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Dear St. Mark Families:

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Alternatively, you may call the office between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM for clarification.

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¹⁸ This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. ...²¹ She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.'²² Now all this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: Look! the virgin is with child and will give birth to a son whom they will call Immanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. – Matthew 1: 18, 21-22

As the day draws near, we continue to prepare our hearts in the excitement of Christmas.

Today, Fr. Carlos reminded us of the selfless love, Agape, we have been given through Christ's birth and later death. That selfless love is offered to us to sustain us through life as we await his coming.

With today's winter storm and cold winds, we remind our families to ensure students are coming to school with appropriate winter clothing. Unless the temperature is colder than -20°C (with or without a windchill), students are expected to go outside for recess. If you feel that it is too cold for your child to come to school, please leave a message on our answering system or use [SafeArrival](#) (available in PowerSchool, the School Messenger app, the [website](#) or by phone - 1-833-788-7662) to report your child's absence.

Here are our activities to note for the days as known:

- Thursday 18 December – **FULL DAY OF SCHOOL**: Dismiss at 3:04 pm
- Thursday 18 December – Student led activities throughout the day
 - **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 finished assigned work may be asked to complete their assignments prior to attending any fun activities.
- Friday 19 December – **EARLY DISMISSAL**: Dismiss at 11:57 am
- Friday 19 December – Locker Clean up, Class Parties, School Dance and Games
- Friday 19 December – Office closes for the holidays at 2:00 pm
 - **Please note:** Any students who are absent on Friday will have their locker inspected Friday for any perishables and/or school related items that should not be in a student's locker.
- **20 December-4 January – Christmas Vacation: School Closed**
- Monday 5 January 2026 – School resumes at its regular time

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.

St. Mark Athletics

The Mark's Basketball Association (MBA) is coming to St. Mark this January. The first day back from holidays (Jan. 5th) the MBA will begin. If your son or daughter is interested in joining, they must have their contract and \$30.00 into Mr. Ferzli or Mr. Stabile by this **Thursday Dec 18th.**

There will be a second meeting during the second half of lunch on Thursday. If they have yet to bring the form or money, they must talk to either Mr. Ferzli or Mr. Stabile.

Thank you for your interest and excitement in our new league.

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. – Luke 2:6

Wishing you the joy and blessings that come this time of year. Merry Christmas and a blessed 2026 from our family to yours.

St. Mark Staff



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