

January 12, 2024

# ST. MARK'S WEEKLY

## #LIONSLOVELEARNING

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS



#### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Please remember that students must take all Book Taco quizzes **AT SCHOOL ONLY!!**

#### CONTINUOUS ENROLLMENT

Please see the letter below about upcoming continuous enrollment dates and tuition for next school year.

Jan. 15 – MLK Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL

Jan. 16 – Book Bash Breakfast by invitation only

Jan. 25 – Prospective Family Night

Feb. 1 – Yearbook Photo Retakes

Feb. 5 – Q3 Interim Reports

Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday

Feb. 16 – Grandparent's Day  
11 am dismissal  
No Aftercare

Feb. 19 – President's Day- No School

Feb. 20 – Holiday – No School



Dear St. Mark's Families,

Below are a few friendly reminders about your continuous enrollment contract.

- On March 1st, your child(ren) will be automatically enrolled for the 2024-2025 school year. ***Congratulations, that's it! Your child's seat is secured and no unnecessary paperwork.***
- On March 15th, families will be billed the Continuous Enrollment Fee of \$500.
- By April 1st, all families applying for tuition remission must have their application completed.

If your family is not planning on returning to St. Mark's next school year, you must complete the withdrawal form available in the front office by February 28th.

When you have the opportunity, **click the link below** for tuition rates, fees, and discounts for next school year. St. Mark's Episcopal Academy does accept Florida private school scholarships. The average scholarship for our families this past school year was \$7,800. Families can apply for a scholarship by visiting [StepUpforStudents.org](http://StepUpforStudents.org).

On March 1st, you will receive a "Congratulations!" email from St. Mark's Academy confirming your continuous enrollment into next year.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me.

With great appreciation and sincerity,

Justin L. Smith  
Head of School

**[Click Here for 2024-2025 tuition rates and fees](#)**



# St. Mark's Annual Fund

Dear St. Mark's Families,

Since 1956, St. Mark's has been dedicated to developing the gifts and talents of students. This dedication holds true 67 years later through an advanced academic environment driven through *Tradition, Innovation, and Inspiration*, which is supported by Episcopal tenets to foster strong Christian values and character development.

As parents, you are experiencing first hand the impact of a St. Mark's education with your children. Like all independent schools, St. Mark depends on strong participation and generous contributions to the Annual Fund in order to provide students and teachers exceptional education resources and experiences that go beyond the annual cost of tuition. Last year's Annual Fund and restricted donations enhanced our mission with:

- New 75" 4K Led Smartboards for interactive teaching and engaged learning
- New Science Curriculum for Kindergarten to 6th Grade
- New Physical Education equipment for daily outdoor education
- New Preschool furniture and classroom renovation for our growing school
- New STEAM supplies for our Marine Biology program

The strength of our Annual Fund and enhancing our students educational experience is correlated to strong parent participation. **Giving a gift at any level goes directly back to the school we all know and love.** St. Mark's 2023 - 2024 Annual Fund Goal is \$30,000.

If you would like to make a gift, [click here to give](#), go to our school's website and click Annual Fund, or mail a check directly to the school. All donations are tax deductible.

We greatly appreciate your philanthropic support,

Justin L. Smith  
Head of School



[Click here to Give](#)

*Lions' Club - \$20 up to \$249 Friends' Circle - \$250 to \$499*  
*Red and Blue Circle - \$500 to \$999*  
*Head of School Circle - \$1,000 to \$2,499*  
*Legacy Circle - \$2,500 to \$10,000*



# Thank you to our 2022-2023 St. Mark's Annual Fund Supporters!

## Lions' Club

Russell Vranicar  
Danielle Pike  
Dick & Gail Beagley  
Suzanne Lacy  
The Riggs Family  
Jeffrey King  
Kate and Josue Otero  
Demetre Lagges  
Dr. Robert and Jan Clayton  
Joan Smith  
The Boyd Family  
Debbie Parsons  
The Lopez Family

## Friends' Circle

The Prough Family  
Alison Olivieri  
Scotti Smith  
William Childs & Linda Dolphin  
Dan Hurst

## Red & Blue Circle

Laura & Roman Stefan  
Laura Maharaj  
Susan Davis  
Shena Scott  
Gary Meier  
The Serrano Family

## Head of School Circle

The Burgess Family  
Colin Symons  
Courtney Lewis

## Legacy Circle

The Williams Family  
Liz Schorr  
Marla Glover  
Robin Schumann



Annual Fund Donations

\$24,731



Restricted Donations

\$30,000

*Legacy Circle - \$2,500 to \$10,000 Head of School Circle - \$1,000 to \$2,499  
Red and Blue Circle - \$500 to \$999 Friends Circle - \$250 to \$499  
Lions Club - up to \$249*



# St. Mark's

EPISCOPAL ACADEMY

Dear St. Mark's Families,

Our annual Grandparents' Day Tea Party will take place on Friday, February 16th. Grandparents' Day is a cherished St. Mark's tradition that provides students the opportunity to invite their beloved grandparents (or grand-friends) to spend time with them at school and let them show off all the wonderful things they are doing!

