

August 4, 2023

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY

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MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL, MR. SMITH

Dear St. Mark's Families,
Next week, our 2023-2024 school year begins! It will be wonderful to see new and returning families on campus to excitedly join our teachers. As the year progresses, please watch for our weekly newsletter. This will provide important announcements, upcoming events, and all things St. Mark's.

MORNING ARRIVAL REMINDERS

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- Walkers will be in the foyer of the Church.
- Dismissal 3:00 - 3:15 Monday to Thursday; 1 - 1:15 on Fridays.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MONDAY
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NEW PARENT
ORIENTATION
6:00 PM

TUESDAY
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MEET & GREET /
USED UNIFORM SALE
1:00 - 2:30 PM

WEDNESDAY
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STUDENTS RETURN
FOR THE FIRST DAY
OF SCHOOL!

EARLY FRIDAY DISMISSAL (STARTS AUG. 18TH)

- Friday, August 11th will be a FULL day of school with a 3:00 PM dismissal. 1 PM Friday Dismissal starts on August 18th.
- Students may be picked up via carpool at 1:00 pm on Fridays OR...
- Students may attend the Children's Center aftercare program, which is available on Fridays from 1:00 - 6:00 pm at \$7.50 per hour.



St. Mark's
EPISCOPAL ACADEMY



Please welcome our new faculty and returning faculty in new positions.

Mrs. Richards, Fourth Grade:

Mrs. Richards is returning to St. Mark's Episcopal Academy! Mrs. Richards previously taught 5th & 6th Grade with Mrs. Ellis from 2016-2018 before becoming a mom. Her daughter, Annabelle (Kindergarten), and son, Alexander (PreK3), will be joining the Lions' Family, as well. Mrs. Richards holds a Masters of Education in Professional Practice and a Postgraduate Diploma in Education in Primary Education in Teaching from University of Glasgow, and is certified in Elementary Education.

Mrs. Magnone, Third Grade

Mrs. Magnone will be guiding our 3rd Graders on their journey this year. Mrs. Magnone has enjoyed teaching students from grades 1-12, spending time at St. Mary's, Holy Trinity, both Lower and Upper School, and most recently Rockledge Christian School. With a Bachelor of Arts in Education from West Liberty University in WV, many courses for certification, and many years of teaching, Mrs. Magnone is a "seasoned" teacher looking forward to a wonderful year at her new home with her third graders at St. Mark's Academy.

Mrs Smith, PreK3

Last year, Mrs. Smith was PreK3's Teacher Assistant; this year she will be leading PreK3! Mrs. Smith was a wonderful partner to Ms. Pike this past year. We were impressed by her intuitive and nurturing abilities with St. Mark's students, and passion for this age group. Ms. Pike will be a neighboring partner to Mrs. Smith this year, as they share adjoining rooms, while Mrs. Smith applies St. Mark's very effective PreK3 curriculum.

Ms. Roman, Kindergarten Assistant

Mrs. Roman will be partnering with Ms. Maharaj as the Kindergarten Assistant and Lead Teacher during Mrs. Maharaj maternity leave in the winter. Ms. Roman holds a Montessori teaching certificate from the Orlando Montessori Teacher Educator Institute, and was previously a lead teacher with Montessori Bilingual Academy last year. Her daughter, Laulea (2nd Grade), and son, ,Kupono (PreK3), will be joining our St. Mark's family as well.

Ms. Duncan, PreK Assistant

Last year, Miss Duncan was one of St. Mark's reliable substitutes. Throughout the year, she demonstrated a wonderful kind nature with our students, and passion for being a part of St. Mark's community. This year, Miss Duncan will be assisting Ms. Pike and Miss Smith with our PreK students.

Mrs. DeMarsico, 1st to 6th Grade Art

We are excited to announce 1st to 6th Grade students will be taught Art on Tuesdays in the first semester this year. Art will be taught by Ms. June DeMarsicio. She is certified in Art Education, has a double major in English, and comes to St. Mark's with 32 years of teaching experience.

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PARENT COFFEE

Parents are welcome to join Head of School, Justin Smith, after chapel on Weds, Aug. 17th for a Parent Coffee. This is a great time to meet other parents, talk about your aspirations for your child, or get to know about St. Mark's.



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Weds, August 17th at 8:30 am - New Parent Coffee in Thursby Hall

Friday, August 19th - Early Dismissal Fridays begin

Weds, August 24th - Yearbook Picture Day

Thurs, August 25th, 5:15 - 7:15 pm - Back to School Night

EARLY FRIDAY DISMISSAL REMINDER

On Fridays, student dismissal starts at 1 PM. After Care is available for students from 1 PM - 6PM. Students will be provided a snack and indoor and outdoor activities.



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EPISCOPAL ACADEMY

FAMILY INFORMATION



Uniforms



Uniforms – Uniforms may be purchased from Sir Walter's in Merritt Island or at Lands End online.

PreK students will wear red polo shirts with navy blue bottoms every day.

Kindergarten – 6th grades will wear red polo shirts Monday – Thursday and white polo shirts on Fridays and special performance days. (White Peter Pan collar shirts will be worn with jumpers regardless of the day of the week.)

Used Uniform Sales – There will be a pop-up used uniform sale **Wednesday, June 28th from 11 am – 1 pm**. This is a great opportunity to save money on uniforms. I suggest that if your child needs a white polo, to go ahead and purchase one from either Sir Walter's or Lands End (900108440). We have very few of these available. There also will be 2 more used uniform sales: August 1st 11:00–1:00 and August 8th 1:00–2:30.

