



“The Message”

a weekly newsletter of St. Mark School

September 1, 2022

A note from Mrs. Bingham

Dear Parents,

We made it to September! In all honesty, these three weeks have flown by. I am grateful to our families for encouraging a positive start to our school year.

It was a pleasure to welcome you into the building for our back to school PTO meeting and curriculum night. This is always a wonderful evening when the teachers have the opportunity to share their joy and excitement about their students and classes. I encourage you to volunteer and get involved. There are many opportunities and it is a fun way to get to know other families.

I am attaching my presentation from last night as a reference on how to sign up for Box Tops for Education, AmazonSmile, and a link to the Today and Tomorrow website along with the link for MoScholars and the telephone number for Today and Tomorrow. Thank you for your kind words and excitement about the school year.

Enjoy the long weekend. Happy Labor Day.

St. Mark, Pray for Us.

Mrs. Bingham

NEWS & NOTES

Back to School Paperwork

If you have not returned your back to school paperwork, you will be receiving new copies as it is essential we receive it.

Prevent and Protect STL

Are you interested in coaching, attending field trips, class parties, or volunteering at school? The Archdiocese of St. Louis requires all volunteers to attend a Protecting God's Children workshop and have a background screening prior to volunteering in school or parish programs. In addition to attending a Protecting God's Children workshop, all volunteers must register for an updated background screening, view two online training modules on abuse reporting and Code of Ethical Conduct, and agree to the updated Code of Ethical Conduct. Please go to preventandprotectstl.org to register.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Althage at 743-8641.

Economic Deprivation Forms:

The 2022-2023 Economic Deprivation forms are coming home today. We must collect a signed form from every family. Please fill them out and return ASAP. As these contain private information an envelope is attached so that they can be returned to Mrs. Bingham. She is the only one who sees these forms.

These forms generate title funds available to our school. So please fill it out accurately and include your address with zip code for accurate reporting. Thank you.



The 8th grade class is selling mums to raise money for their graduation expenses. Please see the attached order form if you would like to place an order. Orders are due by Tuesday, September 6th. The mums will be delivered to St. Mark on Friday, September 30th.

School Partnership with St. Louis Counseling

We are happy to have a counselor with us 5 days a week this year. Our new counselor is Alishia Vogt. She will not begin working with us until after Labor Day.

Safe Touch Classes:

Our annual Safe Touch classes will be held the week of September 19th. This class is given to students in K-8 once a year to remind students of safety with each other and adults.



Together We're Better Gift Certificate Program

Don't forget that you can order your Together We're Better gift certificates through school at any time. Encourage your family and friends to participate! This is a great program that pays for many of the technology needs at St. Mark. Check out the extensive list of gift cards that are available.

Orders will be delivered directly to your child or you can pick them up in the office. You can use Walmart cards at Sam's Club for both gas and purchases. Other popular gift cards are Target, Amazon, Dierbergs, Circle K, Mobile/Exxon, and various restaurants.



2021-2022 Yearbooks have arrived. If you did not preorder yours, fill out the attached order form and we will send a copy home with your child.

Back to School Service Project

Our 1st service project for the school year will benefit Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. Please see the attached list of requested items. The students will decorate and fill canvas totes that will be delivered to the patients at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital.

Please place school supply donations in a bag and mark DONATION FOR CARDINAL GLENNON.



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If you are still able to send in a cash donation for the Basket Raffle Booth, please do so by Friday, September 2nd.



Read, Right and Run registration is OPEN! This after school program meets Wednesdays 3:00-4:15pm and is open to all students in K-8th grade. The goal of RRR is for students to READ 26 books, do the RIGHT thing with good deeds 26 times, and RUN 26 miles total by April 1st. We do each of those things every time we meet. For more details and to register, please click this link: <https://forms.gle/HiJ4ibuPguhQS5bT6>

**Save the Date & Support
Our 8th grade Class!**



PIZZAS



COOKIES



DESSERTS

TJ's POP-UP FUNDRAISER

FRIENDS, FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS, PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR TJ's POP-UP FUNDRAISER TO HELP SUPPORT ST. MARK CATHOLIC 8TH GRADE-CLASS OF 2023'S FUNDRAISING EFFORTS.

YOU WILL BE ABLE TO BUY A WIDE VARIETY OF TJ'S DELICIOUS FOOD ITEMS WITHOUT EVER LEAVING YOUR VEHICLE. DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DATE: FRIDAY, SEPT. 30TH

**LOCATION: ST. MARK CATHOLIC
4220 RIPA AVE.
ST. LOUIS, MO 63125**

TIME: 3:30PM - 5:30PM

TJSFUNDRAISING.COM CASH, CREDIT AND DEBIT ACCEPTED

High School Information

ATTENTION 8TH GRADE BOYS: CBC is now accepting appointments for our *Official 8th Grade Visit Program*. During this visit, a young man will participate in *Experience CBC* Classes designed especially for 8th grade students. He will meet with a current CBC student, attend some of his classes, and have lunch with him. Finally, during the *CBC Explore* Period, he will have the opportunity to meet with teachers, coaches and program moderators to gather detailed information about the things in which he is interested. This program is by reservation only. Please contact Mrs. Melissa Ryan at (314) 985-6095 or ryanm@cbchs.org to reserve your *Official 8th Grade Visit*. On-line registration also available at www.BeaCadet.org/official.



