



# “The Message”

a weekly newsletter of St. Mark School

May 11, 2023

## A note from Mrs. Bingham

Dear Parents,

It is difficult to believe that we are in the final countdown of our 2022-2023 school year. The teachers and students have been reflecting on this school year. We have been looking at all the pictures hanging in the hallways and laughing and reminiscing at our times together.

One of the best joys of being an educator is seeing the growth that happens from August to May. It is evident that the students have learned and accomplished a lot this year. I pray that God continues to guide and bless us in our final weeks together.

St. Mark, Pray for Us,

Mrs. Bingham



**There is no aftercare on these upcoming dates.**

**Please mark your calendars.**

**Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> is an 11:00am Dismissal.**

**Our last all school Mass will be at 10:00am on May 26<sup>th</sup>.  
The school office will be closed during Mass so we can all  
attend together. Please join us.**



A request for records form is attached to the Message. If you need a new hard copy, please contact Mrs. Althage. You will need to complete a separate form for each child. Once you have registered at a school for the 23-24 school year, please complete the request for records form(s) and return them to Mrs. Althage. This form will let us know where to send your child's academic records at the conclusion of this school year. Records must be transferred from school to school.

If a request for records is not completed before the closure of St. Mark, you will need to contact the Office of Catholic Education and Formation to have records transferred to your new school of choice. **The last day for records to be transferred from St. Mark to your new school is June 9<sup>th</sup>.**

#### **A Note from Father Hecktor:**

Dear Parents,

A reminder that if you are not current on tuition payments and other fees, your child's transcripts and grades will not be released to you or another school. You can contact Alice Wilcox (314-743-8603) in the Parish Office for information on payment of outstanding balances. If you are experiencing hardship, please contact me (314-743-8609) to discuss payment options. This applies even if you spoke with me regarding different payment options in previous school years. If you are experiencing hardship and have not contacted me **this school year**, grades and transcripts will be held until your balances are paid, or until you speak with me. Thank you and God bless you.

Fr. Hecktor



Wear your St. Mark Spirit shirts on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. This is a full dress down day with your St. Mark spirit t-shirt.

8<sup>th</sup> grade students- please wear your school uniform for Mass and then you may change awards.

### Field Day



Students may wear their Spirit Day t-shirts, shorts, and tennis shoes on field day. 8<sup>th</sup> grade students should wear their 8<sup>th</sup> grade t-shirts. Make sure you send water bottles to school with your child.

Mrs. Kelsch is looking for parent volunteers for field day on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Mrs. Kelsch at [dkelsch@stmarkstl.com](mailto:dkelsch@stmarkstl.com) if you would like to volunteer.

This is a noon dismissal day with no aftercare.



We have special fun days planned- just because we can. Mark your calendars!

- Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> – Sports Team Day! Wear your favorite sports team shirt and shorts.

*We have always made an amazing team!*

- Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Wear Hats and Sunglasses  
*Our future is so bright, we have to wear shades!*

- Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – St. Mark Spirit Day! Go Crazy and wear all your St. Mark Spirit Gear!

*We have Spirit, Yes we do, We have Spirit, How about You?*

## **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.

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.



## **Summer Learning Resources Available to Parents**

### **Paid Resources**

1. Epic! - [getepic.com](http://getepic.com) This resource has a curated library of over 40,000 titles that allow parents to progress monitor their students' time and progress reading.
2. BrainPop - [brainpop.com](http://brainpop.com)- Independent learning activities.
3. IXL - [ixl.com](http://ixl.com)- This resource assesses students' skills and offers personalized skill development in math and ELA.
4. SplashLearn- [splashlearn.com](http://splashlearn.com)- Educational games
5. Simple Solutions (Math or ELA)
6. Heggerty Summer Program (Parent involvement piece)

### **Free Resources**

1. Libby - This free app allows any library member to borrow ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines from the local library.
2. Readworks.org - Free literacy resource
3. Abcya.com - This website has educational games for students ages PreK-8
4. Teachyourmonster.org - Free educational games for children
5. Coolmath4kids.com - Free math games for kids 3-12
6. No Red Ink - [noredink.com](http://noredink.com) Writing and Grammar Program
7. Kids.nationalgeographic.com - Free curated kids content from National Geographic

## Upcoming EVENTS

May 12, 2023 ~ 12:00 Dismissal/ Spirit Dress Down Day/ No Aftercare

May 15, 2023 ~ Confirmation – 7pm

May 19, 2023 ~ Field Day/ 12:00 Dismissal/ No Aftercare

May 22, 2023 ~ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mystery Trip

May 23, 2023 ~ Kindergarten recognition Mass and breakfast

May 24, 2023 ~ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation – 6pm

May 26, 2023 ~ Last Day of School / 11am Dismissal/ No Aftercare



**Camp Cavalier**

GIRLS BASKETBALL • GIRLS SOCCER • GIRLS CHEER • COED VOLLEYBALL • SPEED/AGILITY  
BOYS SOCCER • HOOPS N' TOUCHDOWN • BOYS BASEBALL • ART • COOKING • ESPORTS

[WWW.BISHOPDUBOURG.ORG/CAMP-CAVALIER](http://WWW.BISHOPDUBOURG.ORG/CAMP-CAVALIER)



St. Mary's Southside Catholic High School Summer Camps, click link for additional information [https://www.stmaryshs.com/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=1045048&type=d&pREC\\_ID=1344583](https://www.stmaryshs.com/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1045048&type=d&pREC_ID=1344583)



**ST. MARY'S**  
HIGH SCHOOL

[Youth Athletic Camps](#)

[www.stmaryshs.com](http://www.stmaryshs.com)

**YOUTH ATHLETIC CAMPS**

**SOUTH SIDE ATHLETIC CAMPS 2023**

The St. Mary's Athletics Department offers winter and summer athletic camps for children between second and eighth grades. Varsity coaches plan and instruct the various programs.