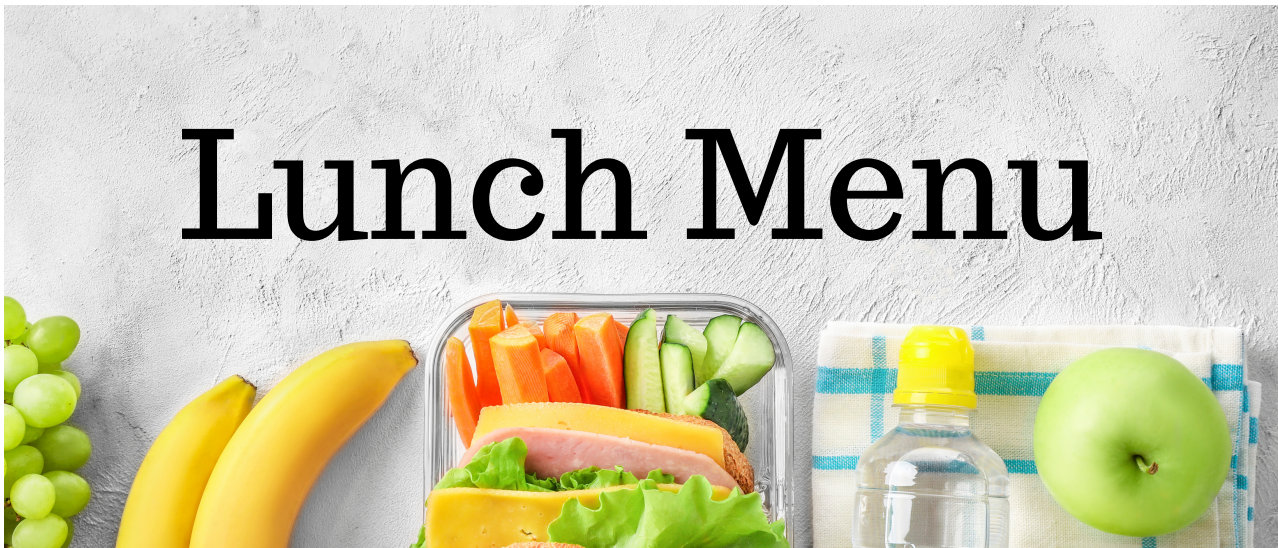


School Supplies

School supply lists are in your child's summer packet that may be picked up from the school office. Supply lists are also on our website. Additionally, our supply lists are located on teacherlists.com.

If you have any questions regarding items on your child's list, feel free to email the teacher. Teacher emails are at the bottom of each list.

Lunch Menu



August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Fish Sticks and French Fries with Mixed Vegetables Ham and Cheese, Chips and Fruit	10 Pulled Pork Sliders, Roasted Potato Wedges, Honey Carrots Chicken Caesar Wrap w/ Fruit & Chips	11 Cheeseburger w/ Fries & Corn Italian Sub w/ Fruit & Popcorn	12 No Lunches Today
13 No Lunches Today	14 Sliced Chicken breast with yellow rice and peas Classic Cuban Sandwich with Grapes and Chips	15 Spaghetti w/ Meatsauce & Broccoli Roast Beef Wrap w/ Chips & Applesauce	16 Chicken Nuggets w/ Green Beans & Mac n Cheese Chicken Salad on White Bread w/ Chips & Fruit	17 Meatballs w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans Chef Salad w/ Egg, Ham, Turkey, Cheese, Tomato w/ Ranch Dressing	18 Hot Dog w/Fries & Green Beans Chicken Caesar wrap with fruit and chips	19 No Lunches Today
20 No Lunches Today	21 Beef Burrito's with black beans and rice with corn Roast Beef and Cheese Wrap, Fruit and Chips	22 Baked Ziti with Beef Meatballs, Broccoli Chicken Caesar Wrap w/ Fruit & Chips	23 BBQ Chicken Breast, Buttered Shells and Peas Ham and Cheese on Roll w/ Chips and Applesauce	24 Chicken Alfredo Pasta w/ Broccoli Chicken Salad on Roll w/ Chips & Fruit	25 Cheeseburger w/ Fries & Corn Italian Sub w/ Fruit & Popcorn	26 No Lunches Today
27 No Lunches Today	28 Cilantro Chicken with Black Beans and Rice with Broccoli Classic Cuban Sandwich with Grapes and Chips	29 Chicken Teriyaki with Noodles and vegetables Turkey and Cheese Sandwich with Chips and Fruit	30 Hot Ham and Cheese Subs, apple slices and chips Italian Sub with fruit and chips	31 Mild Boneless Chicken Wings with Fries and Carrots and Celery Chicken Salad on Roll w/ Chips & Fruit		

FAMILY INFORMATION



Meet and Greet is scheduled for Tuesday, August 8th (1:00 pm - 2:30 pm). Meet and Greet is a great time to see your classroom, meet your teacher, and drop off supplies.

There is a scheduled used uniform sale scheduled for this date and time which is held in Thursby Hall.



School Hours

Classrooms open each day at 7:40 am. The tardy bell will ring at 7:55, signaling our classes to head to morning chapel (begins at 8:00 am). If you need to drop your child off late, please walk your child to the office to sign him/her in on the iPad. A member of the office staff will escort your child to either the chapel or classroom.

Lunch is at noon for the entire school.

Dismissal Monday through Thursday is at 3:00 pm. Dismissal Friday is at 1:00. Please do not make any changes to dismissal after 2:45 M-Th or 12:45 on Fridays. If you would like to pick your child up as a walker, please park in the church parking lot and walk to the front doors. We will release your child to you outside the doors.

YEARBOOK PHOTOS

Prepare a clean and ironed uniform and show up with a SMILE for fall yearbook photos.

Viewing & ordering happens after online. Be on the look out for a text and email with a link to your photos.



YOUR PHOTO DAY:

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More info:

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KIDS + PHOTOS

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	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