



St. Mark's

EPISCOPAL ACADEMY

TRADITION. INNOVATION. INSPIRATION.

Mission Statement

The Mission of St. Mark's Episcopal Academy is to provide academic excellence and instill a lifelong love of learning, while fostering integrity, confidence, good moral character, and community through Episcopal teachings, values and traditions.

Vision

- Students appreciate what it means to be Christian, as well as Episcopalian.
- Students develop excellent reading and writing skills, positioning them at or above grade level.
- Students develop strong STEAM skills, positioning them at or above grade level, with special focus on marine sciences and the environment.
- Students learn critical thinking skills so they may assess their experiences independently and accurately, and build strong foundations as practical problem-solvers.
- Students increase their range of expression and perception by learning art, music, and sports.
- Students become strongly inclined to good stewardship; they build habits of good works by caring for one another, their communities, and their environment.
- Students conduct themselves with respect and consideration for others.
- Students experience being loved and cared for while being held to high standards of growth and behavior.
- Students and their families work to achieve high standards of learning while maintaining a cooperative and collegial environment.

Core Values

Academic excellence

Balanced development of body, mind, and spirit

Inclusion and diversity in a Christian community

Caring for our world with good stewardship and sustainable practices

Tradition. Innovation. Inspiration.



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What you can expect from a St. Mark's Education

- ✓ Waterfront Campus
- ✓ 10:1 Student-Teacher Ratio
- ✓ 1:1 Technology
- ✓ Daily P.E. and Recess
- ✓ STEAM - Marine Sciences
- ✓ Outdoor Education
- ✓ Music & Art
- ✓ Inclusive Community,
Welcoming to All Faiths
- ✓ Degreed, Certified,
and Gifted & Talented Faculty



We check all the boxes.

Scan the QR Code to Apply



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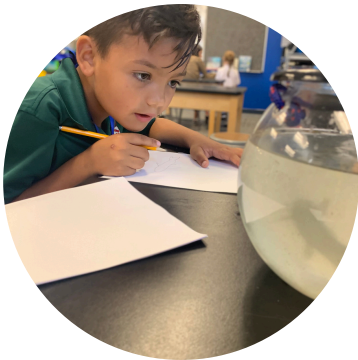
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WHAT OUR PARENTS SAY ABOUT ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL ACADEMY...

"Enrichment at its finest, staff that is amazing and really take the time to listen and I'm honored and proud to be a part of this school." - Review from A.S., parent via Facebook

"St Mark's is an excellent school. Their focus is on the overall development of each student, not just academic performance. While the standards are high, the class sizes are small allowing the teachers to move each child at their own developmental pace. They still have recess and gym every day! Their music and STEAM programs are outstanding!" - Parent Review via [greatschools.org](https://www.greatschools.org)



"Well qualified and caring teachers make this school a must if you are looking for challenging academics within a caring, Christian environment. The school is small which means that it has a real family feel to it. The Head of School knows everyone! Academic results are really impressive." - Parent Review via [greatschools.org](https://www.greatschools.org)

"We are new to the area and immediately upon touring SMEA we knew it was a great fit for our son. We love the small classroom family feel, the kiddos have PE every day. Great caring staff." - Review from A.M., parent via Facebook



"Great small Christian school that offers starting at K3 not only the 4 core classes, but many related arts including, music, art, PE (EVERY DAY), library, and the STEAM lab (science lab)! They also offer extracurricular activities such as sports, the glee club, and many more! Small class sizes give children extra attention needed to excel!" - Review from C.K., parent via Facebook

"Great school, lots of individualized attention to students. Wonderful teachers and staff." - Review from A.B., parent via Facebook

ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

Splash into Pre-K/Pocket Full of Pre-K – Pre-Kindergarten

Wonders – Language Arts – K-6

Big Ideas Math – Math K-6

HMHCO Florida Science – Science K-6

Social Studies Weekly – Social Studies K-6

Quaver's Marvelous World of Music – Music K-6

Physical Education /Health

STEAM/Marine Biology



SPECIAL EVENTS

Advent in Song

All Saint's Day

Blessing of the Animals

Class Chapel Performances

Community Service

Crossover Graduation

Grandparent's Day

Holiday Gift Shop

May Day

Field Day

Valentine's Day Dance

Veteran's Day

100th Day Celebration

Fall into Science

FIELD TRIPS

Brevard Symphony

Brevard Zoo

Eco Safari

Indian River Lagoon

King Center for the Performing Arts

Merritt Island Wildlife Refuge

Orlando Science Center

Sea World

St. Augustine

Tallahassee

Titusville Playhouse

Various Local Museums

*Destinations Change Annually

MEET OUR FACULTY



Head of School
Mr. Chris Wester
M.A.T. Education
University of South Florida
24 Years Experience in Education
10 Years in Leadership

