

October 8, 2024



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Storm Updates

St. Mark's will be closed-
Wednesday, Thursday and
Friday. School will resume on
Tuesday, October 15th.

Q2 Club Updates

- * Art Club registration is closed.
- * Puzzle Club dates have been updated. (There were overlapping clubs in October.)

P&F is asking for help for the
Fall Festival.

Complete the form to
volunteer:

[https://signup.com/go/rmsu
MAa](https://signup.com/go/rmsuMAa)

10/14 - Columbus Day - No School

10/16 - Parents & Friends Meeting - 8
AM

10/18 - Parent's Chapel Day in honor of
Episcopal Schools Week - 8:00 AM
- End of Quarter 1
- Fall Festival 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

10/24 - Quarter 1 Report Cards

10/25 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - no
school for students

10/30 - 'Day in the Life' - Grades 3-6

11/1 - All Saint's Day Chapel - 8:00
AM

Hurricane

Preparedness Checklist

Hurricanes and tropical storms are rotating storms that form over warm waters. These storms bring high winds, heavy rain, storm surge (rise in water level), flooding and tornadoes. Climate change has caused hurricanes to strengthen faster and bring heavier rainfall. The most common cause of death during a hurricane is from drowning. These storms are dangerous and can damage places far inland. But we can take action to prepare. Prepare now to protect yourself, your loved ones and your home.



What to Do: Before

Make Plans to Stay Safe

Determine your best protection from high winds and flooding. Have a plan to evacuate and a plan to shelter safely.



If advised to evacuate, do so immediately

- You may have to leave your home quickly and go to a safe place.
- Know where you will go, how you will get there and where you will stay.
- Plan well in advance if you will need help leaving or use public transportation.
- Mobile, manufactured, trailer homes and recreational vehicles (RVs) are not safe in high wind events. Plan ahead by preparing to evacuate to a safe location.



Plan to shelter safely

- Be ready to live without power, water, gas, phone and internet for a long time.
- Practice going to a designated safe shelter for high winds. The next best protection is a small room with no windows on the lowest level of a sturdy building that is not likely to flood.
- Be aware that flooding can happen quickly. Have a plan to evacuate fast before floodwaters reach you.
- Create a personal support team of people you may assist and who can assist you.



Plan to stay connected

- Sign up for free emergency alerts from your local government.
- Plan to monitor local weather and news.
- Have a backup battery or a way to charge your cell phone.
- Have a battery-powered radio during a power outage.
- Understand the types of alerts that you may receive and have a plan to respond when you receive them.
 - A WATCH means **Be Prepared!**
 - A WARNING means **Take Action!**

- Alerts you may receive include: Hurricane Watch & Warning, Tropical Storm Watch & Warning, Extreme Wind Warning, Storm Surge Watch & Warning, Flash Flood Watch & Warning, Flood Watch & Warning.



Learn emergency skills

- Learn First Aid and CPR.
- Be ready to live without power. Utilities may be offline. Be ready to live without power, gas and water. Plan for your electrical needs, including cell phones and medical equipment. Talk to your doctor. Plan for backup power.



Gather emergency supplies

- Gather food, water and medicine. Stores and pharmacies might be closed. Organize supplies into a Go-Kit and a Stay-at-Home Kit.
- Go-Kit: at least three days of supplies that you can carry with you. Include backup batteries and chargers for your devices (cell phone, CPAP, wheelchair, etc.)
- Stay-at-Home Kit: at least two weeks of supplies.
- Have a 1-month supply of medication in a child-proof container and medical supplies or equipment.
- Keep personal, financial and medical records safe and easy to access (hard copies or securely backed up). Consider keeping a list of your medications and dosages on a small card to carry with you.



Protect Your Home

Wind

- Secure or bring inside outdoor items, such as lawn furniture and trash cans, that could be picked up by high winds and hurt someone.
- Anchor objects that would be unsafe to bring inside, such as gas grills and propane tanks.
- Trim or remove trees close enough to fall on your home.
- Protect windows with permanent storm shutters or sheeting.



Protect Your Home

Flood

- Clean out drains, gutters and downspouts.
- Stockpile protective materials such as plastic sheeting and sandbags.
- Consider installing a sump pump with battery backup.
- Consider elevating the heating system, water heater and electric panel.
- Review insurance policies with your agency.

What to Do: During



If local authorities advise you to evacuate, go right away.

- Bring your Go-Kit.
- Follow evacuation routes and do not try to take shortcuts because they may be blocked.
- Check with local officials for shelter locations. Download the Red Cross Emergency App to find shelters near you.



