



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

A Guiding Light in Sheepshead Bay

May 10, 2023

Dear Families:

May is filled with many celebrations. We honor Mary, our Blessed Mother throughout the entire month. This week is Teacher Appreciation Week, and of course, this coming Sunday is Mother's Day!

To me, there are no coincidences. (Those of you who watch *NCIS* know Gibbs's Rule #39: There is no such thing as a coincidence.) These different celebrations are all related—they're all about love, more specifically, motherly love. Mary is Jesus' mother, but she loves each of us like a mother would. On Sunday, we celebrate the love of our own mothers, and the relationships our teachers develop with their students is like that of a mother and child.

When my wife started teaching, before we had our daughter, one of her parents wished her a happy Mother's Day during dismissal. She replied, "Thank you, but I don't have any children." The parent answered, "Yes you do. All of the students are your children."

That message has stuck with me over the years. From the moment our students walk in the door in September, they develop an instant bond with their teacher, and that relationship is cultivated and nourished until they walk out the door in June.

As I was writing this letter, I did a quick Google search to figure out the proper way to punctuate Mother's Day. (I'm still an English teacher at heart!) I wasn't sure if it was supposed to be Mothers' Day or Mother's Day. The apostrophe before the "s" indicates that it's a holiday for one mother. The apostrophe after the "s" indicates that the holiday celebrates all mothers. What I found out was very interesting...

The founder and creator of Mother's Day was a woman named Anna Jarvis, who ironically, did not have any children of her own. Not only did she establish the holiday, but she was very particular about how it was to be punctuated. According to historian Katharine Antolini, in "Memorializing Motherhood: Anna Jarvis and the Defense of Her Mother's Day," Jarvis wanted the singular possessive to emphasize that the day was to honor one's own mother, not mothers in general.

So, Mother's Day is not really about all moms; it's about your mom! ...and just a few more tidbits about Anna Jarvis. She chose Sunday for Mother's Day because it is a holy day; Mrs. Jarvis was a devout Christian. I should also mention that Ms. Jarvis's first occupation was—you guessed it—a teacher. Remember, there is no such thing as a coincidence. Happy Mother's Day!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson
Principal

Mrs. Karen Wilson
Mr. Wilson's Mom

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Dear Families:

Since September, it has been wonderful to see so many of our parents and families joining us at different school activities. It was even great to see families back in school for progress report conferences! When our families are back in the building Saint Mark Catholic Academy truly is a home!

That is why I am pleased to announce that we will reestablish our Home Academy Association!

The remainder of the 2022-2023 school year will be used to plan and establish the new HAA, and the group will begin their work in earnest as we prepare for the 2023-2024 school year over the summer!

In case you are new to Saint Mark or just need a “refresher,” here is some preliminary information about what a Home Academy Association is...

- The purpose of the Home Academy Association is to support and enrich the academic, spiritual, and community programs of Saint Mark Catholic Academy.
- The goals of the HAA are to:
 - Support spiritual events and create opportunities to develop a strong and meaningful Christian community for students, families, faculty, and administration.
 - Provide a vehicle of communication between parents and the school.
 - Plan and coordinate fundraising activities that support school program
 - Offer interesting and informative programs that are relevant to students and the school community
- There are four officers of the HAA: president; vice president; secretary; treasurer
- The Home Academy Association consists of five committees:
 1. Fundraising Committee
 2. Spiritual Life Committee
 3. Academic Enrichment Committee
 4. Volunteer Committee
 5. Hospitality Committee

This is just a small “glimpse” into what makes up the Home Academy Association. **We will have a meeting with those interested in being a part of the HAA on Wednesday, May 24 at 6:30pm in the cafeteria!** At that time, we will discuss in greater detail the function and responsibilities of Saint Mark Catholic Academy’s Home Academy Association.

We look forward to getting the ball rolling on the re-establishing our HAA!

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EARLY DISMISSAL

on Friday, May 12th

- Please continue to use your usual entrance/exit.
- The after-school program will continue to be available for all students.
- This is also an early dismissal for 3K and Pre-K students, too.
- **NO MORNING OR AFTERNOON BUS SERVICE.**

DISMISSAL TIMES FOR FRIDAY, MAY 12th

- 3K and Pre-K will dismiss at 11:30am.
- Kindergarten A and Kindergarten B will dismiss at 11:50am.
- Grades 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, and 4 will dismiss at 12pm.
- Grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 will also dismiss at 12pm.

PIZZA & DRESS DOWN DAY!

Friday, May 19

\$5

for one slice of pizza and dress down



Dress Down Day



- All money must be paid in advance by Wednesday, May 17. Please do not drop off money in the office. **Late payments WILL NOT be accepted.**
- No pizza may be purchased on Friday, May 19.
- The Free Lunch Program **WILL NOT** be available Friday, May 19, so students not participating **MUST** bring lunch from home.
- Students participating should bring in a drink from home. (No soda or glass bottles.) **No drinks will be available.**
- There is no fee for 3K and PreK students, but donations are accepted. Thank you!