CLASSROOM TEACHERS



**Pre-K4
Teacher**
Ms. Danielle Pike
B.S. Elementary Education
University of Central Florida
ESOL Endorsed
FDOE Professional
Educator's Certificate Eligible
25 Years Experience



**Pre-K3
Teacher**
Mrs. Renee Smith



**Kindergarten
Teacher**
Mrs. Laura Maharaj
B.S. Education, Early
Childhood Development &
Family Studies
University of the West Indies
FDOE Professional Educator's
Certificate Eligible
11 Years Experience



1st Grade Teacher
**Mrs. Alison
Olivieri**
B.S. Elementary & Primary
Education, University of
Central Florida
M.Ed Educational
Leadership
FDOE Professional
Educator's Certificate
Gifted Endorsed
25 Years Experience
25 years at SMEA



2nd Grade Teacher
Mrs. Trier Forget
B.A. Elementary Education
Florida Atlantic University
20 years of experience teaching
elementary 1st-6th grade
ESAL - ESE - Reading
Endorsement



3rd Grade Teacher
**Mrs. Stephanie
Magnone**
B.A. Secondary Education
West Liberty University
Over 40 years of experience
teaching 1st - 12th grades



4th Grade Teacher
**Mrs. Michelle
Richards**
M. Elementary Education
University of Glasgow
14 Years Experience



**5th & 6th Grade
Teacher**
Mrs. Daune Ellis
B.S. Elementary Education
University of Central Florida
ESOL Endorsed
Reading Endorsed
FDOE Professional
Educator's Certificate
10 Years Experience



5th & 6th Grade Teacher
Ms. Alexandra McAvoy
B.S. Elementary Education
University of Central Florida
ESOL Endorsed
Reading Endorsed
FDOE Professional
Educator's Certificate
10 Years Experience

MEET OUR FACULTY

ENRICHMENT TEACHERS



Physical Education
Ms. Christy Petsovich
B.S. Sports and Exercise Science
University of Northern Colorado
17 Years Experience



STEAM Teacher
Mrs. Karis James
B.S. Education with a
minor in Psychology,
Pensacola Christian College
FDOE Professional
Educator's Certificate
20 Years Experience



Music
Mrs. Grace Juliano
BA Music
BA Psychology
MM Cello and Chamber Music
University of South Florida
20 years Experience



Library
Mrs. Gail Beagley



Art
Ms. June Demarsico
BA - Georgian Court College
MA - Houston Baptist University
Certified in K-12 Art Education
Double Major in English
32 Years Experience

TA'S & CHILDREN'S CENTER



Teacher's Assistant
**Mrs. Lindsey
Londono**



Teacher's Assistant
Ms. Tammy Glenn



Teacher's Assistant
Mrs. Paden Chaney

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF



Administrator
Debbie Parsons



Front Desk Clerk
Judy Osikowicz



Marketing Manager
Rachel Maitlitz



Facilities Manager
Jay Forget



PROSPECTIVE FAMILY

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION STAFF

Prospective Family
Contacts the School

- Parent completes the online request for information or calls school directly.
<https://www.stmarksacademy.org/admissions>

- Answers call or online request for information.
- Sets appointment for in-person meeting/tour.
- Collects contact information as needed.

Prospective Family
Tours the School

In-person meeting and discussion with the Head of School.

- Admissions staff (HOS or Administrator) gives a tour of the school and explains programs and special features.
- Opportunity to answer questions and offer application/prospective families folder.

Prospective Family
Submits Application

Completes and submits online application and fee of \$75.

(To begin the Online Application process, Create an Account. Then log in to your account and Create A New Student Application for your child. You will then have the flexibility to log in and out of your account and access your open application.)

- Notification of application received is sent to parents.
- Reviews application and contacts family to schedule a school visit and testing for student.

Prospective Student
Visits School for the
Day / Screening

Arranges time for student visit. Ensures all information is provided so an accurate evaluation may be made.