Is your son interested in attending St. Mary's High School for the 2023-2024 school year? Sign up for a shadow day at www.stmaryshs.com to get an inside peek at life on the Southside.

Questions? Contact Director of Admissions, Sam Carel: carels@stmaryshs.com or 314-481-8400 x110

Upcoming EVENTS

September 5th – No School

September 6th – Mum orders are due

September 9th – 8th grade Fun Night

September 12th – Fall pictures

September 15th – 1st Mid-Quarter

September 19th -September 22nd – ITBS Testing ~ grades 3-8

September 23rd – No School ~ Faculty Professional Development

September 26th- 2nd Grade Parent Meeting for Reconciliation ~ 6:30pm in the Church



St. Mark ***Class of 2023*** ***MUM SALE***

\$10.00 per 9" Mum

Orders Due Tuesday, September 6th

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

9" Mums - \$10 per mum:

<u>Color</u>	<u>Number of Mums</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bronze/Orange		\$
Purple		\$
Red		\$
White		\$
Yellow		\$
		Total \$:

Checks may be made payable to St. Mark

Delivery will take place on Friday, September 30th

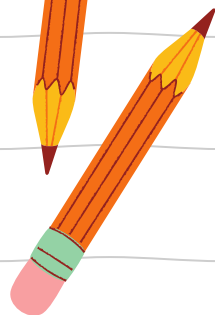
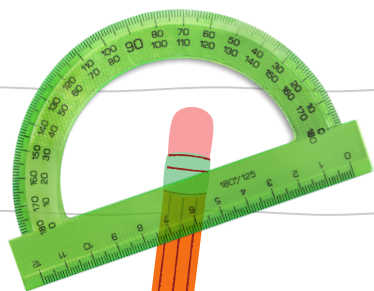
Thank you for your support of the 8th grade class!



BACK TO SCHOOL Service Project

We are collecting the following school supplies

Please send the supplies
in a bag marked
Donation for
Cardinal Glennon.



Colored Pencils
Markers
Crayola Crayons
Coloring Books,
Puzzle Books
Puzzles
Play-Doh & Cutters
Scissors
Glue Sticks
Elmer's Glue
Stickers
Glitter Glue

Construction paper, drawing pads
5x7, 8x10 canvas

Watercolors/ paints, paintbrushes
Decks of cards, UNO, etc
Dry erase boards/markers
Pens/Pencils/Sharpener
Clay

Craft Kits (for all ages)
Fabric Markers
Sharpies
Journals
Sketchbooks





2021-2022

Yearbook Order Form

Family Name_____

Current grade(s)_____

Amount enclosed ~ (\$15.00 each)

EARN CASH FOR SCHOOLS WITH BOX TOPS

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

For over 25 years, Box Tops for Education has given families an easy way to earn for schools with products they already buy. Today, you can find thousands of participating products throughout the store — and all you need is the Box Tops app.

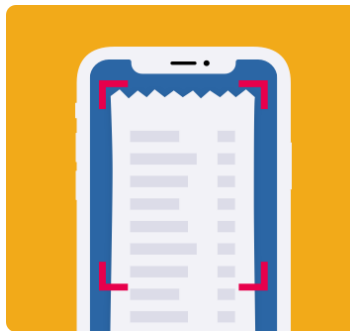


HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:



BUY BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

Earn for schools with the brands you love.



SCAN YOUR RECEIPT

Use the Box Tops app to submit your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



EARN CASH FOR SCHOOLS

Box Tops products are identified and earnings are credited online.



ONLINE SHOPPERS CAN EARN WITH BOX TOPS, TOO!

Whether you order groceries for delivery or pickup, shop through your store's app, or request an email receipt at checkout, you can earn for your school no matter where you shop.

SEE PRODUCTS & LEARN MORE ABOUT
THE BOX TOPS APP AT [BTFE.COM](https://www.btfecom.com)

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





St. Mark Fall Festival-September 16th and 17th

**Booth Sign ups, Pre-Sale Ride Bracelets and Take and Go
T-shirts September 3rd and 4th and September 10th and 11th after all masses**

Friday, Sept. 16th 5 -9 p.m.

Family Night

** Rides* Game Booths* Snack Shack**

Saturday, Sept 17th

Parade 10:30 a.m.

**Show your school and parish pride let
the neighborhood hear our roar!!**

Festival

11:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.

Entertainment

Musical Entertainment

12:00 – 3:00 pm &

6:00 9:00 pm

BBQ Pork Steak Dinners

3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

SILENT AUCTION

*Still Looking for NEW Items, Cardinal,
Blues and Mizzou Tickets, Vacation
Stays, Gift Cards, Winery and Pub Tours,
AB memorabilia!*

Outdoor Food Booths

Burgers, Brats, Pulled Pork, Nachos,
Pulled Pork Nachos, Fries, T-Rav's, Crab
Rangoon, Snow Cones, Pretzels,
Popcorn available all day long!

**Pull Tabs, 50 States, Beer,
Seltzers and Margarita's
all day long!**

Games of Chance-21 & Older

Chuck A Luck and Texas Hold'em

3:00 p.m.-Close

Carnival Rides Are Back!!

Pre-Sale Prices

Friday Night 5-9 p.m. \$25

All Day/Night Saturday \$35

Both Friday and Saturday \$45

Get your bracelet's now! Available after

all masses **09/4/22 & 09/11/22 and**

at school office, 9:00- 2:30 p.m.

