

December 13, 2024



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### January Lunches

We may be changing Friday lunch vendors. Information to come soon.



### Epiphany Pageant

Practices for the Epiphany Pageant will take place on Dec. 10, 17, and 19 from 3:15 - 4:15 in the chapel. The church performance is on January 12th at 10:30 AM. All casting is complete.



### Advent in Song

Please complete the dismissal survey for Advent in Song Day. Dismissal is at noon for any students not leaving early.



### Friday Coffee

Join the School Board for coffee every Friday morning after Chapel.

12/15 - Lessons and Carols 4:00 PM

12/17 - 2nd/3rd Grade Chapel Presentation

12/18 - Ballet Assembly 11:15 at Civic Center - Parents are Welcome!  
P&F Meeting - 8 AM in Thursby

12/20 - Advent in Song 8:00 AM  
Noon Dismissal  
No Aftercare

12/23-1/5 - Christmas Break

1/6 - Students Return

1/7 - Club Sign-Up Deadline



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### **Reminder of School Calendar Changes**

With the two hurricane school closure periods this Fall, we were forced to add three school days to our calendar to remain in compliance. Please see the following three in-session school dates for your calendars:

**Monday, January 6th / Tuesday, February 18th / Friday, May 23rd**

### **Please Help Support Our Open House:**

We have our first Open House, for prospective families, on January 23rd. Please help St. Mark's grow, by spreading the word to friends and family, to explore the BEST private school community in our area! Please contact Mrs. Parsons ([pasonsd@stmarksacademy.org](mailto:pasonsd@stmarksacademy.org)), to refer a family to the Open House (1/23/25) from 6:00 - 7:30 PM.

### **Campus Volunteers & Visitors**

Please come to the main office to check-in, prior to heading to your volunteer/visit location, and we will provide you the appropriate identification badge. This helps ensure that all guests are accounted for on-campus for everyone's safety. Our students prosper with the additional support that our volunteers provide - and we are grateful for your help within our school!

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**CONNECT**



**COMMUNITY**



**VOLUNTEER**

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# BASKETBALL CLINIC

Mrs. Smith will be working with students on skills work and sportsmanship. The clinic will run for 6 weeks. Please click on the Age Group below or scan the QR Code to go to the permission form. Sign up ends January 7th.



**PK3-KINDER**

Tuesdays 3:30-4:15

**\$115**

**GRADES 1-6**

Wednesdays 3:30-4:30

**\$130**



Registration Links





# Lessons and Carols



December 15, 2024

4:00 PM

A Message from St. Mark's Church

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We are so pleased to invite students to participate in our Lessons and Carols. We are inviting students to read with us and Father Pessah has invited students to sing along with him in Silent Night. If you would like to participate by singing Silent Night, please fill out the permission slip. If your child is participating in Lessons and Carols please have them at the church by 3:45 on Sunday the 15th. Students should wear their uniform bottoms with their red polo. There will be a reception following the service.

Sign-up at

<https://tinyurl.com/SMLessonsandCarols>





# ADVENT IN SONG

Friday, December 20, 2024

8:00 AM

Our Episcopalian tradition of including a musical performance during the season of Advent continues.

Please be sure that your child is in his/her best uniform.

As a reminder, uniform requirements are below:

NOTE: RED shirts are to be worn by Pre-K students only.

## **Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4:**

Boys: Red shirts and navy uniform bottoms

Girls: Red shirts and navy uniform skirt or skort.

## **Kindergarten thru Grade 6:**

Boys: White Polo Shirt, Navy Blue uniform bottoms

Girls: Plaid Skirt or skort with white polo shirt or Jumper with Peter Pan blouse

Please no leggings or tights

**ALL:** Socks - Solid white/navy/black (no logos) ankle/crew/knee length

Shoes - Dark shoes.

Note: This is the Last Day of School in 2024 and all students will be dismissed at **NOON**.

THERE WILL BE NO AFTERNOON CHILDREN'S CENTER.