- Contacts the receiving teacher of current grade level of student to schedule shadowing for the day.
- Teacher arranges buddy for student for the day and includes the student in all activities while making observational notes.
- See page 2 for screening information.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS CONTINUED

PROSPECTIVE FAMILY

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION STAFF

Admissions
Committee Meets for
Acceptance
Determination

No action

- Collects feedback from teachers after visit.
- Reviews assessment data, school records, and teacher observations to determine acceptance. If not enough data, more evaluation or information is requested until a final determination is made.
- Notify family of acceptance or not.

Family Completes
Enrollment Packet
including Tuition
Contract

Depending on acceptance, the family then completes the enrollment packet, which includes payment plan options.

If acceptance is granted, an email is sent to the family with log-in information and instructions on completing the enrollment packet and payment plan.

Student is Admitted

Student starts on the predetermined date. Family is informed of Family/Student Handbook guidelines, uniform policy, and basic materials to get started.

- Guides the family through the orientation documents and FACTS to ensure a smooth transition for the family and student.
- Enters student information into FACTS and adds to proper classroom in the system.
- Informs the classroom teacher of the student information and start date.

Admissions may take the opportunity to administer the screening assessments for reading and math. School visit and testing may be scheduled separately.

Pre-Kindergarten and incoming Kindergarten students will participate in the Gesell Test. The Gesell Developmental Schedules are a gauge of the status of a child's motor and language development and personal-social and adaptive behaviors. This test direct observation to evaluate a child's cognitive, language, motor and social-emotional responses in five strands (components); Developmental, Letter/Numbers, Language/Comprehension, Visual/Spatial and Social/Emotional/Adaptive.

Grades 1-6 will participate in the MAP test for reading and math. The NWEA MAP Test (Measures of Academic Progress) creates a personalized assessment experience by adapting to each student's learning level—precisely measuring progress and growth for each individual student. If your child correctly answers a question, the computer assessment provides a harder question next. If they miss that same question, then an easier question is asked. This provides essential information about what your child knows and is ready to learn. Its structure is cross-grade, which provides measurement of students who perform on, above, and below grade level.



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HOW TO APPLY

To apply please visit www.stmarksacademy.org and click the Apply Now button on the home page.

Applying is easy using our Online Application. We require families to apply online as it simplifies submission and provides parents a tool for tracking online the status of their admission after their application has been submitted. A non-refundable fee of \$ 75 must be submitted with each application.

To begin the Online Application process, Create an Account. Then log in to your account and Create A New Student Application for your child. You will then have the flexibility to log in and out of your account and access your open application.

After submitting the application, you will be able to track online your admissions status at the school by logging in to your account. There you will be able to print the completed applications, monitor when the school receives supplemental application forms and, if necessary, reprint the supplemental forms.



Tuition & Fees

PreK3 - PreK4
Tuition \$8,900

K - 6th Grade
Tuition \$11,128

Tuition is reduced by \$400 when paid in full
Tuition is reduced by \$200 when paid semesterly

Discounts

10% reduction for each sibling
\$500 for members of St. Mark's Church
\$500 for referring an enrolled family

Fees

Enrollment Fee \$500
Facilities Fee \$400

Scholarships and Tuition Remission

St. Mark's does accept families who qualify and receive [StepUp](#) FL private school scholarships. StepUp Scholarships cover up to 70% of tuition.

Families may also apply for tuition remission through [St. Mark's FACTS Grant & Aid](#). Scan the QR Codes for more information



UNIFORM VISUAL REFERENCE PRE-KINDERGARTEN



- Red polo with logo is worn everyday.
- Navy shorts, pants, or skirt with **elastic waistbands** are worn everyday
- Sweaters or jackets with logo may be red or navy
- Socks may be navy, white, or black and either ankle length or higher
- Tights must be navy.
- Tennis shoes may be navy, black, or dark brown Laces must match-dark color

Approved Uniform Vendors

Sir Walter Uniforms – 500 S. Plumosa St. Merritt Island

(321)459-0646 – www.sirwaltersuniforms.com

LandsEnd.com – Preferred School Number 900108440

UNIFORM

VISUAL REFERENCE

KINDERGARTEN-THIRD GRADES



- Red polo with logo is worn Monday - Thursday.
- White polo is worn on Fridays (whole school).
- White polo is worn for special/performance days.
- Navy shorts (boys) or plaid shorts/skort/jumper (girls) are worn every day.
- Jumpers are to be worn with white Peter Pan collar shirts.
- Black, brown, or navy belt must be worn (2nd-6th grades) with pants or shorts with belt loops.
- Sweaters or jackets with logo may be red or navy.
- Socks may be navy, white, or black and either ankle length or higher.
- Tights must be navy. Navy bike shorts must be worn under jumpers (purchased from school).
- Shoes may be navy, black, or dark brown; laces must match the color of the shoes.
- Navy gym shorts will be worn during certain outdoor activities.