**through Thursday, 9/15/22. Prices
are \$5 more the day of, save today!**

Fall Festival T-Shirts

First Come First Serve

Quantities are limited –

Get Yours Today!!

\$12 AS-AXL

\$14 2x – 3x

Raffle Tickets on Sale!

\$5 each or 6 for\$25

9 Chances to win!!

1st \$2,500,

2nd \$1,500,

3rd \$1,000 and

6 hourly \$100 drawings!

Get your tickets today!

Together Again!

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ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH
4200 Ripa Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63125
Phone: (314) 743-8600



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July 22, 2022

Re: Sponsorship - St. Mark Fall Festival 2022

St. Mark parish and school is excited to once again to be holding our Fall Festival after a long break due to Covid 19. Join us on **Friday and Saturday, September 16th and 17th, 2022**. The festival will be held on the St. Mark campus, 4220 Ripa Ave., St. Louis, MO 63125

This year we are again glad to provide the opportunity for different levels of **tax deductible 501(c)(3)** sponsorships and we hope that you consider becoming one this year:

Platinum Sponsor \$1,000 -
Name/Company/Logo on the Fall Festival T-Shirts **If received after 8/22/2022 we cannot guarantee logo to be on t-shirt.**

Name/Company/Logo on the Fall Festival Signage both days of the festival and that will hang in Parish Center for 1 year
Name/Logo on our Website and Facebook Page

4 Ride Bracelets
4 Dinners Tickets

4 T-Shirts (sizes needed by 8/22 if received after 8/22/2022 XL will be sent)

Gold Sponsor \$500 -
Name/Company/Logo on Fall Festival T-Shirts **If received after 8/22/2022 we cannot guarantee logo to be on t-shirt.**

Name/Company/Logo on the Fall Festival Signage both days of the festival and that will hang in Parish Center for 1 year
Name/Logo on our Website and Facebook Page

2 Ride Bracelets
2 Dinners Tickets

2 T-Shirts (sizes needed by 8/22 if received after 8/22/2022 XL will be sent)

Silver Sponsor \$250 -
Name/Company/Logo on the Fall Festival Signage both days of the festival and that will hang in Parish Center for 1 year

Name/Logo on our Website and Facebook Page
2 Dinner Tickets


2 T-Shirts (sizes needed by 8/22 if received after 8/22/2022 XL will be sent)

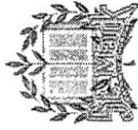
Bronze Sponsor \$100 -
Name/Company/Logo on the Fall Festival Signage both days of the festival and that will hang in Parish Center for 1 year

Name/Logo on our Website and Facebook Page
2 Dinners

Please complete the enclosed Sponsor Form and return to us along with your donation in the provided envelope no later than **Monday, August 30, 2022**. Your tax forms and items will be sent/delivered to you.

Thank you in advance for considering a sponsorship and your support of St. Mark Catholic Church and Parish School. If you have any questions, please contact Jim or Dodie Rooney at 314-913-7898 or roonij@outlook.com

Sincerely,

Rev. Brian Hecktor
Pastor, St. Mark Catholic Church



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4200 Ripa Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63125
Phone: (314) 743-8600

St. Mark Catholic School and Parish
Fall Festival 2022
September 16th and 17th

Sponsorship Form - Return with Payment

I/We would like to sponsor the St. Mark Fall Festival with a financial donation (please check)

Platinum Sponsor	\$1,000.00	T-Shirt Sizes (4) Available Sizes AS,AM, AL,AXL, A2X, A3X
Gold Sponsor	\$500.00	T-Shirt Sizes (2) Available Sizes AS,AM, AL,AXL, A2X, A3X
Silver Sponsor	\$250.00	T-Shirt Sizes (2) Available Sizes AS,AM, AL,AXL, A2X, A3X
Bronze Sponsor	\$100.00	

