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Dear St. Mark Families:

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A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God." – Isaiah 40:3

Our preparations for the Christmas season continue as we await the celebration marking the birth of Jesus.

You may have noticed, if you called or came into the school, a different person at our front desk. We welcome back Ms. McCarthy-Durand to our school as she fills in for Mrs. Nolette. Ms. McCarthy was with us for the school start up in 2023. Mrs. Nolette will be away in

December. Thank you, Ms. McCarthy-Durand, and welcome to our family.

We are still collecting items for our school hampers. We have extended our date to be filled by Monday December 15th. If your family can contribute more, we will gladly accept it. If you are unable to contribute, don't worry. We ask for what each family can contribute. Thank you to all staff, students and families who have already contributed. Your generosity brings warmth to the season.

Our student leadership is also busy selling candygrams which will be delivered before we leave for Christmas Break. Each candygram is \$0.50 or three (3) for \$1.00. Please support the hard-working student leadership group. Proceeds of their sales go to support many of the groups that support St. Mark throughout the year.

A reminder that our school office will be closed at 12:30 on Thursday 11 December 2025 to allow staff to share in some holiday cheer.

Here are our activities to note for the next week:

- 3-17 December – Candygram sales continue
- Thursday 11 December – office will be closing at 12:30 to allow all staff to share in Christmas celebrations
- Friday 12 December – Recreation 8/9: Swimming
- Sunday 14 December – 3rd Sunday of Advent
- Monday 15 December – Hamper items due
- Monday 15 December – the Golden Ticket returns to St. Mark!
 - Ask your child about details. For St. Mark students only.
- Monday 15 December – Hot lunch orders due in PowerSchool (12:00 pm)
- Monday 15 December – Recreation 8/9: Snowtubing (weather pending)
- Tuesday 16 December – Recreation 7: Snowtubing (weather pending)
- Wednesday 17 December – Advent Liturgy of the Word at St. Andrew Parish (10:15 am)
 - Families are welcome to join us at the church for our celebration (12810 111 Ave NW)
- Wednesday 17 December – St. Joe's Hot Lunch
- Wednesday 17 December – Last day for students to purchase Candygrams
- Wednesday 17 December – Recreation 7: Rec Room

A reminder that we **switch our days on December 18 and 19**. December 18 will be a full day of classes with dismissal at 3:03. December 19 will be early dismissal at 11:57. Our office will close at 2:00 pm for the Christmas Holidays on December 19. Christmas vacation is from

December 20-January 4, 2026. We will welcome students back on Monday 5 January 2026 at 8:15 am.

School Dance and Games

We will be collecting \$4 each for our awesome Christmas dance coming up on our last day prior to Christmas break. We encourage families to pay online or send \$4 to your homeroom teachers.

Students will all start in the gym for the first part of the dance. At a designated time, students will be allowed to play board/card games in the Lion's Den if they do not wish to dance. Both activities are covered by the \$4 fee.

It is the expectation and responsibility of students to ensure their assignments are completed and submitted prior to any of our fun activities. Students who are not caught up in work may be asked to complete their assignments prior to attending any fun activities. Students can check with their teachers

St. Mark's Basketball Association (sMBA)

The Mark's Basketball Association is a promotion of athletics within St. Mark Jr. High School that will further develop students' physical literacy. Students will develop their skillset in basketball in a highly competitive manner. **All practices and games will take place at St. Mark Jr. High School from 3:05-4:15pm, Monday and Wednesdays.** The MBA will run from **January 5 to March 11**, having the championship game or tournament during FLEX and lunch time.

The cost of the Basketball Club is \$30.00. This will include t-shirt, pizza party and various fun and winning prizes. Last week, a sign up was posted beside Mr. Ferzli's door, and today there was a meeting at the second half of lunch. If your child has missed this meeting and is interested in joining, please make sure they talk with Mr. Ferzli or Mr. Stabile tomorrow (Thursday) to receive a contract.

St. Mark's Intramurals

2025-26 St. Mark Intramurals Club sign up is now open. Students can sign up on Mr. Martire's list outside his door. Be one of the first 36 to sign up and they are in. Regular attendance is a must.

There will be 2 sessions per week which will be a 2nd half of lunch time in the gym with sport options on Tuesdays. The 2nd will be a full lunch time experience where you can bring your lunch, play games and work on socializing skills in Mr. Martire's room for 40 minutes on Wednesday. They will begin on Tuesday January 13th. If students have any questions, please have them see Mr. Martire.

Stay Home when Sick

Students learn best when they feel their best! If your child is feeling unwell, please keep them

home to rest and recover. This helps support a healthy learning environment for everyone. If your child needs to miss school due to illness, please contact our office.

Wishing you a great week ahead.

J. Hertlein and A. Stabile

St. Mark Administration



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