



# SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

## A Guiding Light in Sheepshead Bay

February 8, 2023

Dear Families:

We are grateful to you and your children for the wonderful participation we had for our Catholic Schools Week celebrations and special events. As I mentioned last week, it's certainly a time for fun, but it is also a time to reflect upon and recognize our mission as a Catholic School.

This year, the theme of Catholic Schools Week was "Igniting the Catholic Imagination!" Many people asked me what is the Catholic Imagination? What better person to answer that than the Superintendent of Schools Deacon Kevin McCormack? Deacon McCormack defines the Catholic Imagination as "the ability to see, hear, and believe what others can't, won't, or don't. We're here to change the world!"

That's what we at Saint Mark Catholic Academy are doing every day! Although it may sound clichéd or trite, we are changing the world...one student at a time!

Outside the main office, our Catholic Schools Week bulletin board depicts two Disney characters. One is Lumière, the candelabra from the movie *Beauty and the Beast*; after all, we're "igniting" the Catholic imagination. The other is Figment, a character from *Journey into Imagination* a ride at Disney World. Get it? Figment...as in a "figment" of your imagination!

One of the most memorable parts of the ride is the song that Figment sings throughout different scenes called "One Little Spark," written by the Sherman brothers. Once you hear it, it's very difficult to forget! We put Figment up on our bulletin board because the song is so appropriate for this year's Catholic Schools Week theme. Just take a look at the lyrics:



*Imagination, imagination.  
A dream, can be, a dream come true.  
With just that spark, from me and you.*

*One little spark, of inspiration  
Is at the heart, of all creation.  
Right at the start, of everything that's new.  
One little spark, lights up for you.*

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When teachers see students grasp a new concept, we call it the "lightbulb moment." Maybe that's the "light" the song talks about! Indeed, an education combined with the Catholic faith can turn dreams into realities. As Deacon McCormack said, "We're here to change the world," and all it takes is one little spark!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson  
Principal

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# PIZZA & DRESS DOWN DAY!

Friday, February 10

\$5

for one slice of pizza and dress down



Dress Down Day



- All money must be paid by **Friday, February 10.**  
Please do not drop off money in the office.
- The Free Lunch Program **WILL NOT** be available **Friday, February 10**, so students not participating **MUST** bring lunch from home.
- Students participating should bring in a drink from home. (No soda.)  
**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, 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.

## PIZZA DAY ORDER FORM

Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

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: \$ \_\_\_\_



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## "SOUP"ER BOWL MONDAY

### Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

Bring in a canned food item and dress down in sports gear!



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**FOR  
GRADES 4  
THROUGH 8**

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Dear Family,

**For 3K, PreK, K and Grades 1-3 ONLY!**

Saint Mark is celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School on

**Monday, February 13, 2023**

To show our school spirit and commemorate this special day, our class is going to dress up like we are 100 years old. If your child would like to participate, it's easy! I don't encourage you to purchase a costume, but instead find items at home. Here are a few ideas that may help your child dress the part. ☺ For safety reasons, please wear school appropriate shoes. Thanks for helping us celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Day!

**Dress Like You're 100 Years Old!**

- Gray Hair
- Hair Curlers
- Glasses
- Shawl
- Robe
- Bow Tie
- Gray Beard/Mustache
- Cane
- Knee Highs

Or...

**Use your imagination!**





# DRESS RED DAY

TO SUPPORT THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

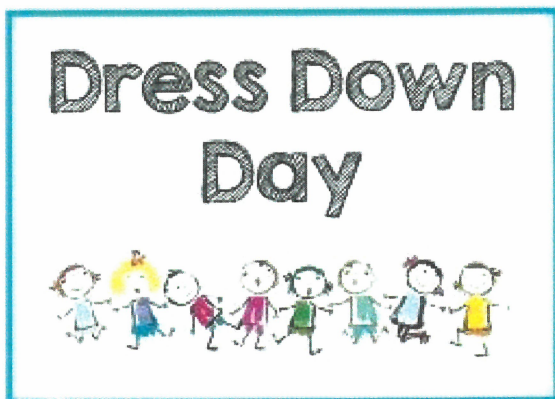
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

FOR 3K, PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN & GRADES 1-4

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

FOR GRADES 5, 6, 7, AND 8

**\$5 SUGGESTED DONATION**



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**TO:** SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY FAMILY  
**FROM:** MR. JULIAN CLELAND, BUSINESS MANAGER  
**RE:** BUSINESS OFFICE SERVICES & CONTACT PERSON

### FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION/ASSISTANCE REGARDING:

1. **TUITION PAYMENT AND BILLING: CONTACT MRS. LISA ROSADO:**  
[LROSADO@SMSONTHEBAY.COM](mailto:LROSADO@SMSONTHEBAY.COM), OR CALL 347-294-2948
2. **AFTERSCHOOL BILLING & PROCESSING: CONTACT MRS. LISA ROSADO:**  
[LROSADO@SMSONTHEBAY.COM](mailto:LROSADO@SMSONTHEBAY.COM), OR CALL 347-294-2948
3. **FINANCIAL AID PROCESSING: CONTACT MRS. LISA RIZZO:**  
[LRIZZO@SMSONTHEBAY.COM](mailto:LRIZZO@SMSONTHEBAY.COM) OR CALL 718-650-3290
4. **TUITION, AFTERSCHOOL & FINANCIAL AID PROCESSING**  
**TUITION & AFTER SCHOOL STATEMENT FOR TAX PURPOSES EMAIL MR. CLELAND:**  
[JCLELAND@SMSONTHEBAY.COM](mailto:JCLELAND@SMSONTHEBAY.COM)

If you are unable to connect with the above individuals regarding any of the above services, please email Mr. Julian Cleland (Business Manager) at [jcleland@smsonthebay.com](mailto:jcleland@smsonthebay.com), and he will respond to your concerns and questions accordingly.

Please email Mr. Cleland for an appointment to provide you with individual attention on any of the above services from the Business Office.

Sincerely,

Julian Cleland  
Business Manager  
SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY  
718-332-9304  
347-286-4459

Sincerely,

Mark Wilson  
Principal  
SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY  
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**February 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>**

- Location is the Saint Mark Academy Cafeteria
- Gift Costs are anywhere from \$2 to \$10
- Parents will be allowed to shop with their children for 45min after dismissal on Monday, February the 13th.

*\*Parents, please enter through the School Yard Entrance.*

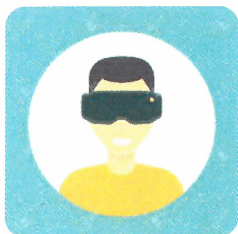




St. Mark & St. Margaret Mary Parish  
Presents



# Mardi Gras Party



**Date: February 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 6 pm to 9pm**

**Location: Saint Mark Catholic  
Academy Gymnasium & Cafeteria**

**Cost: \$15 for adults**

**\$10 for (Children 10-17)**

**\$5 for (Children 9 and under)**

**We will have a Potluck Dinner with Chicken  
Nuggets, pigs in a blanket, mozzarella  
sticks, wings,  
a DJ, Photo Booth, Virtual Reality Games  
and so much more!**

**Please cut below and return this Reservation/Ticket Order Form to the Rectory or to the School**

Mardi Gras Reservation/Ticket Order Tear off Form:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

#Adults \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_ #Children (Age 10-17) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_

#Children (Age 9 and under) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5 = \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**We accept both Cash and Checks in advance or at the door the night of the event.**

*(Checks are Payable to Saint Mark Church)*

To ensure a variety, please specify what you are bringing for the potluck dinner:

**Please Circle an Option and write your selected option(s) on the line below:**

**Option 1 – Rice/Pasta    Option 2 – Meat    Option 3 – Salad    Option 4 – Desert**

**Option 5 – Beverage (Water, Juice, or Soda)**

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-You can also **RSVP** with: **Michael Davis** at **347-574-1828** or call the **Rectory** at **718-891-3100**.



# SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

## IT'S TIME TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID!

*Tuition assistance is available for students in kindergarten through grade 8 who meet certain eligibility requirements.*

### TO APPLY...

- Families must be enrolled for the 2023-2024 school year, including all paperwork and re/registration fee.
- Contact **Assistant Principal Mrs. Lisa Rizzo**.
  - (718) 332-9304, extension #4
  - [lrizzo@smsonthebay.com](mailto:lrizzo@smsonthebay.com)
  - Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30am to 2:30pm
- Have 2022 W2 and 1040 Federal Tax Forms ready.
- There is a \$40 application fee.

### DEADLINES...

- Application process begins **Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**.
- **March 24, 2023** for families who received an award last year.
- **April 23, 2023** for families applying for the first time.

### FREE SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE...

- If you are interested in applying, please contact Mrs. Rizzo. Funding is limited, so we **highly recommend** that families work with Mrs. Rizzo during this process to ensure the best possibility of receiving an award.

