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# **Saint Mark Catholic Academy**

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# St. Mark Academy

## A Guiding Light – Past, Present and Future

The St. Mark Catholic Academy (SMCA) community began this school year with a clear vision in mind to: Honor the Past, Celebrate the Present, and Champion the Future. What began as vision has now become a reality!

### Honor the Past

In November, over 150 alumni, spanning five decades, returned to East 19th Street for Homecoming 2018. Current students and recent graduates led alumni on tours of the school, including a look at the new STEM Lab and educational technology. Alumni from as far as California reconnected and reminisced, confident that their alma mater is still providing a quality, values-based Catholic education in Sheepshead Bay.

#### Celebrate the Present

While many alumni remarked that the physical school building has remained the same, much has changed at St. Mark since it opened its doors over 90 years ago. Since September, students have donned their lab coats – and thinking caps – in the

new STEM Lab. Middle-school students are completing assignments on Google Classroom, and the fourth grade is using their class set of Chromebooks to write mini research papers.

In the early childhood grades, students have been busy on their iPads, utilizing educational apps that focus on mathematics, ELA and even coding. There is indeed much to celebrate at SMCA!

### Champion the Future

This past December, the school community honored its "Guardian Angels" – parishioners, alumni and friends who have helped to ensure that those families who seek a Catholic education can receive one at St. Mark. Without question, these "Guardian Angels" are championing the future of Saint Mark Catholic Academy!

Heading into the second half of the school year, St. Mark Catholic Academy celebrates Catholic Schools Week 2019, an ideal time to Honor the Past, Celebrate the Present, and Champion the Future of Saint Mark Catholic Academy!

# Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy

## Cultivate Your Child's Curiosity

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Academy (OLGCA) in Dyker Heights offers an excellent well-rounded education in accordance with the New York State Common Core Standards. Last year's graduating class was awarded over \$265,000 in high school scholarships. Talented, fully-dedicated faculty, work diligently to meet the needs of each and every student.

OLGCA provides a safe and caring environment in which children can excel. Students have been recognized for success in regional math bees, art competitions, poetry submissions, essay contests, as well as for top marks on both New York State and Terra Nova Standardized Exams. The new Latin and Greek Roots Challenge for students in pre-kindergarten through grade eight has already proven to advance language arts skills and increase test scores.

This year, the STEM-enhanced curriculum stresses project-based learning and is developing the students' communication skills, collaborative learning, critical thinking skills and creativity.

The Team Tots Program for two-yearolds meets twice a week from October to May and features a curriculum of singing, playing, craft activities, story time and socialization exercises.

OLGCA believes a sound education requires a close relationship with students' parents and caretakers. Family involvement is welcomed and encouraged. The Option C system offers parents constant access to their child's grades and alerts regarding school closings and upcoming events.

With a steadfast commitment to offer students the best education for the changing world, OLGCA has invested largely in the technology and science departments. Junior high students are taught computer programming skills and have access to a 3D printer. Fourth through eighth graders use a new interactive science software program, which combines hands-on learning with increased exposure to technology.

OLGCA places great importance on instilling in children the key pillars of a Catholic education. The academy hosts special student-focused liturgies, prepares children for First Friday, and promotes volunteering, community service and gift-giving through its Mission Club. With a strong connection to the surrounding community, Italian is offered starting in kindergarten.