Determine your best protection for high winds and flooding.

- Take shelter in a designated storm shelter or an interior room for high winds.
- Stay away from glass windows and doors.
- Move to higher ground before flooding begins.

Never walk, swim, or drive through floodwater. Remember, Turn Around! Don't Drown!

What to Do: After



Stay Safe

- Wait for officials to say it is safe before going back home.
- Avoid damaged or fallen power lines, poles and downed wires. They can electrocute you.
- Do not touch floodwaters because they may contain sewage, bacteria and chemicals that can make you ill.
- If power is out, use flashlights or battery-powered lanterns to reduce fire risk.
- Be aware of carbon monoxide poisoning. Prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. Gasoline, propane, natural gas or charcoal-burning devices should never be used inside a home, basement, garage, tent or camper – or even outside near an open window. Carbon monoxide can't be seen or smelled, but it can kill you fast. If you start to feel sick, dizzy or weak, **get to fresh air right away – do not delay.**



Cleanup Safely

- Wear appropriate protective equipment including gloves, goggles and boots.
- Clean and disinfect everything that got wet.
- When cleaning heavy debris, work with a partner.
- Make sure that you have proper training before using equipment, such as chainsaws.
- Heart attacks are a leading cause of deaths after a hurricane. Be mindful of overworking.
- Cleaning up is a big job. Take breaks and take care of yourself.



Stay Healthy

- **When in doubt, throw it out!** Throw out food that got wet or warm.
- Ask your healthcare provider or doctor about refrigerated medicines.
- Hurricanes and flooding can make drinking water unsafe. Monitor your local health department for information about drinking water safety.



Take Care of Yourself

- It's normal to have a lot of bad feelings, stress or anxiety.
- Eat healthy food and get enough sleep to help you deal with stress.
- You can contact the Disaster Distress Helpline for free if you need to talk to someone. Call or text **1-800-985-5990**.

Prepare so you can protect.

| For more information, visit redcross.org/prepare

| Download the Emergency App



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EXCITING OCTOBER!

PARENT SURVEY-10/11

We are asking all parents to complete the St. Mark's Parent Survey and give us your feedback on the start of the school year.

PLEASE - help us by taking just a few moments to complete this very important survey:

<https://forms.gle/vD9ZrFe7herz48K59>

The survey will close on Friday, October 11th. Thank you!



NOTE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Our community has dealt with multiple school closure dates, and parents may have questions relating to hurricane make-up days. Next week, we will be communicating with all families if any additional school days need to be added to our school calendar. Please note: we will not alter any dates during holiday periods (Thanksgiving/Christmas). We pray that you all remain safe during Milton - Mr. Wester

EVENT SCHEDULE

10/14 - No School/Holiday

10/16 - P&F Meeting, 8:00 AM

10/18 - Fall Festival (5-8 PM)

10/18 - Episcopal Schools Day
(Parents at Chapel, 8:00 AM)

10/25 - Parent-Teacher
Conferences, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
(Registration Upcoming)

10/30 - Day In the Life, (8:30)

**Please contact Debbie Parsons
to Volunteer at St. Mark's**

CONNECT



COMMUNITY



VOLUNTEER



River Kidz Marine Science Description & Activities



<https://tinyurl.com/24River36>

(Use this link sign up your 3-6 Grader(s).)

Grades 3 - 6 – Wednesdays

TBD - Grades K – 2 (Dependent on # of Volunteers)

\$200.00 for 6 sessions

Deadline: October 16th

Oct. 23, 30

Nov. 6, 20

Dec. 4, 11



<https://tinyurl.com/24RiverK2Interest>

(Use this link to let Mrs. James know you are interested in this club for K-2.)

Week 1 - Orientation

- Students learn about IRL, write letters, make posters and make social media clips to government officials about saving IRL

Week 2 - Logo Design

- Students will design logo, environmental observation of the animal in the IRL (collaboration with Brevard Zoo & Environmental Studies)

Week 3 - Compass and Orienteering Skills

- Learn proper skills for using a compass and orienteering through Cocoa Village check points and river check points in teams

Week 4 - Land & Sea Rope Skills

- Learn proper rope skills for boating/kayaking, hanging hammocks, camping and more

Week 5 - Kayaking and Paddle Boarding Safety Skills

- Learn safety skills in Kayaking & Paddle Boarding

Week 6 - Water Safety for Kayaking and Paddle Boarding in the IRL

- 1st Aid and Boating Safety and will be tested on kayaking and paddle board safety skills



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL ACADEMY
& Jenn Gallo ART Studio

artfully presents afterschool...