<b>DATES</b>	<b>SPORTS</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>FEES</b>	<b>AGE</b>
<b>Mon-Fri June 5-9</b>	<b><u>BASKETBALL</u> COED</b>	<b>8 am-3 pm</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>Grades 5-8</b>
<b>Mon-Fri June 12-16</b>	<b><u>BASKETBALL</u> COED</b>	<b>8 am-3 pm</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>Grades 5-8</b>
<b>Mon-Thu June 12-15</b>	<b><u>FOOTBALL</u></b>	<b>8:30 am - 12:30 pm</b>	<b>\$150</b>	<b>Grades 4-8</b>
<b>Mon-Thu June 19-22</b>	<b><u>SOCCER</u></b>	<b>8 am-3 pm</b>	<b>\$150</b>	<b>Grades 2-8</b>
<b>Mon-Thu June 26-29</b>	<b><u>BASKETBALL</u> COED</b>	<b>8 am-3 pm</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>Grades 5-8</b>
<b>Mon-Thu June 26-29</b>	<b><u>FOOTBALL</u></b>	<b>8:30 am - 12:30 pm</b>	<b>\$150</b>	<b>Grades 4-8</b>
<b>Mon-Fri July 10-14</b>	<b><u>BASEBALL</u></b>	<b>9-11 am</b>	<b>\$80</b>	<b>Grades 4-8</b>
<b>Mon-Thu July 10-13</b>	<b><u>VOLLEYBALL</u> COED</b>	<b>8:30 am - 12:30 pm</b>	<b>\$150</b>	<b>Grades 4-8</b>
<b>Mon-Fri July 17-21</b>	<b>TBA</b>			



# " 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
<b>Grocers</b>					<b>Restaurants</b>				
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		
<b>Restaurants</b>					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			<b>Gasoline</b>				
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		
<b>Subtotal 1</b>					<b>Subtotal 2</b>				

\*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

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

Subtotal 1

Subtotal 2

Subtotal 3

Subtotal 4

Special

Total

Receipt

Together We're Better Gift Cards

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Received on: \_\_\_\_\_

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

Gift cards: \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Check#: \_\_\_\_\_



## APPENDIX 12

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***Request for Student Records*****STUDENT INFORMATION**

DATE OF REQUEST \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME/INITIAL	GRADE
_____/_____/_____	_____	_____	_____
DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH - CITY	STATE	
_____	_____	_____	
CURRENT ADDRESS - STREET NUMBER AND NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP
_____	_____	_____	_____

**PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION (SEE NOTE)**

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT
_____	_____	_____
CURRENT ADDRESS - STREET NUMBER AND NAME	CITY	STATE ZIP
_____	_____	_____
HOME PHONE		
_____		
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT
_____	_____	_____
CURRENT ADDRESS - STREET NUMBER AND NAME	CITY	STATE ZIP
_____	_____	_____
HOME PHONE		
_____		

I/WE HEREBY REQUEST THAT RECORDS FOR THE STUDENT IDENTIFIED ABOVE BE PROVIDED TO THE SCHOOL IDENTIFIED BELOW. I CERTIFY THAT AS PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN AND/OR STUDENT, I HAVE THE LEGAL RIGHT TO AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION. NOTE: THE AUTHORIZATION OF BOTH THE PARENT/GUARDIAN AND THE STUDENT ARE REQUIRED FOR A CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENT WHO IS 18 YEARS OLD OR OLDER. A PERSON WHO IS 18 YEARS OLD OR OLDER AND NO LONGER ATTENDING THE SCHOOL HAS THE SOLE RIGHT TO AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF RECORDS.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

**THE RECORDS REQUESTED INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

- CUMULATIVE RECORD OF GRADES, ATTENDANCE, AND STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES
- SPECIAL NEEDS EVALUATION, DIAGNOSTIC REPORT, AND CURRENT PRESCRIPTIONS FOR ADJUSTMENTS
- IMMUNIZATION RECORD, VISION AND HEARING SCREENING, AND SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEED INFORMATION

**RECORDS REQUESTED FROM:**

SCHOOL NAME	TELEPHONE
St. Mark	314-743-8641
ADDRESS	CITY STATE ZIP
4220 Ripa	St. Louis MO 63125

**SEND RECORDS TO:**

SCHOOL NAME	TELEPHONE
_____	_____
ADDRESS	CITY STATE ZIP
_____	_____

THE SCHOOL, FOLLOWING ITS ESTABLISHED POLICY, MAY WITHHOLD THE TRANSFER OF INFORMATION IF THERE IS AN UNPAID TUITION BALANCE OR OTHER FINANCIAL OBLIGATION.