



November 6, 2024

Dear Families:

Yesterday was Election Day. Today, the flyer went home with information regarding our annual school-wide Thanksgiving dinner, and in just a few weeks, we will get a chance to celebrate Thanksgiving with our families and friends.

What do these events have in common?

In many ways, these important occasions are possible because of Veterans Day, which is what we celebrate this coming Monday. Thanks to the sacrifices of our current and former military, our country is able to have an election. We are able to celebrate holidays like Thanksgiving.

Although Thanksgiving is a few weeks away, we can start our expressions of gratitude a bit early. Thank a veteran. Maybe you have a family members who served. Thank them. Maybe you have a friend who is a veteran. Thank them.

If you don't know a veteran personally, there are organizations like *Operation Gratitude* and *A Million Thanks*, which collect and distribute letters or veterans. Take a moment write a note to a veteran. I'm sure they'll appreciate it!

The holidays are a time to show our appreciation and thanks. Let's not wait for Christmas—or even Thanksgiving. Let's start the season of gratitude on November 11!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson
Principal

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SAINT MARK'S ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FEAST IS BACK AGAIN!

For many years, it has been tradition at Saint Mark Catholic Academy for the entire school community to gather for a Thanksgiving dinner the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

From 3K all the way through 8th grade, classes sit together in the gym Wednesday morning to share a meal. It truly exemplifies what Thanksgiving is all about!

**TAKE A LOOK AT THANKSGIVING DINNER
FROM 2016:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t6kk2k4pTCw>

As you can imagine, we need a lot of food since we're feeding over 350 students, plus faculty, staff, and family and friends.



That is why we rely on donations from our families to supply the food for our Thanksgiving celebration.

Please visit the link below to donate. Keep in mind that part of your "donation" includes cooking the food and bringing it to school. We appreciate your help and look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving together!



Please complete the survey by **Monday, November 18th**. Families who volunteer to contribute will be contacted separately.

THANK YOU!

DONATION LINK:

<https://forms.gle/KjfgQ78ccVAp2Gvr9>