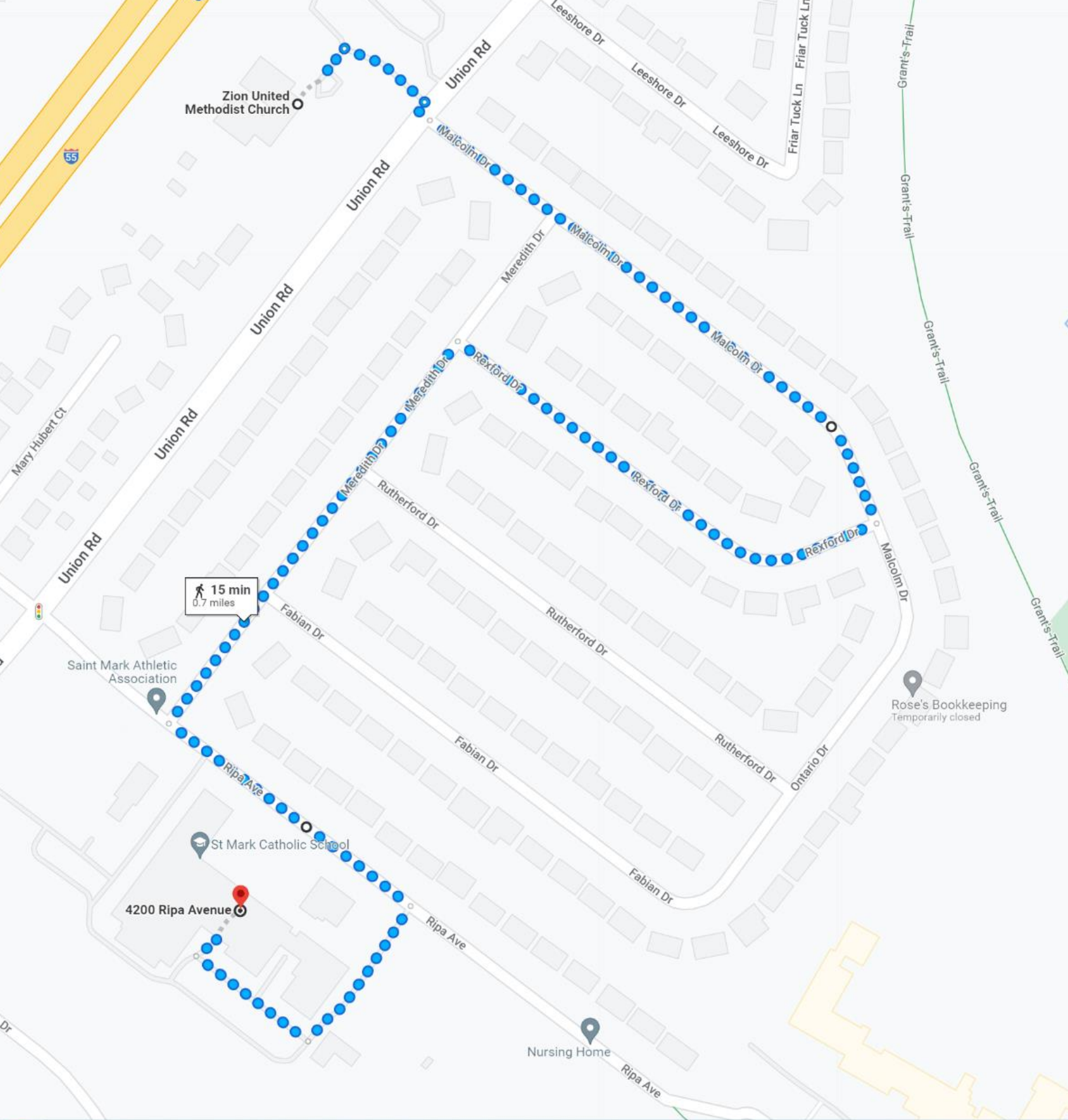
Write your name or wording for the banner on the lines below, as it should appear on the signage/banner. If your sponsorship includes a logo (preferably a .jpg or .png) please send electronically to roonij@outlook.com

Any questions contact Jim Rooney at roonij@outlook.com or call 314-913-7898.

Make check payable to:
St. Mark Catholic Church
Attn: Jim/Dodie Rooney - Sponsorship Committee
4200 Ripa Avenue
St. Louis MO 63125

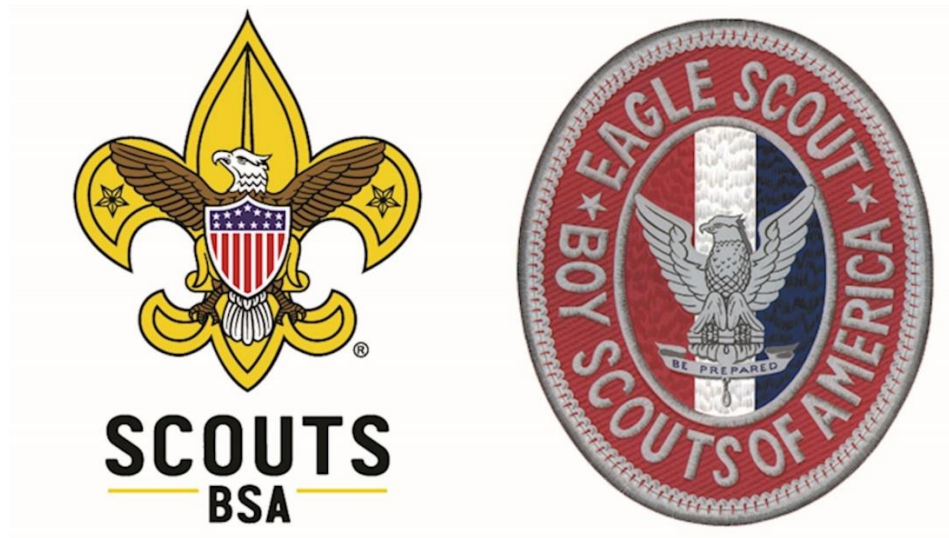
We Thank You for Your Support!!

Chairperson Use Only:
Money Received: _____
Money Turned In: _____
Tax Info/Item Sent: _____
Signage Made Ordered: _____



PACK AND TROOP 647

AT ST. FRANCISI OF ASSISI PARISH



**SIGN UP ON SEPT 7TH 2022 AT
7PM-8PM**

AT SFA BASEBALL FIELD PAVILION

BOYS K-8TH CAN SIGN UP NOW AND JOIN SCOUTING.

**OUR BOYS WILL WORK TOGETHER TO LEARN WHAT IT MEANS TO DO A GOOD
TURN DAILY, DO THEIR BEST, AND ALWAYS BE PREPARED.**

**SCOUTING BUILDS CHARACTER, LEADERSHIP SKILLS, ETHICAL STANDARDS,
AND CONFIDENCE.**

FOR MORE INFO OR TO BE AN ADULT VOLUNTEER:

EMAIL SFA.PACK647@GMAIL.COM



Beginning in September and running through the school year, St. Mark will raffle off a \$25 gift card each month for those school families or parishioners who have bought at least \$200 in gift cards the previous month. The drawing will be held on the 1st Friday of each month.