ART CLUBS

**(3 YRS, 4 YRS & K)
THURS. 3:15-4:00
\$125 FOR 6 CLASSES
*6 KIDS MAX**

**10/10 - AIR DRY CLAY
10/24 - MIXED MEDIA
11/7 - FABRIC ART
11/14 - PAPER COLLAGE
11/21 - CANVAS ACRYLIC
12/5 - CARDBOARD ART**



**(1ST-6TH GRADES)
FRI. 1:30-2:30
\$100 FOR 5 CLASSES
* 12 KIDS MAX**

**10/11- AIR DRY CLAY
11/1 - MIXED MEDIA
11/15 - FABRIC TIE DYE
12/6 - PAPER COLLAGE
12/13 - CANVAS ACRYLIC**



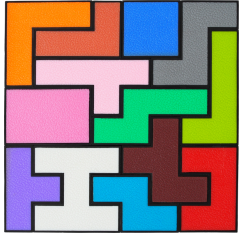
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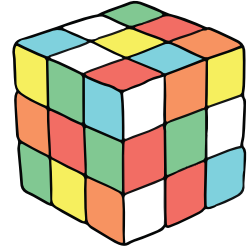
PUZZLE CLUB



Hosted by: Mrs. Chaney



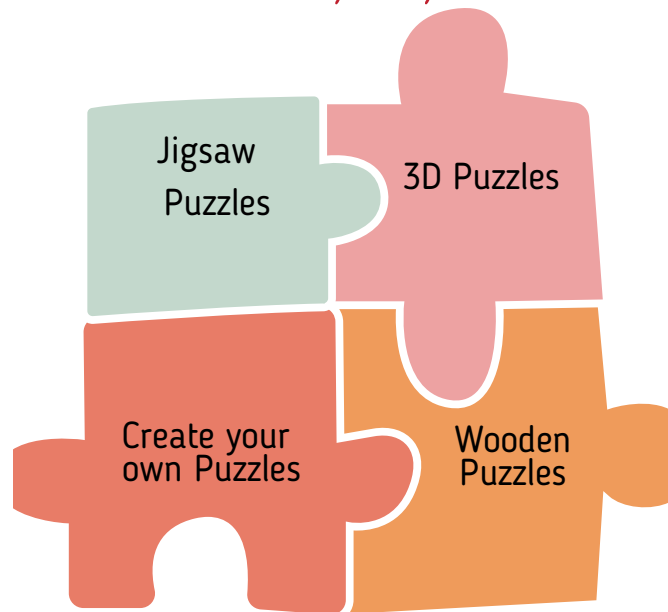
PreK/Kindergarten
\$70 for 6 sessions 3:30-4:15



Updated Dates!!

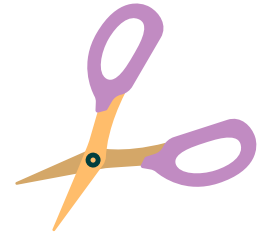
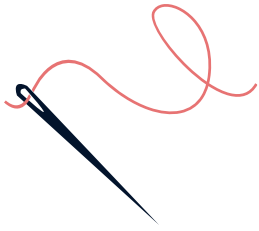
Nov. 5, 12, 19

Dec. 3, 10, 17



Note: Registration closes **October 10th**

<https://tinyurl.com/SMEApuzzle>



Join Sewing Club with Mrs. Chaney to learn basic sewing skills and cross-stitch.



Grades 2-6
Mondays - 3:30-4:30
\$80.00 for 5 sessions



Dates:
Oct. 21, 28
Nov. 4, 11, 18

Sign up at:
<https://tinyurl.com/4pjuncum>

Registration closes October 16th





To Whom It May Concern,

St. Mark's Episcopal Academy is hosting our Annual Fall Festival. The event is Friday, October 18th from 5-8 pm. We will have food trucks, bounce houses, carnival games, arts and crafts, a silent auction, face painting, and more.

This event is a community event and fundraiser for the school. The money raised goes towards programs and educational materials to help our students thrive in the unique academically excellent environment that St. Mark's has always provided. All the proceeds from this event go directly towards the educational development of our students.

We hope to create a partnership with you through this event. We are looking for silent auction baskets, gift certificate donations, and/or monetary donations that would go directly to the school. You can also support by attending the event, as well. Any avenue you can help would be greatly appreciated. All donations are tax-deductible. (Tax ID 59-0791043)

Thank you for your support of our school, the students, and its events. We look forward to building a relationship with our community and having you be a part of it.

