



# "The Bridge"

POSITIVE ATTITUDES

COURAGE

PATIENCE

WISDOM

PEACEFUL WAYS

## St. Mark Catholic School

A BRIDGE BETWEEN SCHOOL AND PARENTS

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*"Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." 1Cor. 16: 13-1*

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December 11, 2009

Parents,

As we are halfway through the Advent Season, we have had a chance to experience some very good acts of kindness by our students. Our giving tree is empty and the presents are ready to distribute to those that need them. The Holy Family shelter project collected many books and personal items that will be used by many. The service club won a \$2000 grant that will help the Holy Family shelter. Our students wrote letters to injured veterans and we are blessed by so many parents that donated cookies, time, and talents for our bake sale.

Someone ask me last week what I thought the future of St. Mark Catholic School will be. My first thought was to say that we will grow by leaps and bounds and produce the most well rounded, fully developed students in the state. But I answered by saying the future of St. Mark Catholic School is determined by people that make up our school and our parish. With people that live each day by the teachings of Jesus Christ, we will serve our purpose. We will provide a spiritual leadership to students that will allow them to spread the Gospel. But we need your continued prayers and support. By you continuing the expectations of your children that include respect, integrity, love and kindness, we will make a difference.

With one week to go before Christmas break, we continue to keep our focus on academics and on the Advent Season. I hope and pray that all of our St. Mark Lions get a chance to enjoy this season of life and of miracles with their family. What a great weekend to attend Mass with your family!

Have a great weekend and God Bless,

Rusty Albertson  
Principal  
St. Mark Catholic School

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE:** On Saturday, December 12, at **10:00 am**, our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be spiritual mentors to the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade children preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation. The service should take about an hour. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to call Mary Lynn Cavanaugh at 787-8246, ext. 103. **Parents, please note the time change.**

**DOING YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING ONLINE THIS YEAR?** Start your search from the St. Mark Website and 6-12% of your purchase could benefit St. Mark!! Visit [www.stmarkindy.org/school](http://www.stmarkindy.org/school) for more information

**CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY:** The first round of portraits have been taken and it went very smoothly. We are hearing really good things about these pictures! It is still not too late to make an appointment to have your family's picture included in the parish pictorial directory! If you have NOT already scheduled your portrait session, call **1-866-561-9997 (toll free)**. The next portrait sessions will be Dec. 19, 20, and 21. We really wish EVERYONE to participate in this parish event!

If you can not make any of these remaining dates, you can schedule your portrait session at the Picture People Store in Greenwood Park Mall. You will need to call 888-9410 to make this appointment and be sure to tell them these pictures are for the St. Mark Catholic Church pictorial directory. December 24<sup>th</sup> is the last day to have your pictures taken and be included in the parish directory. Remember, you need not purchase ANY of the pictures and you get a free portrait just for having them taken. (It could make a GREAT Christmas present for one of those hard to buy for relatives!)

## **FUNDRAISING**

**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FUNDRAISER:** Our 8th Grade Students are selling Mike's Car Wash coupons to raise money for their end of year trip. The coupons are great as stocking stuffers or small gifts. Please feel free to contact Theresa Crabtree (chair) 418-1491, Marla Lutgring 753-6109 or see your favorite 8th grader.

**SCRIP:** Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> will be the last week to order before Christmas to ensure delivery to you by Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**PIZZA ANYONE?** This week we will start our 2nd pizza sale. This is another great fundraiser for the school. We make 30% profit of the total sales. Pick up is just in time for the Super Bowl!

Money should be collected when orders are taken. Make all checks payable to St. Mark School. The last turn in date for orders is Monday Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>. See attached order form for pricing. Pizza pick up will be in the Music Room on Thursday Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>.

If we hit our goal of 300 pizzas sold, the entire school will be out of uniform. Any questions contact Jennifer Skojac [jsko9@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jsko9@sbcglobal.net)

## **FROM THE CAFETERIA**

### **LUNCH MENU - DECEMBER 14 WEEK**

**Mon.** - Corn dog, glazed carrots, Caesar salad, peaches

**Tues.** - Turkey Manhattan, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce

**Wed.** - Hamburger on bun, crinkle fries, sliced tomato, sliced onion, fresh orange

**Thurs.** - French toast sticks, warm syrup, cheddar omelet, orange wedge

**Fri.** - Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, carrot sticks, mixed fruit

## **SPECIAL THANKS TO ...**

- ☺ Ed Balint for the chocolate chip cookies for the teachers and staff.
- ☺ The Eagan family for the delicious oatmeal cookies

## **SPORTS**

### **Sports Notes**

<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Day of Week</u></b>	<b><u>Opponent</u></b>	<b><u>Time, Location</u></b>
<b>December 11-18</b>			
56A Boys BB	Saturday (12/12)	St. Rose of Lima	9:00, CYO Center
Cadet B Boys BB	Saturday (12/12)	OL Lourdes	10:00, OL Lourdes
Cadet A Boys BB	Saturday (12/12)	St. Gabriel	10:00, Holy Trinity
4 Boys BB	Saturday (12/12)	St. Thomas Aquinas	3:00, CYO Center
56C Boys BB	Sunday (12/13)	St. Simon	1:00, St. Simon
56B Boys BB	Sunday (12/13)	St. Barnabas	5:00, St. Barnabas

**St. Mark Lion Pride Wrestling** – Registration for boy’s wrestling (Grades K-8) is now underway. Please consider wrestling for one of the top youth programs in the city. We have openings for all boys in grades K-8, no experience necessary! Practice will begin in early January. Boys in grades K-8 are required to complete the St. Mark registration and CYO physical forms. These forms are available in the church narthex, parish office, school office, and “CYO Athletics” page on the parish web site. Boys in grades 5-8 are also required to complete a registration with the CYO Office. CYO registration is performed online at [www.cyoarchindy.org](http://www.cyoarchindy.org). Follow the “Register Child” and “Coach Registration” links and complete the information requested. CYO registration is only required once per school year. Please contact Patrick Collier at 881-0316 or [collierfamily8@att.net](mailto:collierfamily8@att.net) for more information.