The special day will begin with an 8 a.m. chapel presentation. The grandparents and their students will then be divided into color groups that will rotate through classroom visits and tea service.

St. Mark's will send out invitations and receive RSVPs. However, we need YOUR help in collecting names and addresses of grandparents. Please complete the back of this letter with mailing address information of all grandparents to whom you'd like to send invitations.

Please return this information to your child's teacher no later than Friday, January 12th.

Thank you!





# St. Mark's

EPISCOPAL ACADEMY

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Addressee and Mailing Address:

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# St. Mark's Episcopal Academy

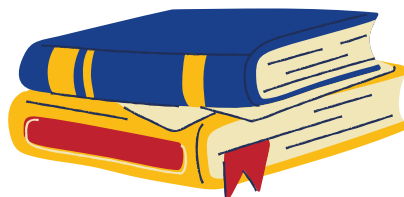
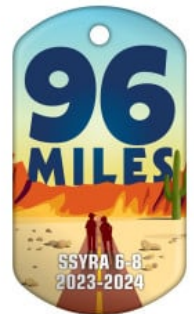
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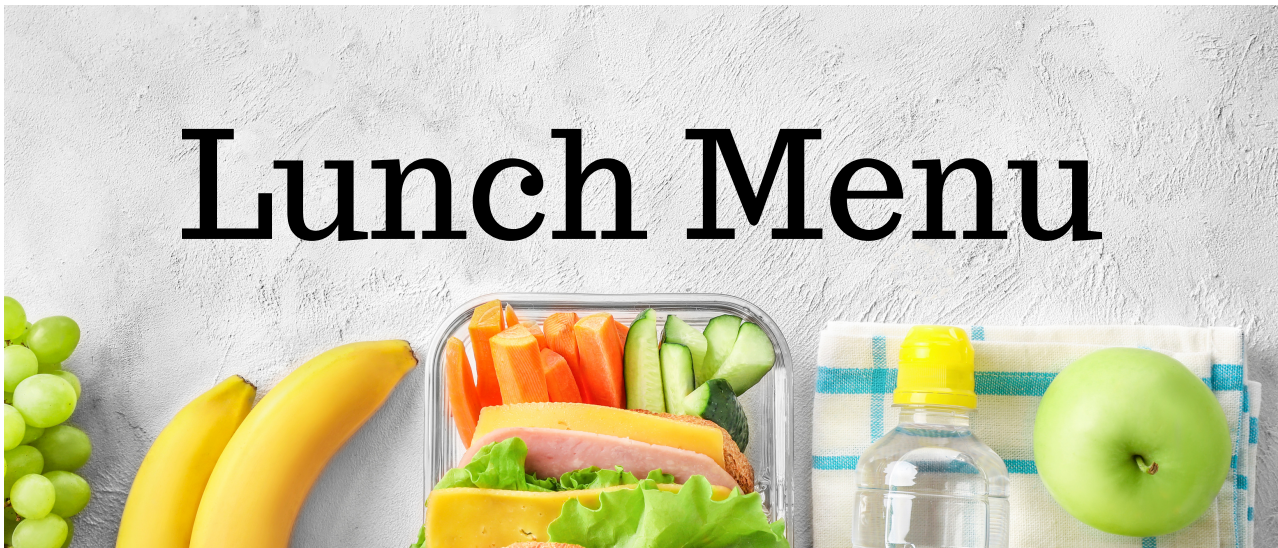
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BREAKFASTS

1st-6th Graders

1. Check out and read a SSYRA book.
2. Take the book test on Book Taco.
3. Score an 80% or higher.
4. Earn a brag tag.
5. Complete 5 or more books in a quarter and earn an invite to the Book Breakfast Bash.
  - o Breakfast dates
    - January 16th
    - **March 19th**
    - May 14th



