



# SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

A Guiding Light in Sheepshead Bay

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October 23, 2024

Dear Families:

Did you know that today is iPod Day? Apple introduced the iPod—a portable music device—on October 23, 2001. It changed the way we listened to and purchased music. The first iPod was sold on November 10, 2001 for \$399. iPod Day pays recognition to this groundbreaking technology and the many people it impacted.

The iPod would introduce us to other media, leading the way for the iPad and the iPhone. What's funny is, most of our students probably don't know what an iPod is. What was once considered modern technology 23 years ago is now discontinued. Apple doesn't even make iPods anymore.

Technology is ever-changing, and it has forever changed education. When I was in school, we were thrilled when the teacher rolled in the TV and VCR cart because we were going to watch a movie. Now, Smart Boards are a given in every classroom. Not too long ago, computer rooms were a luxury. Today, students walk around with Chromebooks in their hands without giving it a second thought.

What I always enjoyed about teaching in a Catholic school is that there are no limitations. Our Superintendent Deacon Kevin McCormack likes to refer to this as the Catholic Imagination, "the ability to see, hear, and believe what other can't, won't, or don't."

We are free to test out the latest educational technology. We have the opportunity to try new lessons and methodologies. At the same time, we are still rooted in our traditions; we don't need to fix what isn't broken. It truly is the best of both worlds. As a teacher, and now principal, that's music to my ears!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson  
Principal

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SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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# Halloween Party 2024

JOIN US FOR SOME GHOULISH GAMES, FREAKY FUN, AND FRIGHTENING FOOD!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2024

6:30PM TO 9:30PM

ST. MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY GYM



Plenty of food, fun, and some frights, too!  
Children should wear costumes!



\$22 FOR STUDENTS

\$17 FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

\$30 AT THE DOOR FOR ALL TICKETS

INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TOO!

To purchase tickets, please visit:

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/GpDISNL5>

PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN ANY CASH TO THE SCHOOL!



# Halloween Party Food List

## Meats/Chicken/Fish

Fried Chicken \_\_\_\_\_  
Chicken Cutlets \_\_\_\_\_  
Chicken with rice \_\_\_\_\_  
Baked Chicken \_\_\_\_\_  
Chicken nuggets \_\_\_\_\_  
Steak \_\_\_\_\_  
Other choice \_\_\_\_\_

## Deserts

Cookies \_\_\_\_\_  
Cupcakes \_\_\_\_\_  
Fruit platter \_\_\_\_\_  
Donuts or munchkins \_\_\_\_\_  
Cakes or pies \_\_\_\_\_  
Other choice \_\_\_\_\_

## Starch Dishes

mac & cheese \_\_\_\_\_  
Rice: white/brown/black \_\_\_\_\_  
Pasta \_\_\_\_\_  
Potato salad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mashed Potato \_\_\_\_\_  
Sweet potato \_\_\_\_\_  
Mozzarella sticks \_\_\_\_\_  
French fries \_\_\_\_\_  
Sweet potato fries \_\_\_\_\_  
Patties Jamaican or Haitian \_\_\_\_\_  
Other choice \_\_\_\_\_

## Beverages

Waters \_\_\_\_\_  
Capri suns \_\_\_\_\_  
NO 64oz JUICE or SODA\*\*\*

## Vegetables

Carrots \_\_\_\_\_  
Peas \_\_\_\_\_  
Corn \_\_\_\_\_  
Broccoli \_\_\_\_\_  
Asparagus \_\_\_\_\_  
string beans \_\_\_\_\_  
Brussels sprouts \_\_\_\_\_  
Salad green or cesar \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Please list: HALF TRAY \_\_\_\_\_ or FULL TRAY \_\_\_\_\_

ALL FROZEN FOOD MUST BE DROPPED OFF ON OCTOBER 24<sup>th</sup>, THE DAY PRIOR TO THE PARTY.

PARENT NAME/ CHILD NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT # \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact Michael Davis for any question regarding other dishes or drop off times @ 347-574-1828

PLEASE BE AWARE NOT TO USE PEANUT OIL OR ANY NUT INGREDIENTS\*\*\*\*\*

Join us for a food filling fundraising event!



In Support of



**SAINT MARK  
CATHOLIC ACADEMY**

100 Years of Catholic Education  
in Sheepshead Bay



**Event Date: Tuesday, October 29, 2024**

**Time: 3pm -10pm**

**Location: 2951 Avenue U, Brooklyn, NY 11229**

**718-719-2630**

**20% of sales donated to ST. Mark Catholic Academy**

**Not to be combined with IHOPPY HOUR, Kids Eat Free, Pan Coins, Discounts, Coupons, special offers or on-line orders.**

**DINE IN & TO GO ORDERS ONLY.**

SHOW THIS  
DIGITAL FLYER AT  
CHECK OUT FOR  
YOUR ORDER TO  
QUALIFY  
DO NOT PRINT FLYER.



# A SAFE HALLOWEEN AT SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

October 9, 2024



Dear Families:

On **Thursday, October 31st**, students in **3K through grade two** will be allowed to wear costumes. Students in **grades three through eight** will have a black and orange dress down day.

For those students **wearing costumes**, please remember...

- No costume masks of any kind.
- Sneakers must be worn with all costumes.
- No costumes that restrict movement or vision or prevent sitting at desks.
- Costumes may not promote violence or have accessories or props that could be used as a weapon.
- No pretend "prop" weapons such as water pistols, knives, or swords.
- Costumes should not include items with sound effects, lights, or other components which would disrupt the classroom learning environment.

For those students **dressing down**, please remember...

- 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**

On **Thursday, October 31st**, classes will have the opportunity to have some Halloween fun. How each class celebrates is at the discretion of each teacher. Some teachers may elect to watch a Halloween movie, go on a virtual field trip, and/or do some Halloween arts and crafts.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation as we work together to provide a fun—and safe—Halloween for our students.



IT'S TIME FOR TRUNK-OR-TREAT AGAIN!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2023

### What is TRUNK-OR-TREAT?

Families drive into our schoolyard, decorate their cars for Halloween (sometimes creating elaborate scenes out of their trunks). Then kids walk from vehicle to vehicle, collecting candy the way they would during a normal trick-or-treating outing. It is a fun and safe way for our children to trick-or-treat in our schoolyard!

### WE NEED CANDY!

We would appreciate **CANDY DONATIONS** for TRUNK-OR-TREAT this year. If you are able, please send in sealed, unopened bags of fun-sized candy. We ask you to please be conscious of students with allergies, so **no candy with NUTS or PEANUT BUTTER of any kind! Also, please be mindful of candy that can be a potential choking hazard, so no "Jawbreakers" or any type of hard candies.**

Often, small bags of pretzels or cheese doodles are good!  
Donations can be sent in until Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

### CAN YOU BRING YOUR CAR?

Yes! But spots are limited, and you must email me ([mwilson@smsonthebay.com](mailto:mwilson@smsonthebay.com)) by October 25<sup>th</sup>. We can only fit a certain number of cars in the schoolyard, so parents are invited on a first-come, first-served basis. Once we get your email, we'll provide you with the specifics!

**WE WILL PROVIDE THE CANDY THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY DONATED.**

All you need is your car and creativity!

