November 22, 2023

Dear Families:

Happy Thanksgiving! We just ended one of my favorite days of the year, our school-wide Thanksgiving Feast, an event made possible by the generosity and hard work of so many people. Thank you especially to our families who cooked and prepared meals. We also appreciate those parents and family members who served our students and helped clean up the gym and cafeteria! Thanksgiving can be a hectic time of year, so we thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to make this special day possible for our students!

Before I started teaching at Saint Mark, I worked in the Office of Institutional Advancement at St. Joseph's College. One of my job responsibilities was writing thank you letters. When donors contributed a certain amount, they received a personal letter from the College's president. In actuality, that letter was written by me, and the president would sign them. It was one of my favorite things to do. I enjoyed thanking people and acknowledging their generosity—and I'm happy to have the opportunity to do that again today!

While I used to write thank you letters to people who made monetary donations, no dollar amount can be placed on the gifts you all share with us! Thank you to our teachers and staff who share their gifts of dedication, compassion, and hard work...Thank you our parents and families who share their gifts of loyalty, commitment, and support...Most especially, thank you to our students. Thank you for the special gifts you bring to Saint Mark Catholic Academy...the smiles and laughter that echo in our halls, the curiosity and joy of learning you add to each lesson. Thank you all for being who you are and for making Saint Mark Catholic Academy all that it is!

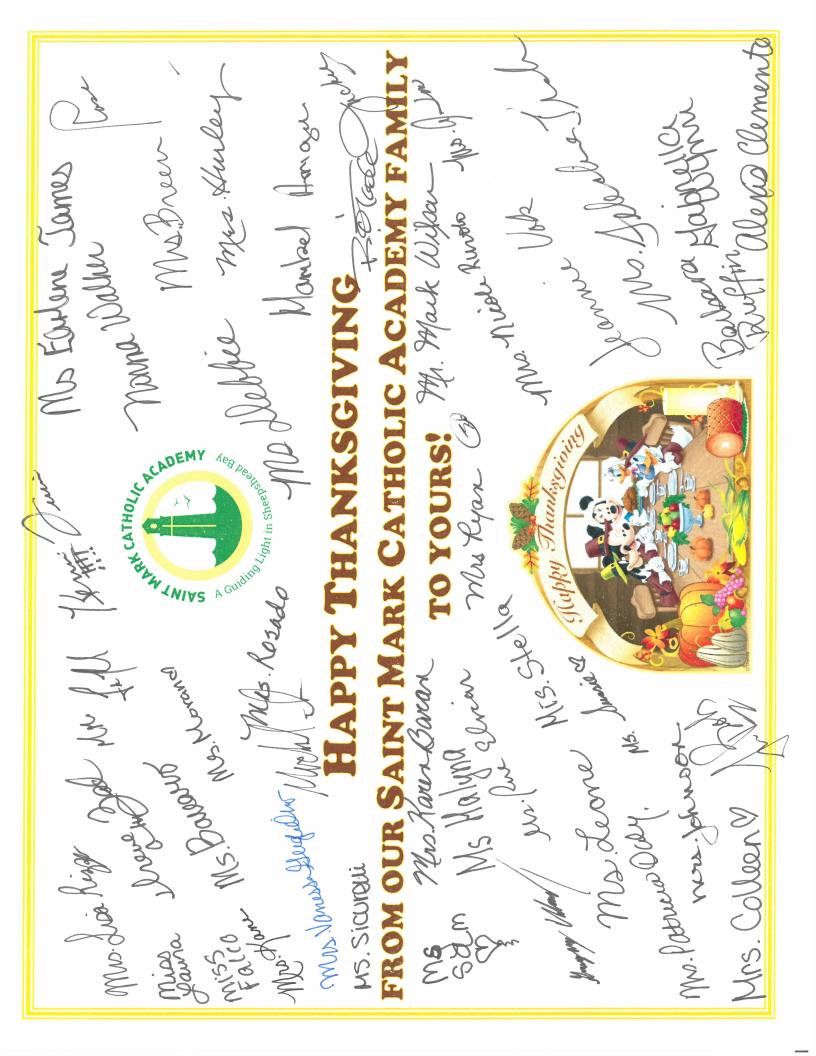
When Sister Elizabeth used to sign the letters I wrote for her, she would usually personalize them further by hand-writing a little note in the margin. Often, she would jot down this quote from Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, which I would like to now share with all of you, "I can no other answer make but thanks, and thanks, and ever thanks."

Sincerely,

Mark Wilson

Mr. Mark Wilson

Principal





MARK-ST. MARGARET MARY DECORATING PARTY! PARISH CHRISTMAS



9:30am to 1:30pm

Gathering in the school cafeteria at 9:30am!

ALL ARE WELCOME! JOIN IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

Youth Ministry Presents

A Pasta Night

December 1st Dinner at 6:30pm

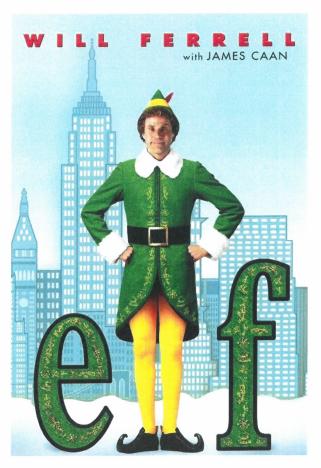
followed by a Movie at 7:30pm

Linguine with clam sauce will be served in the cafeteria

We will be showing the Movie ELF

Please Enter through the School Yard

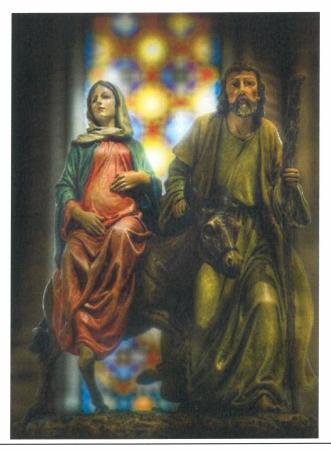




Contact Michael Davis @ 347-574-1828 if you have any further questions

Journey to the Inn

December 10th at 4pm at Saint Mark Church Followed by our Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony



Looking for young actors from 1ST thru 8TH Grade to participate in the Performance

*If you are interested, please be advised that there are mandatory rehearsal dates

Rehearsal Dates

(All Rehearsals will be in the Church)

November 26th from 1PM to 3PM

December 1st from 3:30PM to 5PM

December 8th from 3:30PM to 5:30PM

*Please call Michael Davis @ 347-574-1828 if you are interested in having you child in the show. Thanks

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Grades 5-8 ONLY

FIRST TRIMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE

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5th	Social Studies(AM)	ELA	Math	Science
	Religion(PM)			

Grade	Monday 11/27	Tuesday 11/28	Wednesday 11/29	Thursday 11/30
6th	Math (AM)	Science	Social Studies	ELA
	Religion(PM)			

Grade	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	11/27	11/28	11/29	11/30
7th	ELA(AM) Religion(PM)	Math	Science	Social Studies

Grade	Monday 11/27	Tuesday 11/28	Wednesday 11/29	Thursday 11/30
8th	Science(AM)	Social Studies	ELA	Math
	Religion(PM)			