# Lunch Menu



## January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 No Lunches Today	2 No Lunches Today	3 Chicken Tenders with Cheesy Potatoes and Peas Turkey & Cheese Wrap w/ Fruit & Chips	4 Spaghetti w/ Meatsauce & Broccoli V-Spaghetti with Marinara and Broccoli Italian Sandwich with Chips and Fruit	5 Hot Dog w/Fries & Green Beans V-Black Beans and Rice with Avocado on a Wrap fruit and chips	6 No Lunches Today
7 No Lunches Today	8 Fish Sticks and French Fries with Mixed Vegetables Turkey & Cheese Wrap w/ Fruit & Chips	9 Baked Ziti with Beef Meatballs, Broccoli V - Baked Ziti with Cheese Chicken Caesar Wrap w/ Fruit & Chips	10 BBQ Chicken Breast w/ Mac & Cheese & Green Beans Ham and Cheese on Roll w/ Chips and Applesauce	11 Chicken Alfredo Pasta w/ Broccoli V - Alfredo Pasta with Veggies Chicken Salad on Roll w/ Chips & Fruit	12 Cheese Burger with Fries and Corn Italian Sub w/ Fruit & Popcorn	13 No Lunches Today
14 No Lunches Today	15 No Lunches Today	16 Chicken Teriyaki with Noodles and vegetables V-LoMein Noodles with Veggies Turkey and Cheese Sandwich, Chips and Fruit	17 Pulled Pork Sliders, Roasted Potato Wedges, Honey Carrots Chicken Caesar Wrap w/ Fruit & Chips	18 Mild Boneless Chicken Wings with Fries and Carrots and Celery Chicken Salad on Roll w/ Chips & Fruit	19 Hot Dog w/Fries & Green Beans Chicken Caesar Wrap w/ Fruit & Chips	20 No Lunches Today
21 No Lunches Today	22 Cilantro Chicken with Black Beans and Rice with Broccoli V - Black Beans and Rice with Cilantro Sauce Classic Cuban Sandwich with Grapes and Chips	23 Meatballs w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans Chef Salad w/ Egg, Ham, Turkey, Cheese, Tomato w/ Ranch Dressing	24 Crunchy Chicken Sandwiches with Mac and Cheese and Peas V-Mac and Cheese and Peas Turkey & Cheese Wrap w/ Fruit & Chips	25 Orange Chicken with LoMein Noodles and Broccoli V-Orange Veggies with LoMein Club Sandwich w/Turkey, Roast Beef & Bacon w/Fruit & Fritos	26 Cheese Burger with Fries and Corn Italian Sub w/ Fruit & Popcorn	27 No Lunches Today
28 No Lunches Today	29 Sliced Chicken and Gravy w/ Mashed Potatoes & Peas Classic Cuban Sandwich with Grapes and Chips	30 Spaghetti with Meatsauce, Broccoli with Cheese V - Spaghetti with Marinara Roast Beef and Cheese Wrap, Fruit and Chips	31 Chicken Nuggets w/ Green Beans & Mac n Cheese V- Mac and Cheese and Green Beans Chicken Salad on White Bread w/ Chips & Fruit			

V= Vegetarian Option



# Parents & Friends Events

## 2023-2024



### AUGUST

8TH - USED UNIFORM SALE  
16TH - PARENTS & FRIENDS  
HAPPY HOUR - Thursby  
Hall  
24TH - BACK TO SCHOOL  
NIGHT  
25TH - COOKIES IN THE PARK

### SEPTEMBER

20TH - PARENTS & FRIENDS  
HAPPY HOUR - Thursby  
Hall

### OCTOBER

18TH - PARENTS & FRIENDS  
HAPPY HOUR - Thursby  
Hall  
27TH - FALL FESTIVAL

### NOVEMBER

13TH-16TH - SCHOLASTIC  
BOOK FAIR  
14th - BOOKS AND BINGO  
15TH - PARENTS & FRIENDS  
HAPPY HOUR - Thursby  
Hall  
17TH - COOKIES IN THE PARK

### DECEMBER

6-8TH - HOLIDAY SHOP  
13TH - PARENTS & FRIENDS  
HAPPY HOUR - Library  
15TH - ADVENT & SONG

### JANUARY

12TH - COOKIES IN THE PARK  
17TH - PARENTS & FRIENDS  
HAPPY HOUR - Thursby  
Hall

### FEBRUARY

9TH - VALENTINES DANCE  
16TH - GRANDPARENT'S DAY  
21ST - PARENTS & FRIENDS  
HAPPY HOUR - Thursby Hall

### MARCH

20TH - PARENTS & FRIENDS  
HAPPY HOUR - Library

### APRIL

12TH - COOKIES IN THE PARK  
17TH - PARENTS & FRIENDS  
HAPPY HOUR - Library  
20TH - 80'S PROM GALA  
26TH - COOKIES IN THE PARK

