

April 4th, 2022

To Parents/Caregivers of our Students,

I hope everyone enjoyed their spring break with their family and loved ones. As we enter spring we are reminded of the renewed energy and brilliant hope that fills our hearts as the weather turns and we come up to the most important event in our Catholic calendar: the resurrection of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ. Our Lenten journey will continue April 13th when Fr. Andrew comes to our school to provide the sacrament of reconciliation to our students. Many positive changes are also occurring at St. Mark school as we start April.

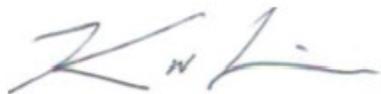
The basketball team was a massive success that ended with two wonderful games, in which many of our current students, staff, and alumni came out to support our basketball players. We are blessed that Mr. Ferzli will be continuing to run optional morning practices for those basketball players that would like to continue to improve over the coming weeks. We are starting our badminton team this week with try outs for all three grades. Encourage your child to try out: it takes courage but is always a positive experience. Our physical education classes will be focusing their skill development on track and field events for the coming weeks to help prepare our students for our first track and field day in three years: Friday, May 20th.

Like our track day, other spring events and St. Mark traditions have been on hold until this year. We are excited to celebrate our St. Mark Feast Day on Monday, April 25th, with a wonderful whole school gathering to share a meal together, pray, and reflect on our patron saint. Also, our Carnival for a Cause will be Friday, April 29th, and all proceeds will be donated to the brave Ukrainian people coming to Edmonton and standing strong in Ukraine. Most of our social justice and fundraising projects will be to support Ukraine: thank you ahead of time for your support. Finally, we are excited to restart field trips for our instrumental music students, who are excited to learn from great clinicians at Alberta College.

Our grade nine students have applied or have been registered at a high school for next year. This is an exciting time for them as they work to have a successful finish at St. Mark school, which will maintain their levels of achievement and course selections for next year. It is imperative that like our grade nine students, our grade seven and eight students also finish this year strong, including their final exams, so they don't miss opportunities for next year. We will be having our parent/student/teacher conferences in the afternoon and evening of Thursday, April 21st. All parents/guardians are invited to book an appointment and learn how to further support your child's learning. More information will be sent out next week.

Easter is near, and with it comes hope for our future on earth and eternal life forever. We are excited that our whole school will be returning to St. Andrew church to celebrate Easter with Fr. Andrew. I wish all of you a wonderful, peaceful, and safe Easter. With all that has happened the last two years, this is the time to stop, reflect, hug your loved ones, and remember, "for God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

Sincerely,



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