11th 2023

# Academic

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 12 PM



# Extended Day Program

Monday - Friday 12 PM - 6 PM

## 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 Games
- ✓ Sports - Basketball, Soccer
- ✓ Table Tennis, Volleyball,
- ✓ Dodge-ball
- ✓ Movies
- ✓ Games



# BOYS AND GIRLS

## 3-K TO 8th GRADE

✓ Early morning drop off!



For Details:

718-332-9304

# Fish Fry

Friday, March 31st

At: 6:30pm

Dinner will be in the Saint Mark Catholic Academy Cafeteria



Food Prices: \*All Fish Dinners will receive French Fries and a Beverage

Adults - \$20.00

Kids - \$10.00 (Ages 16 & under)

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If you have any further questions, please contact Michael Davis at 347-574-1828

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