We have begun totaling your purchases this month and the first raffle will be on September 2nd. The winner will get to choose their \$25 gift card. If you have any questions, please give Diane a call at 314-757-1996

Thank You & Good Luck

“ Together We’re Better ”

Where, How & When you can buy: *Parish office from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm (M-F)

*After the 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday Masses

*By sending an order with your child through

school

Welcome to the 2022–2023 school year!

Questions: call Diane Little @ 314-757-1996 or Alice Wilcox @ 314-743-8603.

	%	Denom.	Qty	Total		%	Denom.	Qty	Total
Grocers					Restaurants				
Dierbergs	5%	\$25			LongHorn	8%	\$25		
Dierbergs	5%	\$100			Maggiano's Little Italy*	11%	\$25/\$50		
Kenrick	10%	\$10			McAlister's Deli*	6%	\$25		
Save-A-Lot	5%	\$10			Noodles & Co.*	8%	\$10		
Restaurants					O'Charley's	13%	\$25		
Applebee's*	8%	\$25			Olive Garden	8%	\$25		
Arby's	8%	\$10			Outback Steakhouse	10%	\$25		
Bob Evans	10%	\$10			Papa John's Pizza	8%	\$10		
Bonefish Grill*	10%	\$25			Pizza Hut	8%	\$10		
Buffalo Wild Wings	8%	\$10			Qdoba*	7%	\$25		
Burger King	4%	\$10			Red Lobster	8%	\$25		
Chili's	11%	\$25			Red Robin	8%	\$25		
Chipotle Mexican Grill*	10%	\$10			Sonic*	8%	\$10/\$25		
Chuck E. Cheese's*	8%	\$10			Starbucks	4.5%	\$10		
Cold Stone Creamery*	11%	\$10			STL Bread Co.	8%	\$10/\$25		
Cracker Barrel	8%	\$10			Steak 'n Shake	8%	\$10		
Dairy Queen	3%	\$10			Subway	4.5%	\$10		
Denny's	7%	\$10			Taco Bell	5%	\$10		
Domino's	8%	\$10			Texas Roadhouse	8%	\$25		
Dunkin' Donuts*	3%	\$10/\$25			TGIFriday's	9%	\$25		
Fazoli's*	9%	\$25			Wendy's	6.5%	\$10		
Freddy's*	8%	\$25			Gasoline				
Golden Corral*	9%	\$25			7-Eleven	3%	\$50		
Hardee's*	5%	\$10			BP Oil	1.5%	\$50		
Honey Baked Ham*	12%	\$25			Circle K	1.5%	\$25		
IHOP*	8%	\$25			Mobil/Exxon	1%	\$50		
Jack in the Box	4%	\$10			Phillips 66	1.5%	\$25		
Subtotal 1					Subtotal 2				

*denotes a card that we don't stock but can be ordered

Orders for gift cards that are not on hand are placed each Monday at 10:00 a.m. and are delivered to us by Friday.

Updated 7/28/22
(More on back)

Retailers			Retailers		
ACE Hardware*	4%	\$25	iTunes	5%	\$15/\$25
American Eagle*	10%	\$25	JCPenney	5%	\$25
Banana Republic	14%	\$25	Joann Fabric	6%	\$25
Barnes & Noble*	8%	\$10/\$25	Kohl's	4%	\$25/\$100
Bass Pro Shops*	10%	\$25	Lowe's	4%	\$25/\$100
Bath & Body	12%	\$10	Macy's*	10%	\$25
Bed, Bath & Beyond	7%	\$25	Marshalls	7%	\$25
Best Buy	4%	\$25	Maurices*	7%	\$20
Build a Bear*	8%	\$25	Menards*	3%	\$25/\$100
Burlington*	8%	\$25	Michaels	4%	\$25
Cabela's*	10%	\$25	Old Navy	14%	\$25
Claire's*	9%	\$10	PetSmart*	5%	\$25
CVS Pharmacy	6%	\$25	Ross Dress for Less*	8%	\$25
Dick's Sporting Goods	8%	\$25	Shoe Carnival*	5%	\$25
Dillard's*	9%	\$25	Target	2.5%	\$25/\$100
Express*	10%	\$25	T.J. Maxx	7%	\$25
Famous Footwear*	8%	\$25	ULTA*	7%	\$25
Foot Locker*	8%	\$25	Walgreens	5%	\$25
GameStop*	5%	\$25	Walmart/Sam's Club	2.5%	\$25/\$100
GAP	14%	\$25	Other		
Great Clips	8%	\$25	AMC Theatre*	8%	\$10/\$12
Groupon.com*	7%	\$25	AMC Theatre*	8%	\$25
Home Depot	4%	\$25/\$100	Amazon.com	1.7%	\$25/\$100
Home Depot*	4%	\$500	Marcus Theatres	8%	\$25

Subtotal 3

Subtotal 4

Special order

Name/Grade

Home Phone

Subtotal 1

Subtotal 2

Subtotal 3

Subtotal 4

I will pick up at next week's Mass

Call when ready, I will pick up at the parish office

Please send home with my child ASAP

Special

Total

Receipt

Together We're Better Gift Cards

Name: _____

Received on: _____

Received by: _____

Gift cards: _____


Total: _____

Check#: _____



WELCOME

2022-2023





Father Hecktor

“Every individual has value, and we are called to help those we encounter throughout our lives. When individuals support one another, we can collectively inspire a hopeful future.”

