



October 18, 2023

Dear Families:

This past Friday, I had my four wisdom teeth removed. Thanks to some Novocain, the procedure was relatively painless. I'm doing well, but I sure do miss solid food! Hopefully, my regular diet can resume soon!

Having my wisdom teeth removed was something I had been putting off for a long, long time. After all, no one likes going to the dentist, especially when you know it's for the extraction of teeth! In fact, I didn't set a date for the procedure until I found out one of my wisdom teeth was broken! Long story short, I waited too long! To make matters worse, I found out that the younger you are the less time it takes to recover from wisdom tooth surgery.

Of course, I regret putting it off. What could've been a simple procedure with a shorter recovery time, became a little more complicated and a little more painful because I procrastinated. How ironic! They're called wisdom teeth, but I wasn't very smart about taking care of them.

Today, our students will receive their progress reports. It's an opportunity for teachers, students, and families to address any concerns before report cards are issued in December.

So, this message is for my students...Don't follow my example! Now is not a time for procrastination! I didn't go to the dentist because I was scared and nervous. I knew what needed to be done but chose not to until the problem got worse. Don't make the same mistake I did. Follow your teachers' advice and suggestions now *before* report card time. Don't wait for the problem to get bigger and more difficult to solve. It's only more painful in the long run!

Tonight, if you notice a few "cavities" on your progress reports, start making changes now. Maybe you're doing well, and all you need is a little "polishing." Whatever your situation is, don't wait. Have a little more "wisdom" than I did and act now while it's still pain free. Oh...one more thing...when you're eating your dinner tonight, think about Mr. Wilson, who will be enjoying some mashed potatoes, apple sauce, and pudding! Sigh!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson

Principal

EARLY DISMISSAL
















on Friday, October 20th

- Please continue to use your usual entrance/exit.
- The after-school program will continue to be available for all students.
- **NO MORNING OR AFTERNOON BUS SERVICE.**

DISMISSAL TIMES FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

- 3K-A and 3K-B will dismiss at 12:30pm.
- Pre-K A, Pre-K B, and Pre-K C will dismiss at 12:30pm.
- 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.

Saint Mark Catholic Academy November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			All Saints Day Mass 10am 		Parish Pasta Night 	TACHS+ Test for Admission into Catholic High School GOOD LUCK, CLASS OF 2024!
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		NO SCHOOL For 3K and PreK ONLY Regular Day of School K-8 Pizza and Dress Down Day (\$5) ELECTION DAY		Dress Down to Support Hearts of Joy International 	SCHOOL CLOSED: Veterans Day (OBSERVED) 	Veterans Day 
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		3K Family Engagement Activity 9am to 10am 	Pre-K and Kindergarten Family Engagement Activity 9am to 10 am 		Mickey's Mouse's 95 th Birthday!  FREE DISNEY DRESS DOWN!	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		EARLY DISMISSAL DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS Thanksgiving Mass at 8:30am School Thanksgiving Dinner in gym at 9:30am NO BUS SERVICE		SCHOOL CLOSED: Thanksgiving Day 	SCHOOL CLOSED: Thanksgiving Recess 	
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
	Trimester Exams Grades 5-8 	Trimester Exams Grades 5-8 	Trimester Exams Grades 5-8 	Trimester Exams Grades 5-8 End of the First Trimester		



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

**TRICK OR TREAT
FOR UNICEF**

TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF! GIVE THE KIDS
CLEAN WATER AND GOOD HEALTH,
FOR \$1 YOU CAN BUY 2 RAFFLE TICKETS
TO WIN A CANDY BASKET!
PLEASE PLACE ALL MONEY IN AN
ENVELOPE WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND GRADE.



Tickets will be
sold at Lunch on
10/26 - 10/27



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

presents

Halloween Party 2023

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2023

6:30PM TO 9:30PM

ST. MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY GYM



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



\$20 FOR STUDENTS

\$15 FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

\$25 AT THE DOOR FOR ALL TICKETS

INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TOO!

To purchase tickets, please visit:

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

PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN ANY CASH TO THE SCHOOL!



A SAFE HALLOWEEN AT SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

October 11, 2023



Dear Families:

On Tuesday, 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, midriffs, 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 Tuesday, 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!

TUESDAY, 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 26th.

CAN YOU BRING YOUR CAR?

Yes! But spots are limited, and you must email me (mwilson@smsonthebay.com) by October 25th. 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!



Youth Ministry Night

Friday, October 20th at 6:30pm

Meeting Location is the
Saint Mark Catholic Academy Cafeteria

Please say heartily this short prayer and ask
your friends to do the same.

Thank you.



PRAYER FOR ALL WAR TO END

JESUS OUR SAVIOR AND PROTECTOR,
IN YOUR INFINITE MERCY,
HEAR OUR PLEA FOR WORLD PEACE.
WE IMPLORE YOU TO SOFTEN THE
HEARTS OF THOSE WHO WAGE WAR.
GUIDING THEM TOWARD
UNITY AND LOVE. GRANT US
THE WISDOM AND STRENGTH
TO BE INSTRUMENTS OF YOUR PEACE
IN OUR BROKEN WORLD.
AMEN.

Grades 4-8

The Evening Agenda

- First, at 6:30pm we will gather in the Saint Mark Catholic Academy Cafeteria for refreshments.
- Second, at 7:30pm we will gather in Saint Mark Church to pray the Rosary. Family Members are invited to attend this prayer service.