

February 16, 2024

# ST. MARK'S WEEKLY

## #LIONSLOVELEARNING

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

field trip



If you have not already done so, please complete the field trip form by Wednesday, February 28th. There are permission forms for both PK-K and 1st-6th grades.



**SALE**  
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Lands End is having a sale!  
20% off everything!  
Just use the Promo Code **GLOBE**  
and PIN **3488**.  
Ends Feb. 23rd



- Feb. 19, 20 - President's Day Holiday
- Feb. 23 - Sprit T-Shirt Day  
RiverKidz Shirts Grades 1-6  
Parents Night Out 6-8 (see flyer for more information)
- Feb. 28 - March Lunch Orders Due
- Mar. 5 - Spring Photo Day - Sunday  
Best Dress
- Mar. 6 - Zoo and Petting Zoo Day
- Mar. 7 - Science & Innovation Night  
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.





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TRADITION. INNOVATION. INSPIRATION.

**Our students are working on restoring the living shoreline by cleaning up debris and removing trash.**

# Scheduled Shoreline Clean-Up Days

In February, St. Mark's students are returning to our shoreline to clean-up and restore it for the Spring. 1st to 6th Grade will be participating in this activity.

**Clean up Dates**

**Friday, Feb 23 (1st to 6th Grade)**

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Mrs. James will email families appropriate attire students may bring to campus for shoreline cleanup, in addition to providing a signup link for parent volunteers.

# BOOK CLUB

**Wednesdays 3:15-4:15**

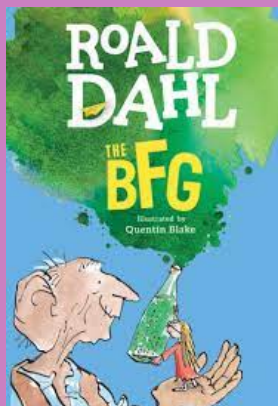
**Feb. 21, 28**

**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>





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# EVENT PARKING



We invite St. Mark's families and friends to park in the school/church parking lot for special events in Cocoa Village. There will be attendants (teachers, students, volunteers) to accept donations for parking and water. Help support the STEAM program!

## Upcoming Events

Feb. 24 - Cocoa Mardi Gras (parade/street performers - K-12 free)  
Parking Available 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Feb. 25 - Mardi Gras Paws in the Park - Parking Available 9 a.m. - 10  
a.m.



# 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

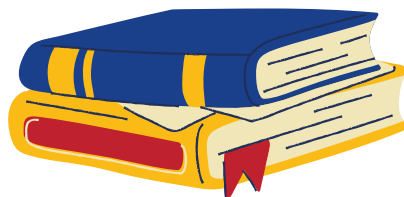
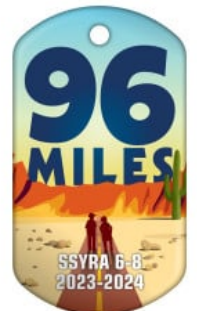
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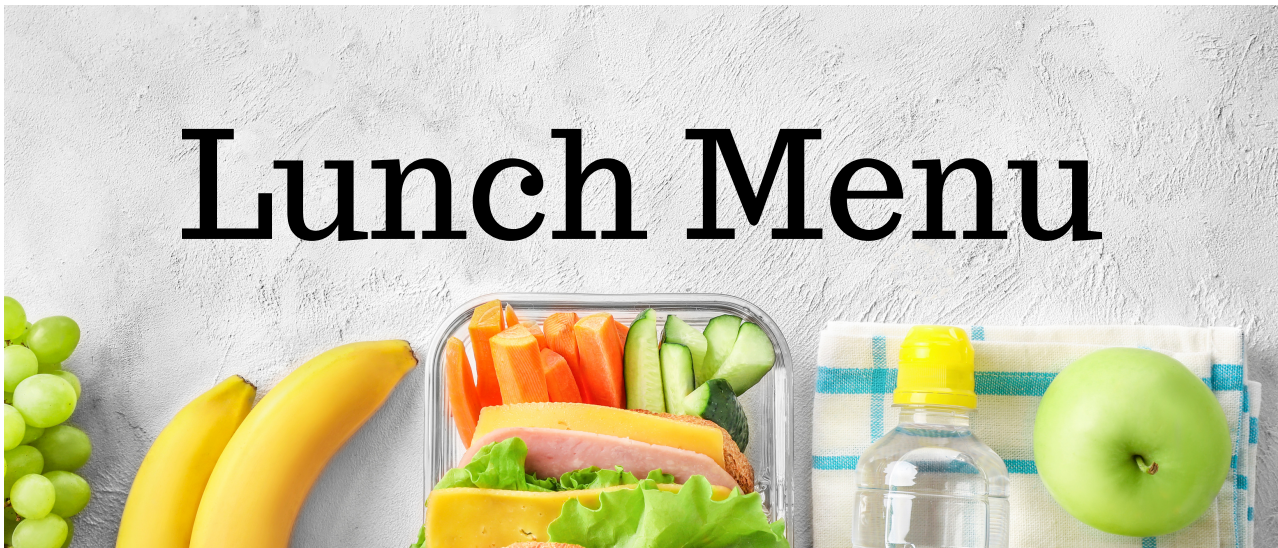
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BREAKFASTS

1st-6th Graders

1. Check out and read a SSYRA book.
2. Take the book test on Book Taco **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



## March 2024

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

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

15TH - 6TH GRADE  
VALENTINE'S LUNCHEON  
16TH - GRANDPARENT'S DAY  
21ST - PARENTS & FRIENDS  
HAPPY HOUR - Thursby Hall  
23RD - PARENTS NIGHT OUT

### MARCH

12TH - BINGO NIGHT  
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>
<del>Friday, May 3</del> <b>Thursday, May 9</b>	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*