Pope Francis



School News

We've had a great start and a smooth transition into the school year.

Make sure you have read through the Parent/Student handbook.

We appreciate you helping your children adhere to the dress code.

Don't forget that you need to preorder hot lunch and milk. You can order up until midnight the night before school or you can order for an entire month.



WAYS You Can Help

1. Read classroom and school newsletters
2. Communicate with your child's teachers
3. Demonstrate a positive view of education at home
4. Encourage reading
5. Help manage the homework process
6. Attend school events
7. Volunteer
8. Encourage continued learning at home. Young people need to be encouraged to ask and answer questions, solve problems, and explore their interests.
9. Encourage your child to be responsible and work independently
10. Approach interactions with a positive attitude and an open mind



Meet the Teachers



Mrs. Glass ~ Pre-K

Mrs. Andrews ~ Pre-K aide

Mrs. Black ~ Kindergarten

Mrs. Oldani ~ 1st grade

Miss Polette ~ 2nd grade / Spanish

Mrs. Baldwin ~ 3rd grade

Mrs. Solari ~ 4th grade

Ms. Seper ~ 5th grade

Mr. Baker ~ 6th grade

Miss Fazio ~ 7th grade

Mrs. Thieret ~ 8th grade





Meet the Teachers



Mrs. Wells ~ Computer/STREAM

Mrs. Kelsch ~ PE

Miss Carroll ~ Art

Mrs. Wagner ~ Learning Consultant

Mrs. Miller ~ Student Support

Mrs. White ~ teacher aide

Mrs. Berkbigler (Mrs. B) – teacher aide / Before & Aftercare coordinator

Mrs. Althage ~ School Secretary

Mrs. Greubel ~ Special Projects/Creative Arts



Mrs. Wagner~

Learning Consultant




**“Popcorn is prepared in the same pot,
in the same heat,
in the same oil,
but the kernels do not pop at the same time.**

**Don’t compare your child to others. Their
turn to **POP** is coming!”**



School Updates

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- Security doors have been added to the entrance way
 - Removed the wood/glass enclosure around the front door
 - Updated security cameras
 - Signs have been added to the hallway to easily identify each classroom
 - The “old” science lab is now our Learning Lab
 - The music room, learning lab, and entrance way received a fresh coat of paint. Thank you to Mr. Polette and Mr. and Mrs. Eveker for painting these spaces.
 - The music room and learning lab got new carpeting and Mrs. Wagner’s room got new flooring.



School Improvement Process



- The school improvement process offers us an excellent opportunity to look at our strengths and areas of growth.
- St. Mark was originally scheduled for a school improvement visit in the Spring of 2023. However, with the All Things New initiative, the school visits have been put on hold.
- While we will not host a site visit, we have formulated goals are actively working on them.



School Improvement Process



- **Catholic Identity**
 - Offer opportunities for the school and parish to participate in events together
 - Sunday Masses led by each grade level
 - Holy Hours for vocations or other intentions
- **Educational Issues**
 - Full time school counselor
 - Curriculum Development with Dr. Heidi Hayes Jacobs and an ED Plus educational coach
 - Dr. Robert Dillon – *national expert on innovation that impacts learning*
- **Institutional Issues**
 - Increased building security
 - Classroom updates





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(Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools)

- ☐ Counselor 5 days a week
- ☐ Subscriptions to online modules/programs
- ☐ Updated classroom furniture
- ☐ Updated technology
- ☐ Opportunities for our teachers to partner with experts in our field
- ☐ Summer learning bags and enrichment program
- ☐ Portable air purification systems and filters



Economic Deprivation Survey for Federal Program Participation
(Completed by Parent or Guardian of Nonpublic Student)

Instructions are on the next page. This information will be kept confidential. It will be used to determine the amount of federal program services available to the nonpublic school. Please contact your nonpublic school if you need assistance.

Section 1. Household Eligibility:

- ☐ Household is eligible based on receiving food stamps.
- ☐ Household is eligible based on income (see instructions).
- ☐ Household is not eligible.

Individual Eligibility

- ☐ Student is eligible as they are a foster child in the household (see instructions).

Section 2. Student Information: (This must be completed for ALL students that meet the eligibility criteria above.)

Number of children that attend this nonpublic school: _____

Current Grade level for each child: _____

Section 3: Signature: I certify that all of the above information is true and correct and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is being given for receipt of Federal Funds and will be kept confidential at the school.

Signature of Adult Household Member (Required)

Date

Physical Address:

INSTRUCTIONS

This form may be used to collect information that can be used to determine the amount of federal program services available to this school. It will be kept strictly confidential.

Section 1: Household and Individual Eligibility Methods: Indicate which method determines household or individual eligibility (foster children cannot extend eligibility to household members). Otherwise, indicate that the household is not eligible.

Section 2: Student Information: List the number of eligible children that attend this nonpublic school and the grade level of each eligible child. This section must be completed for ALL students that meet the eligibility criteria.

