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*Empowered by the love of God in Christ, St. Mark's Lutheran School prepares students to be lifelong learners and servant leaders.*

## April Newsletter

**Accreditation News** – The Accreditation Team for Middle States Commission on Elementary and Secondary Schools and the National Lutheran Schools Accreditation is recommending that our accreditation be renewed. Official word will come in the Fall. Thank you for your prayers as we underwent the visit last week. Thank you, students from Grades 3-6, that sang at the welcome prayer service. Thank you to the parents who attended the prayer service or were interviewed by the accreditation team. Thank you to the students who were interviewed as well. Thank you to the faculty and staff for their hard work over the past year. Left out of the email, but in need of thanks, our School Board and Accreditation Planning Team. The Planning Team met regularly about every two weeks since September on the Self-Study Document. The team, which consisted of parents, church members, school board, alumni, and teachers, certainly deserve our thanks. Now begins the work of implementing our action plan and the other recommendations we made. More info will follow about that.

**Snow Make-Up Days** - Thursday – April 2 and Friday, May 22.

These are **HALF DAYS OF SCHOOL. Dismissal is at 11:30 AM and there is NO Aftercare.**

**Easter Break** begins at 11:30 AM on Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and ends on Sunday, April 12. School re-opens on Monday, April 13.

**Tuition for April** is due by April 10. Since we are on Easter Break, tuition must be paid by Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. A late fee is assessed beginning on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Monday – Thursday, April 13 – 16, Dine at River’s Edge Restaurant** at the intersection of McLean Ave and Bronx River Rd and the school will receive **20%** of your food bill.

Grades 1 – 8 – **Polo Shirts and Dress Shorts** may be worn to school beginning on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Quarter 3** ends on Friday, April 17. 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report cards will go home on Friday, April 24.

**Friday, April 17, is Spirit Day.** Students in Pre-K 3 and 4 may wear Character T-Shirts. Kindergarten – Grade 8 May dress as Literary Characters.

**April 17<sup>th</sup> is also a Half Day of School** – Dismissal is at 11:30 AM and Aftercare runs until 4:00 PM.

**State Tests** are as follows:

ELA for Grades 4 and 6 – April 14 - 16.

Math for Grades 4 and 6 – April 22 – 24.

Grades 1 – 8 will be attending the **Rockland Boulders Baseball School Days** game on Wednesday, May 27. Money is due by Tuesday, April 14.

**PTL News – Mark your calendars!**

Wednesday, April 15 – **PTL Meeting** beginning at 7:00 PM.

Friday, May 1 – **Spring Fling (Party with a D.J.)** – Sponsored by the PTL and the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grades. More info to follow.

Friday, May 15 – **Casino Night**