

ST. MARK



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CATHOLIC JUNIOR HIGH

May 31st, 2022

To Parents/Caregivers of our Students,

I am so excited about June and having a wonderful finish to the school year. Things are starting to look more and more normal which is what our students deserve. Connected to this message is a calendar of the events for June so you and your child know what is happening. It is imperative that field trip forms are returned on time so students can participate.

On our last day of regular classes, before final exams start for all grades, we will be attending mass at St. Andrew parish as a whole school to thank Jesus for a safe and fun year of learning at St. Mark school. **Any member of our community is invited to join us on Wednesday, June 15th, 2022 at 11:00am at St. Andrew parish (12810 - 111 Ave.).** Afterwards, our grade nine students and their families and friends will be invited to enjoy a light lunch, visit, and take pictures in the St. Andrew's auditorium. The school is happy to provide the lunch; any grade nine parents are invited to join us, if you can. Our grade seven and eight students will proceed back to the school for the afternoon. The grade nine students will be dismissed with their parents/guardians anytime throughout the afternoon. Those students that need to, will be walked back to St. Mark school to be dismissed at 2:58pm. **We truly hope you join us as we celebrate our wonderful grade nine class as they journeyed and learned through a pandemic at St. Mark school.**

During final exams, it is common for junior high schools to show some flexibility in their daily schedules to allow all students the opportunity to prepare for their exams, thereby providing all students the best chance to excel. A letter, that must be signed by a parent/guardian, will be sent home with your child in the next few days. The letter will indicate that students are to arrive at school for 8:30am to be ready for the exam to start at 9:00am. All students must work for one and a half hours: until 10:30am. Then they can determine whether they have demonstrated their best and leave the school to go home and study for the next exam. All students will get double time to support them, so they will get until 1:00pm each day to complete the exam, if they need it. The school will be open during regular school hours to study and for exam support.

As we near the end of the year, our teachers are diligently evaluating summative assessments to get an accurate picture of your child's level of achievement. We are proud that most of our students remain motivated and have put in the effort needed to have success. We have noticed that some students are struggling with some content, and, correspondingly, receiving a level of achievement of beginning (BE) on most outcomes, or more concerning, not completing or submitting their work so receiving a BE on their outcomes. Unfortunately, teachers cannot assess work that is not handed in. These students need to submit their work ASAP to their teachers if they want a final mark at the end of the year. Our teachers will continue to support these students if they put in the effort.

As our students make their final push into June to demonstrate their learning and celebrate a great year at St. Mark school, it is important that we keep all of them motivated so they can proudly say on the last day of school, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith." (2 Timothy 4:7).

Sincerely,

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