Students return on **Monday**, January 6th, 2025



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# *Advent in Song*



Please join us for a very special  
Advent in Song Chapel Service

December 20, 2024

8:00 AM

4 Church Street, Cocoa, FL 32922

*To be fueled by God to do God's work!*

ADVENT  
SERVICE OF  
LESSONS AND  
CAROLS

DECEMBER 15  
4:00 Musical  
Prelude / 4:30 PM  
Lessons and Carols

CHRISTMAS  
EVE

DECEMBER 24  
5:30 PM - Rite II  
10:30 PM - Rite II  
sung, with incense

CHRISTMAS  
DAY

DECEMBER 25  
10:00 AM  
The Christ Mass

THE FEAST  
OF  
EPIPHANY

JANUARY 12th  
8:00 AM - Rite I  
10:30 AM - Rite II  
Children's Pageant

*Christmas*

EVENTS  
2024

St. Mark's Episcopal Church \* Historic Cocoa Village \* 4 Church Street \* Cocoa FL 32922

## BOX TOP \$ GOES TOWARDS PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT



16 Supporters!  
7 Earning  
Moments in December

**\$354.00**

### 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

### DECEMBER BONUS BOX TOPS

- Annie's: Buy 4 and earn 8 bonus box tops  
Pillsbury: Buy 3 and earn 6 bonus box tops  
Progresso: Buy 3 and earn 6 bonus box tops  
Lucky Charms: Buy 2 and earn 4 bonus box tops  
Old El Paso shells: Buy 2 and earn 4 bonus box tops

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



Use the referral code:

**KD1C4GV9**

### OUR GOAL!

**\$1,500**

### 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!

*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!



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**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 - <b>(Holiday for All - NO SCHOOL)</b>
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 - <b>(Holiday for All - NO SCHOOL)</b>
Friday, October 18	End of Q1/ Fall Festival
Thursday, October 24	Qtr 1 Report Cards
Friday, October 25	Parent/Teacher Conferences <b>(No School for Students)</b>
Friday, November 1	All Saints' Day Chapel
Friday, November 8	Professional Development Day <b>(No School for Students)</b>
Monday, November 11	Qtr 2 Interim Progress Reports
Monday, November 11	Veterans Day Chapel
Monday – Wednesday, November 11-13	Scholastic Book Fair
Tuesday, November 12	Books and Bingo 5:45-7:45
Friday, November 15	Fall into Science Day/Cookies in the Park Afterschool
Wednesday, November 20	All School Photo @ 8:40 AM
Friday, November 22	Grandparent's Day - <b>(12 PM Dismissal)</b> No Aftercare
Monday – Friday, November 25-29	Thanksgiving Week - <b>(Holiday for All - NO SCHOOL)</b>
Wednesday – Friday, December 11-13	Holiday Shop
Friday, December 20	Advent in Song <b>(12 PM Dismissal)</b> No Aftercare
Monday, December 23 – Monday, January 6	Christmas Break

## Spring Semester

Monday, January 6	Students Return - <b>Hurricane Makeup Day</b>
Friday, January 10	End of Qtr2
Monday, January 20	Martin Luther King Day <b>-(Holiday for All - NO SCHOOL)</b>
Tuesday, January 21	<b>Qtr 2 Report Cards</b>
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/ <b>1 PM Dismissal</b> – No Aftercare
Monday, February 17	Presidents' Day <b>-(Holiday for All - NO SCHOOL)</b>
<b>Tuesday, February 18</b>	<b>Hurricane Makeup Day</b>
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 - <b>(No School for Students)</b>
Monday- Friday, March 17-21	<b>Spring Break</b>
Friday, March 28	Field Day – Noon Dismissal -No Aftercare
Saturday, April 12	Gala Night
Thursday, April 17	Qtr 4 Interim Progress Reports
Friday, April 18	Good Friday - <b>(Holiday for All - NO SCHOOL)</b>
Monday, April 21	Easter Monday - <b>(Holiday for All - NO SCHOOL)</b>
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	<b>Morning Awards Chapel</b>
<b>Friday, May 23</b>	<b>Final Chapel/Crossover/Graduation/Last Day of School (12:00 Dismissal)/Hurricane Makeup</b>
Tuesday, May 27 and Wednesday, May 28	Post-planning for Faculty
Tuesday, June 3	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*  