Use the following chart to determine if the household is eligible based on income. If the total amount of income of all household members (before taxes or anything else is taken out) exceeds the amount on this chart for your household size, the household is not eligible.

MAXIMUM INCOME TO BE ELIGIBLE – JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023

Household Size	Maximum Household Income Eligible for Free Meals			Maximum Household Income Eligible for Reduced Price Meals		
	<u>Annually</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Annually</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Weekly</u>
1	\$17,667	\$1,473	\$340	\$25,142	\$2,096	\$484
2	23,803	1,984	458	33,874	2,823	652
3	29,939	2,495	576	42,606	3,551	820
4	36,075	3,007	694	51,338	4,279	988
5	42,211	3,518	812	60,070	5,006	1,156
6	48,347	4,029	930	68,802	5,734	1,324
7	54,483	4,541	1,048	77,534	6,462	1,492
8	60,619	5,052	1,166	86,266	7,189	1,659
Each add'l member	+ 6,136	+ 512	+ 118	+ 8,732	+728	+ 168

Section 3: Signature: All applications **MUST** have the signature of an adult household member. All applications must also have the physical address of the household.

Today & Tomorrow Scholarships

Alive! In Christ

Alive! in Christ” Scholarship Program seeks to provide financial assistance to those families (both Catholic and Non-Catholic) who wish to offer their children an education at a Catholic elementary school in the archdiocese. Scholarship awards are based upon financial need of the applicant and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.



APPLY



Beyond Sunday

The Beyond Sunday Education Fund Scholarship Program provides tuition assistance to middle-income families seeking a Catholic education for their children. Awards are available to students attending most Catholic elementary and high schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Beyond Sunday is open to students of all faiths, with preference given to Catholic students. Elementary school awards renew through the eighth grade, and high school awards renew through the twelfth grade. Annual income requalification is required for all awards.

Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation Scholarships

<https://ttef-stl.org/scholarships/>

314-792-7777

MO Scholars



APPLY NOW

In 2021, the Missouri General Assembly passed HB349 and SB86 which established the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program, MOScholars. The law provides state tax credits for contributions to approved, non-profit Educational Assistance Organizations (EAOs). These EAOs use the contributions to award scholarships to Missouri students with **Individual Education Plans (IEPs)** and **students living in low-income households**.

The Today & Tomorrow Educational Foundation (TTEF) was approved as an Educational Assistance Organization (EAO) for the K-12 Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program

A MO Scholars scholarship is \$6375.00.

Go to the Today and Tomorrow website and take the prequalification survey.
Prequalification Survey Link - <https://esasurvey.paperform.co/>



Tardies & Absences

A child's regular attendance is essential for academic growth. Parents are requested to contact school to report an absence or late arrival. **A note of explanation upon return from an absence is required. Written notification for a planned absence is greatly appreciated.**

- Children who are not present in homeroom for the start of the morning session (7:45 a.m.) will be marked TARDY.

communication



GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

When problems or concerns arise, parents/ guardians should first **contact the teacher involved to discuss the matter**. Situations are usually settled through sincere, open dialogue. Parents/Guardians may leave phone messages for teachers between 7:30a.m. and 3:30 p.m. When it is difficult to reach an agreement after attempting to discuss the problem or concern with those involved, the principal should be approached for assistance.

Getting angry on Social Media does not solve any problems.

The Message is published every Thursday. Please read through it carefully. This is where you will find all of your updated information.



Fundraising



- We raise money to pay for the “everyday” activities or improvements to the classrooms, curriculum, or hands-on learning materials for the teachers.
 - Takeout Tuesday
 - Giving Tuesday
 - Lions’ Roar Run
 - School-wide Pizza Sale- fundraiser ~ (Ron and Shirley’s Pizza)
 - Together We’re Better
 - Amazon Smile
 - Box Tops for Education



Together We're Better



- You can order through school any time. Orders will be back to you by Friday.
- Check out the order form attached to the Message to see all that we offer.
- You can use Walmart cards at Sam's Club for both gas and purchases.
- Encourage your family members and friends to participate.
- St. Mark will raffle off a \$25 gift card every month for those families that participate by buying \$200 in gift cards the previous month.





AmazonSmile

What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. When you shop with AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. You can choose from over one million organizations to support.

On the app- click on the three bars at the bottom, go to settings, and click on AmazonSmile to choose your charity.

We are listed as **St. Mark Catholic Church Affton**

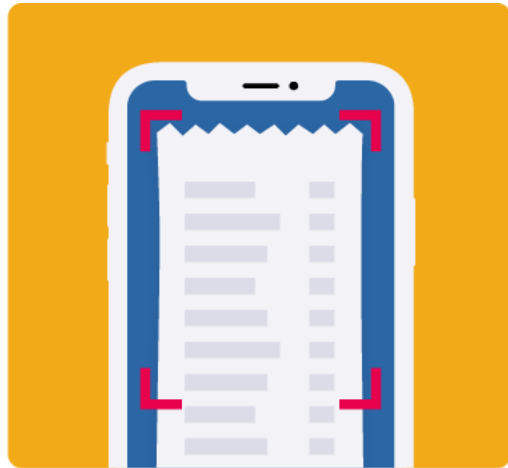


SCAN YOUR RECEIPTS WITH THE BOX TOPS APP AND EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL



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Use the Box Tops app to submit your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



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Box Tops products are identified and earnings are credited online.