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PERFORMANCE UNIFORM VISUAL REFERENCE KINDERGARTEN-THIRD GRADES



- White logo polo is worn during special or performance days.
- Navy pants (boys) or plaid skirt/skort (girls).
- Black or brown belt must be worn with pants
- Socks may be navy, white, or black and either ankle length or higher.
- Tights must be navy. Navy or black shorts must be worn under skirts.
- Shoes may be navy, black, or dark brown Laces must match-dark color.

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PERFORMANCE UNIFORM VISUAL REFERENCE FOURTH - SIXTH GRADES



- White Oxford button-down is worn during special or performance days
- Navy pants (boys), or plaid skirt/skort (girls).
- Black or brown belt must be worn with pants.
- Socks may be navy, white, or black and either ankle length or higher
- Tights must be navy.
- Navybike shorts must be worn under skirts. (sold at school)
- Shoes may be navy, black, or dark brown. Laces must match, dark color
- Ties are provided by SMEA

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UNIFORM VISUAL REFERENCE FOURTH - SIXTH GRADES



- Red polo with logo is worn Monday - Thursday.
- White polo is worn on Fridays (whole school)
- Plaid skorts, skirts, or shorts are worn every day (girls).
- Navy shorts or pants are worn every day (boys).
- Black, brown or navy belt must be worn with pants and shorts
- Sweaters, vests or jackets with logo may be red or navy
- Socks may be navy, white, or black and either ankle length or higher
- Tights/leggings must be navy and may be worn if under 60 degrees.
- Shoes may be navy, black, or dark brown Laces must match-dark color.
- Navy gym shorts will be worn during certain outdoor activities.

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Everyday Uniform Dress Code		
Grade Level	Girls	Boys
Pre-Kindergarten	Red Logo Polo Navy Elastic Shorts/Skort Navy Elastic Waistland Pants Navy Tights (*Optional) if 60 degrees or lower	Red Logo Polo Navy Elastic Shorts Navy Elastic Waistland Pants
Kindergarten - Fourth Grades	Red Logo Polo (Fridays Only *Required) White Logo Polo Plaid Jumper with White Peter Pan Collar Shirt Navy Uniform Pants Navy Tights (*Optional) if 60 degrees or lower Plaid Skort (*Grades 3 to Sixth)	Red Logo Polo (Fridays Only *Required) White Logo Polo Navy Uniform Shorts Navy Uniform Pants
Fifth & Sixth Grades	Red Logo Polo (Fridays Only *Required) White Logo Polo Navy Uniform Pants Navy Tights (*Optional) if 60 degrees or lower Plaid Skort (*Grades 3 to Sixth)	Red Logo Polo (Fridays Only *Required) White Logo Polo Navy Uniform Shorts Navy Uniform Pants
All: Optional	Navy Athletic Logo Jacket Navy or Red Sweater or Sweatshirt Navy or Red Sweater Vest	
All: Required	Black, Brown, or Navy Tennis Shoes *Laces Must be Darker Color Black, Navy, or White Socks *Ankle Length or Higher Fourth to Sixth Grade: Black or Brown Belt *Required for Pants and Shorts	
Performance Day Dress Code		
Grade Level	Girls	Boys
Pre-Kindergarten	Red Logo Polo Navy Elastic Skort	Red Logo Polo Navy Elastic Waistland Pants
Kindergarten - Third Grade	White Logo Polo Plaid Skort (*Grades 3 to Sixth) Navy Tights (*Optional) if 60 degrees or lower	White Logo Polo Navy Uniform Pants Black or Brown Belt (*Except for K)
Fourth - Sixth Grades	White Oxford Logo Button-Down Plaid Elastic Skort	White Oxford Logo Button-Down Navy Uniform Pants