

January 19, 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. 23 - Grades 2-6 Field Trip

Jan. 25 - Prospective Family Night

Jan. 26 - Spirit T-Shirt Day (w/uniform bottoms)

- 100th Day of School

- 1st Grade Chapel

Presentation

Feb. 1 - Yearbook Photo Retakes

Feb. 5 - Q3 Interim Reports

Feb. 6 - 1st & 2nd Grade Field Trip

Feb. 14 - Ash Wednesday

Feb. 15 - 6th Grade Valentine's Luncheon

Feb. 16 - Grandparent's Day

11 am dismissal

No Aftercare

Feb. 19, 20 - President's Day Holiday

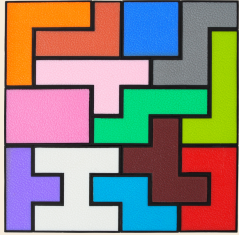


PUZZLE CLUB



Hosted by: Mrs. Chaney (Duncan)

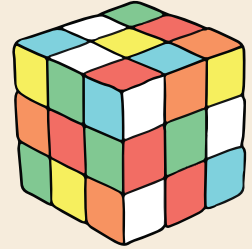
Dates are included on the form



Kinder-2nd - Mondays

3rd-6th - Tuesdays

PK3/4 - Wednesdays



\$70 for 6 sessions 3:15-4:15

Jigsaw &
Word
Puzzles

Wooden &
3D Puzzles

Sudoku Puzzles

Rubix Cube



Note: Registration closes January 24th

K-2 - Monday's - <http://tinyurl.com/SMEAK2Puzzle>

3rd-6th - Tuesday's - <http://tinyurl.com/SMEA36Puzzle>

PK3/4 - Wednesday's - <http://tinyurl.com/SMEAPKPuzzle>

BOOK CLUB

Wednesdays 3:15-4:15

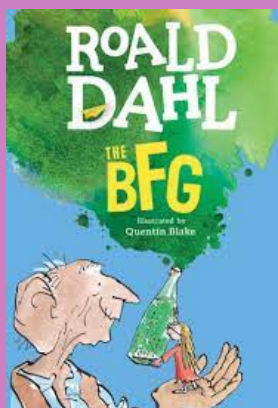
Feb. 21, 28

Mar. 6, 13, 20

Apr. 3

\$ 70 for 6 sessions

**GRADES
2-4**



Students will participate in a fun book club and create a craft with Mrs. Forget.

Registration ends February 9th.
Please use the QR code or link to sign up for this fun club!

<http://tinyurl.com/SMEABookClub>





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.

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*



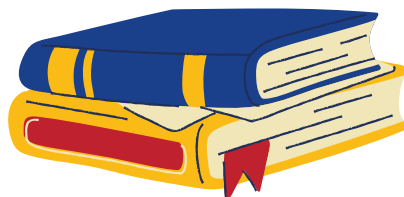
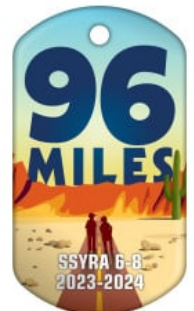
St. Mark's Episcopal Academy

GET READY TO READ!

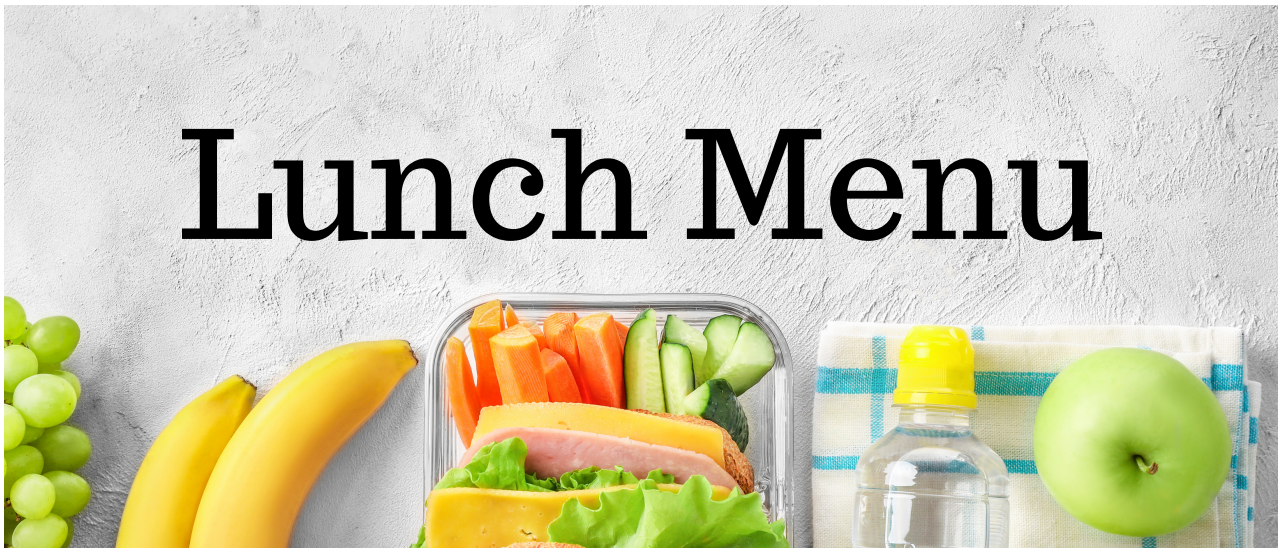
BOOK ASH BREAKFASTS

1st-6th Graders

1. Check out and read a SSYRA book.
2. Take the book test on Book Taco **AT SCHOOL**.
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 - (Holiday for All - NO SCHOOL)
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 - (Holiday for All - NO SCHOOL)
Monday, October 16	Q1 Report Cards Issued
Friday, October 20	Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School for Students)
Friday, October 27	Spooky Science Day/ Fall Festival
Wednesday, November 1	All Saints' Day Chapel
Friday, November 3	Professional Development Day (No School for Students)
Monday, November 6	Q2 Interim Progress Reports
Monday, November 6 Thursday, November 30	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 - (1 PM Dismissal) No Children's Center
Monday – Friday, November 20-24	Thanksgiving Week - (Holiday for All - NO SCHOOL)
Thursday– Friday, December 7-8	Holiday Shop
Friday, December 15	End of Q2 & Advent in Song (1 PM Dismissal) 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 - (Holiday for All - NO SCHOOL)
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 (11:00 Dismissal) – No Children's Center
Monday, February 19	Presidents' Day - (Holiday for All - NO SCHOOL)
Tuesday, February 20	Holiday for All - NO SCHOOL
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 - (No School for Students)
Friday, March 22	Field Day – Noon Dismissal -No Aftercare
Monday- Friday, March 25-29	Spring Break
Monday, April 1	Easter Monday - (Holiday for All - NO SCHOOL)
Saturday, April 20	Gala Night
Monday, April 22	Q4 Interim Progress Reports (Holiday for All – NO SCHOOL)
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	Morning Awards Chapel
Thursday, May 23	Final Chapel/Crossover/Graduation/Last Day of School (11:00 Dismissal)
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