ONLINE
SHOPPERS:

You can submit your digital receipt through the Box Tops app and earn for our school, too!



HOW YOU CAN HELP

DOWNLOAD the Box Tops app and select our school to support.

- ▶ This ensures that your Box Tops purchases count toward our school's earnings.

SHOP for Box Tops products and use the app to scan your receipt to add to our school's earnings online.

- ▶ If you happen to find unexpired Box Tops clips on packages, you can still clip them and send them to school.

SPREAD THE WORD about Box Tops!

- ▶ Invite friends to support our school with Box Tops using the "Invite Friends" feature in the app. You'll BOTH earn Bonus Box Tops for our school when they scan their first receipt!

YouTube Link on how to use the Box Tops app - <https://youtu.be/v-bNcykyK5Y>



Volunteering

Are you interested in coaching, attending field trips, class parties, or volunteering at school?

The Archdiocese of St. Louis requires all volunteers to attend a Protecting God's Children workshop and have a background screening prior to volunteering in school or parish programs. In addition to attending a Protecting God's Children workshop, all volunteers must register for an updated background screening, view two online training modules on abuse reporting and Code of Ethical Conduct, and agree to the updated Code of Ethical Conduct. Please go to preventandprotectstl.org to register.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Althage at 743-8641.

PTO

Join us for some planning fun!
We meet at 7pm in the Learning Lab.





St. Mark
Catholic School

Parent Teacher
Organization

Welcome



Our Mission

1. Assist our school in achieving its spiritual, scholastic, and administrative objectives.
2. Assist Mrs. Bingham in carrying out policies and objectives.
3. Promote the health and welfare of our children and promote collaboration between the parents, school, parish, and the community.
4. Foster and strengthen communications between the school and parents.



Our Executive Team

Laura Delmez
President

Jill Zmuda
Vice President

Julie Bingham
Principal/Treasurer

Kate Mettlach
Secretary

Eric Delmez
Community Development
Officer

Debbie Solari
and Tricia Oldani
Teacher Representatives



Our Members

All of Us!

Every parent, grandparent,
guardian, etc. is already a
member of our PTO.



What We Do

We support our School

- Teacher Start Up Funds
- Classroom Party Funds
- Field Trip Buses
- Equipment/Supplies



What We Do

We support our Students

- Support Classroom Parties
- Provide Special Holiday Treats
- Host student focused events:
 - Backpack Blessing
 - Easter Egg Hunt
 - Year End Picnic



What We Do

We support our Community

- Support parish events such as Fall Festival and Feast of St. Mark Day
- Host community building events:
 - Trunk or Treat
 - Advent Family Night
 - Trivia Night



Ways To Get Involved

- Become an Active Member
- Join an Event Committee
- Join the PTO Classroom Committee
- Participate in fundraising efforts



Fundraising

- Together We're Better
- Take Out Tuesday
- Amazon Smile
- Trivia Night
- Box Tops for Education



When We Meet

September 12, 2022

October 3, 2022

November 7, 2022

December 5, 2022

January 9, 2023

February 6, 2023

March 6, 2023

April 3, 2023

May 1, 2023

Meetings begin
at 7pm.

Enter through the
Middle Wing Doors.

We meet in the
Learning Lab.



Volunteer Requirements

- Attend Protecting God's Children workshop
- Background screening
- Online training modules
- Agree to Code of Ethical Conduct

Posting on Social Media



Out of respect for the students in our school, students and parents are not to publicly post any videos, pictures or audio recordings of students at school events unless the student/parent(s) have the express written permission from the school to do so. This includes, but is not limited to, online photo-sharing and posting videos to YouTube or similar applications.





DATES to Remember

September 5th – No School


September 12th – Fall pictures

September 16th – Noon Dismissal – No Aftercare

September 16th & 17th – Fall Festival

September 19th - September 22nd – ITBS Testing ~ grades 3-8

September 23rd – No School



SIGN UP!



Fall Festival and PTO
sign up sheets are
available.





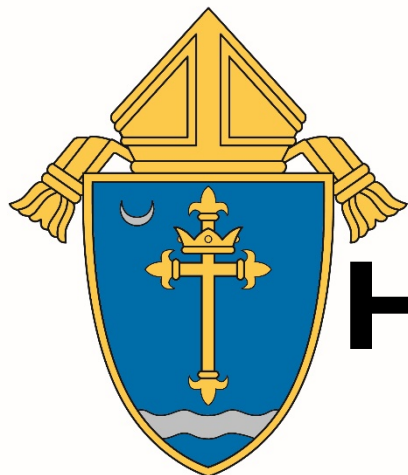
Thank You



Classroom Visits

- 15 Minute Sessions
- Each session will repeat so you have the opportunity to see more than one teacher





St. Louis Catholic High School Nights

Welcome Fair Showcasing All Schools 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Three 15-minute school presentations 7:00 – 8:00 PM
(Parents choose which presentations to attend)

Families with students in grades 5-8 are welcome to attend,
no prior registration necessary.

Families may attend any of the high school nights.

September 13

St. Joseph Academy

2307 S. Lindbergh Boulevard, 63131

September 22

Incarnate Word Academy

2788 Normandy Avenue, 63121

September 27

St. Dominic High School

31 St. Dominic Drive, 63366

October 3

St. Louis University High School

4970 Oakland Avenue, 63110

October 12

St. John Vianney High School

1311 S. Kirkwood Road, 63122