Sincerely,

Courtney Lewis
President of Parents and Friends
St. Mark's Episcopal Academy



Sponsorship Levels

School Spirit - Lead Sponsor

\$500 Cash or Check Sponsorship
Large Print Name on T-Shirt
Two Promotional T-Shirts
Sponsor Table & Marketing Materials
Social Media shoutout day of event
Promotional item in swag bag

In-Kind Donations

Merchandise/Auction Basket
Social Media shoutout week of event
Promotional item in bag

Pumpkin Pride

\$350 Cash or Check Sponsorship
Company Name Printed on T-Shirt
One Promotional T-Shirt
Social Media shoutout week of event
Promotional item in swag bag

Festival Friend

\$200 Cash or Check Sponsorship
Social Media shoutout week of event

**To become a Fall Festival sponsor,
please contact:** Courtney Lewis
904-343-0002
ParentsandFriends@stmarksacademy.
org



BOX TOP \$ GOES TOWARDS PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT



9 Supporters!
12 Earning
Moments so far
this month!
\$274.70

OUR GOAL!

\$1,500

GIVE CLASS CREDIT!

To give credit:

1. Open the Box Tops App
2. Click My Earnings
3. Click on any item in Earnings History
4. Click Give Credit
5. Select your child's grade

OCTOBER BONUS BOX TOPS

BONUS OFFERS

Offers are valid in a single transaction between 10/01/2024-10/31/2024

 Buy 3, Earn 5 on participating Trick-or-treat snacks*	 Buy 2, Earn 4 on participating refrigerated cookie dough products*	 Buy 2, Earn 4 on participating Monster Cereals*	 Buy 2, Earn 4 on participating Chex & Chex Mix products*	 Buy 1, Earn 2 on participating Pillsbury frozen waffles*
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*Must submit your receipt within 14 days of purchase. Limit 5 claims per receipt.

JOIN THE OCTOBER CHALLENGE!



1. Join at the beginning of the month
2. Open the Box Top app
3. Click join challenge
4. Earn more bonus box tops!

CONNECT YOUR WALMART ACCOUNT AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO SCAN RECEIPTS!

1. Open the Box Tops app
2. Click Connect Walmart Account
3. Box Top \$ will automatically be sent to the school!

DON'T HAVE THE BOX TOPS APP YET? DOWNLOAD IT NOW:



Use the referral code:

KD1C4GV9

Thank You!



Do you love St. Mark's Academy? If so, please share your love on one or all of the school review sites below.

Simply click on the logos. Thank you!



St. Mark's
EPISCOPAL ACADEMY

TRADITION. INNOVATION. INSPIRATION.



**HELP GET THE WORD
OUT!**

**CLICK ON ONE OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING
WEBSITES TO LEAVE A REVIEW**



As St. Mark's continues to grow - we need your assistance to help reach new families. YOU can assist SMEA by engaging with our social media pages.

Please go on to the following page links to: follow, like, share and comment:

- **Facebook** - <https://www.facebook.com/stmarksepiscopalacademy/>
- **Instagram** - <https://www.instagram.com/stmarksepiscopalacademy/>
- **Website** - <https://www.stmarksacademy.org/>
- **LinkedIn** - <https://www.linkedin.com/company/st-mark-s-episcopal-academy>

This is a great way to show your support of SMEA, and promote our community to your friends and family. We will be sending out a parent email with all of these links. Mr. Wester will draw one parent that is engaging with our social media - to claim a small gift for helping our school!

Fall Semester

Monday, August 5	Used Uniform Sale – 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Thursby Hall
Wednesday, August 7	Teachers Return
Monday, August 12	Parent Orientation – 6:00 PM
Tuesday, August 13	Meet & Greet 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday, August 13	Used Uniform Sale Thursby Hall – 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday, August 14	Students Return - 1st Day of School
Wednesday, August 21	New Parent Coffee - 8:30 AM – Thursby Hall
Wednesday, August 28	Yearbook Picture Day
Thursday, August 29	Parents Back-to-School Night – 5:15 PM – 7:30 PM
Monday, September 2	Labor Day - (Holiday for All - NO SCHOOL)
Tuesday, September 10	Family Bingo Night 5:45 PM
Monday, September 16	Qtr 1 Interim Progress Reports
Friday, October 4	Blessing of the Animals – 12:35 PM
Monday, October 14	Columbus Day - (Holiday for All - NO SCHOOL)
Friday, October 18	End of Q1/ Fall Festival
Thursday, October 24	Qtr 1 Report Cards
Friday, October 25	Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School for Students)
Friday, November 1	All Saints' Day Chapel
Friday, November 8	Professional Development Day (No School for Students)
Monday, November 11	Qtr 2 Interim Progress Reports
Monday, November 11	Veterans Day Chapel
Thursday, November 14	All School Photo @ 8:40 AM
Monday – Thursday, November 11-15	Scholastic Book Fair
Tuesday, November 12	Books and Bingo 5:30-7:30
Friday, November 15	Fall into Science Day - Name TBD
Friday, November 22	Grandparent's Day - (11 AM Dismissal) No Aftercare
Monday – Friday, November 25-29	Thanksgiving Week - (Holiday for All - NO SCHOOL)
Wednesday – Friday, December 11-13	Holiday Shop
Friday, December 20	End of Qtr 2 & Advent in Song (11 AM Dismissal) No Aftercare
Monday, December 23 – Monday, January 6	Christmas Break