### MAY

7TH - BOOKS & BINGO  
6TH - 9TH -BOGO BOOK FAIR  
15TH - PARENTS & FRIENDS  
HAPPY HOUR -  
Thursby Hall

### JUNE

**\*\*\*ALL DATES & EVENTS  
ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\***  
FURTHER INFO WILL BE  
FORTHCOMING AS EVENTS  
COME CLOSER

### JULY

*Summer*  


**Fall Semester**

Tuesday, August 1	Used Uniform Sale – 11:00AM-1:00PM
Wednesday, August 2	Teachers Return
Monday, August 7	New Parent Orientation – 6:00 PM
Tuesday, August 8	Meet & Greet 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday, August 8	Used Uniform Sale Thursby Hall – 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday, August 9	Students Return - 1st Day of School
Wednesday, August 16	New Parent Coffee - 8:30am – Thursby Hall
Wednesday, August 23	Yearbook Picture Day
Thursday, August 24	Parents Back-to-School Night – 5:15 PM – 7:30 PM
Monday, September 4	Labor Day - <b>(Holiday for All - NO SCHOOL)</b>
Monday, September 11	Q1 Interim Progress Reports
Tuesday, October 3	Blessing of the Animals – 2:30PM
Friday, October 6	End of Q1 - 1pm Dismissal for All – No Aftercare
Monday, October 9	Columbus Day - <b>(Holiday for All - NO SCHOOL)</b>
Monday, October 16	Q1 Report Cards Issued
Friday, October 20	Parent/Teacher Conferences <b>(No School for Students)</b>
Friday, October 27	Spooky Science Day/ Fall Festival
Wednesday, November 1	All Saints' Day Chapel
Friday, November 3	Professional Development Day <b>(No School for Students)</b>
Monday, November 6	Q2 Interim Progress Reports
<del>Monday, November 6</del> <b>Thursday, November 30</b>	All School Photo @ 8:40 AM
Friday, November 10	Veterans Day Chapel
Monday – Thursday, November 13-16	Scholastic Book Fair
Tuesday, November 14	Books and Bingo 5:30-7:30
Friday, November 17	Storybook Dress Up Day - <b>(1 PM Dismissal)</b> No Children's Center
Monday – Friday, November 20-24	Thanksgiving Week - <b>(Holiday for All - NO SCHOOL)</b>
Thursday– Friday, December 7-8	Holiday Shop
Friday, December 15	End of Q2 & Advent in Song <b>(1 PM Dismissal)</b> No Children's Center
Monday, Dec. 18 –Tuesday, January 2	Christmas Break

**Spring Semester**

Tuesday, January 2	Teachers Return
Wednesday, January 3	Students Return
Friday, January 5	Q2 Report Cards
Monday, January 15	Martin Luther King Day - <b>(Holiday for All - NO SCHOOL)</b>
Thursday, January 25	Prospective Family Event
Thursday, February 1	Yearbook Photo Retake Day
Monday, February 5	Q3 Interim Progress Reports
Wednesday, February 14	Ash Wednesday
Friday, February 16	Grandparents' Day <b>(11:00 Dismissal)</b> – No Children's Center
Monday, February 19	Presidents' Day - <b>(Holiday for All - NO SCHOOL)</b>
Tuesday, February 20	<b>Holiday for All - NO SCHOOL</b>
Tuesday, March 5	Spring Photo Day
Thursday, March 7	Science & Innovation Night
Friday, March 8	End of Q3
Thursday, March 14	Q3 Report Cards Issued
Friday, March 15	Parent/Teacher Conferences - <b>(No School for Students)</b>
Friday, March 22	Field Day – Noon Dismissal -No Aftercare
Monday- Friday, March 25-29	<b>Spring Break</b>
Monday, April 1	Easter Monday - <b>(Holiday for All - NO SCHOOL)</b>
Saturday, April 20	Gala Night
Monday, April 22	Q4 Interim Progress Reports <b>(Holiday for All – NO SCHOOL)</b>
Friday, May 3	May Day
Tuesday, May 7	Books and Bingo Night 6 pm-8 pm
Monday-Thursday, May 6-9	BOGO Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday, May 15	<b>Morning Awards Chapel</b>
Thursday, May 23	<b>Final Chapel/Crossover/Graduation/Last Day of School (11:00 Dismissal)</b>
Friday, May 24 and Tuesday, May 28	Post-planning for Faculty
Monday, June 3	Q4 Report Cards and Summer Packets Emailed

*Calendar is Subject to Change. Revised 4/20/23*