



January 3, 2024

Dear Families:

Happy New Year! I'm not sure what's more surprising...the fact that we are already entering a new calendar year or the realization that we're now just a few weeks away from the midpoint of the school year! As clichéd as it might sound, time does fly when you're having fun!

Turning the calendar to 2024 is an especially exciting time for Saint Mark Catholic Academy. In just about nine months or so we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the opening of our school! Last year, we acknowledged the setting of our cornerstone in 1923, and now we look forward to beginning our centennial celebration in the fall. Although our students study social studies and history in their classrooms, they are indeed living history by being part of our school community at this special time!

As is tradition, there is the expectation that we set a New Year's resolution. Many people choose exercising or eating better. Others may choose going to bed earlier or reading more. Those are all great, but how often do we keep these resolutions? Might I suggest one resolution to our students, one that I hope they can maintain throughout the year: *honor the past, celebrate the future!* The best way they can do that is by continuing to do what they have been doing all along this school year...try their best, strive for excellence, and treat each other with kindness and respect. When they do that, they honor the rich history of our school and also celebrate all that we have accomplished and hope to achieve!

Again, Happy New Year...and in just a few months, happy birthday to Saint Mark Catholic Academy!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson  
Principal

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# Winter Wonderland Semi-Formal Dance

ONLY GRADES 4-8 OF ST.MARK

AND

MUST BE IN FORMAL ATTIRE:

- No Jeans
- No Sneakers
- No T-shirts

Pizza, Drinks, and Desserts will be provided

**ON JANUARY 26, 2024**

Doors will be open from  
6:00 til 9:30

\$20 entry  
Money in by January 22.  
Money will also be  
collected at the door





**YOUTH MINISTRY**  
*Pasta Night*  
**FOLLOWED BY A MOVIE**

**JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30PM**

**In Saint Mark Catholic Academy Cafeteria**

**Baked Ziti will be served for Dinner.  
The Polar Express Movie will be shown on the Big Screen.**

**Pasta Night Costs:**

**Adults: \$20**

**Children (16 and under): \$10**

**If you have any further Questions, Please Contact Michael Davis at 347-574-1828**