Spring Semester

Monday, January 6	Teachers Return
Tuesday, January 7	Students Return
Friday, January 10	Qtr 2 Report Cards
Monday, January 20	Martin Luther King Day - (Holiday for All - NO SCHOOL)
Thursday, January 23	Prospective Family Event
Thursday, February 6	Yearbook Photo Retake Day
Monday, February 10	Qtr 3 Interim Progress Reports
Friday, February 14	6th Grade Valentine's Day Celebration/1 PM Dismissal – No Aftercare
Monday, February 17	Presidents' Day - (Holiday for All - NO SCHOOL)
Tuesday, February 18	Holiday for All - NO SCHOOL/Hurricane Makeup Day
Tuesday, February 25	Family Bingo Night 5:45 PM
Wednesday, March 5	Ash Wednesday
Thursday, March 6	Spring Photo Day
Friday, March 7	Storybook Dress-Up Day/End of Qtr 3
Thursday, March 13	Science & Innovation Night
Thursday, March 13	Qtr 3 Report Cards Issued
Friday, March 14	Parent/Teacher Conferences - (No School for Students)/Hurricane Makeup Day
Monday- Friday, March 17-21	Spring Break
Friday, March 28	Field Day – Noon Dismissal -No Aftercare
Friday, April 11	Qtr 4 Interim Progress Reports
Saturday, April 12	Gala Night
Friday, April 18	Good Friday - (Holiday for All - NO SCHOOL)
Monday, April 21	Easter Monday - (Holiday for All - NO SCHOOL)
Friday, May 2	May Day - 11 AM Civic Center
Monday-Thursday, May 5-8	BOGO Scholastic Book Fair
Tuesday, May 6	Books and Bingo Night 6 pm-8 pm
Wednesday, May 21	Morning Awards Chapel
Thursday, May 22	Final Chapel/Crossover/Graduation/Last Day of School (11:00 Dismissal)
Friday, May 23 and Tuesday, May 27	Post-planning for Faculty
Monday, June 2	Qtr 4 Report Cards and Summer Packets Emailed

Parents & Friends Events

2024-2025



AUGUST

12TH - PARENT ORIENTATION
13TH - USED UNIFORM SALE
20th - PARENTS & FRIENDS
MEETING 8am- Library,
29TH - BACK TO SCHOOL
NIGHT

SEPTEMBER

6TH - COOKIES IN THE PARK
10TH - BINGO NIGHT
18TH- PARENTS & FRIENDS
MEETING 8am- Thursby

OCTOBER

16TH - PARENTS & FRIENDS
MEETING 8am - Thursby
18TH - FALL FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER

11TH-15TH - BOOK FAIR
12TH - BOOKS & BINGO
15TH - COOKIES IN THE PARK
20TH - PARENTS & FRIENDS
MEETING 8am - Thursby
22ND - GRANDPARENTS DAY

DECEMBER

6 TH - PARENTS NIGHT OUT
11-13TH - HOLIDAY SHOP
18TH - PARENTS & FRIENDS
MEETING 8am - Library
20TH - ADVENT & SONG

JANUARY

15TH - PARENTS & FRIENDS
MEETING 8am - Thursby

FEBRUARY

7TH - COOKIES IN THE PARK
14TH - VALENTINES DANCE
19TH- PARENTS & FRIENDS
MEETING 8am - Thursby
25TH - BINGO NIGHT

MARCH

19TH - PARENTS & FRIENDS
MEETING 8am - Thursby

APRIL

12TH - CASINO NIGHT GALA
16TH - PARENTS & FRIENDS
MEETING 8am - Library

MAY

6TH - BOOKS & BINGO
5TH - 8TH - BOOK FAIR
9TH - COOKIES IN THE PARK
15TH - PARENTS & FRIENDS
MEETING 8am - Thursby

JUNE

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

JULY

Summer