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, midriiffs, 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 jeans

Parents will be called to bring a change of clothes for students who do not adhere to these regulations.

PIZZA DAY ORDER FORM

Friday, May 19

Child's Name _____ Grade _____

If you would like to order any additional slices of pizza, one additional slice is \$3.

One slice of pizza and dress down: \$5

Additional slices: ___ @ \$3 each: + \$___

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$___



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
Scan CODE



TO REGISTER

✓ Early morning drop off!



For Details:

718-332-9304

SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

SUMMER ACADEMIC AND EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM 2023

June 28th – August 11th 2023

REGISTER HERE: <https://forms.gle/yLa5h1rDhBufJtrQA>



Academic Program: St. Mark Catholic Academy is currently planning for the *School 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) or Mrs. Lisa Rizzo (Assistant Principal) (718)-332-9304.*

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:
<p>\$200 EARLY REGISTRATION FEE ENDS MAY 22nd, 2023</p> <p>-AFTER MAY 22nd 2023 REGISTRATION FEE IS \$250-NON-REFUNDABLE</p>	<p>(7:30 AM - 8:30 AM) Includes Breakfast</p> <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 COST 1 CHILD	\$1,000	TUITION COST 1 CHILD	\$2,650	TUITION COST 1 CHILD	\$2,200
Payment Due dates: June 7 th & July 7 th 2023		Payment Due dates: June 7 th & July 7 th 2023		Payment Due dates: June 7 th & July 7 th 2023	
Tuition Cost 2 CHILDREN	\$1,800	TUITION COST 2 CHILDREN	\$4,770	TUITION COST 2 CHILDREN	\$3,960
Installment Payment Due dates: June 7 th & July 7 th 2023		Installment Payment Due dates: June 7 th & July 7 th 2023		Installment Payment Due dates: June 7 th & July 7 th 2023	
Tuition Cost 3 CHILDREN	\$2,550	TUITION COST 3 CHILDREN	\$6,760	TUITION COST 3 CHILDREN	\$5,610
Installment Payment Due dates: June 7 th & July 7 th 2023		Installment Payment Due dates: June 7 th & July 7 th 2023		Installment Payment Due dates: June 7 th & July 7 th 2023	

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	SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER
CONTACT:	Mr. Michael Davis	(347)-574-1828	EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM	
CONTACT:	Mr. Mark Wilson	(718)-332-9304	ACADEMIC PROGRAM	

SCHOOL (SUMMER PROGRAM) CLOSED JULY 3RD AND 4TH 2023



SAINT MARK

ANNUAL

WALK-A-THON

JUNE 2, 2023



PRIZES: PLAYSTATION 5

APPLE IPAD

NINTENDO SWITCH



**PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO
EQUIP ALL CLASSROOMS WITH
AIR-CONDITIONING/HEATING UNITS.**



SCAN THE Q.R. CODE TO MAKE A DONATION!

Tomorrow

Mother's Day Sale

Thursday, May 11th

The Sale Will Be in The Gymnasium

Gifts will cost from \$5.00 and up



Parents are welcome to shop with their children
at dismissal from 2:30pm to 3:30pm

ADS FOR YEARBOOK 2023

Our school yearbook is a work in progress. Please consider placing an ad to congratulate your child on their accomplishments: graduation, sacraments, stepping up or just a great school year!

To submit your yearbook ad, please write out your message carefully and add images as you wish. Please email the text and images to Mrs. Kane.

Photos must fit the size selection you have chosen.

$\frac{1}{4}$ page \$50

$\frac{1}{2}$ page \$70

Full page \$100

Deadline for Payment and Ad: May 10, 2023

You will receive a complimentary copy of the yearbook with your advertisement purchase.

Please email Mrs. Kane, jkane@smsonthebay.com, with any questions.

Name _____ Student Name & Grade _____

I would like to place an ad in the 2022-2023 Saint Mark Catholic Academy Yearbook.

I have enclosed \$50 _____

\$70 _____

\$100 _____

I will email the ad to Mrs. Kane using this email address:

Middle School Only
Trimester 3 Exam Schedule

8th Grade

Tuesday, May 23rd Science Performance Test

Wednesday, May 31 Religion and ELA(project)

Thursday, June 1st Math

Friday, June 2nd(Walk-a-thon)

Monday, June 5th NYS Science Test Written

Tuesday, June 6th Social Studies

Grades 5-7

CLASS	Thurs, June 8th	Fri June, 9th	Mon, June 12th	Tues, June 13th	Wed, June 14th
5th Grade	Science	Religion	ELA	Math	Social Studies

CLASS	Thurs, June 8th	Fri June, 9th	Mon, June 12th	Tues, June 13th	Wed, June 14th
6th Grade	Science	Religion	Social Studies	ELA	Math

CLASS	Thurs, June 8th	Fri June, 9th	Mon, June 12th	Tues, June 13th	Wed, June 14th
7th Grade	Science	Religion	Math	Social Studies	ELA