

**Weekly Message from the Principal,**

**Mary Ann McQueen**

**June 10, 2015**

**FULL DRESS UNIFORM ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17TH**

***DID YOU KNOW?***

***Did you know that the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade enjoyed a fantastic field trip to the Getty Villa this week?***

***Did you know that we now have our Stuco members for next year:***

*Maddy Phung, President*

*Ava Purcell, Vice-President*

*Emma Korner*

*Olivia Zarro*

*Marco Gacina*

*Henry Sullivan*

*Jack Wright*

*Suzette Chavez*

*Kaylee Moses*

*Kaitlin Gonzales*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!**

*Dylan Bentley*

*Mia Breitbart*

*Elijah Christian*

*Sebastian Clemente*

*Christian Grubb*

*Maya Hollien*

*Alexandra Korner*

*Tyler Lupi*

*Gabriela Meza*

*Jack Powell*

*Thomas Reilly*

*Cassidy Stocker*

*Sophie Syrett*

*Isabella Wright*

**THE FOLLOWING AWARDS WERE GIVEN AT GRADUATION:**

***Sustained Effort In Studies Award***

This award is given to the student whose effort, diligence and interest in learning over time has lead to tremendous growth and progress. This year the Sustained Effort In Studies Award is given to:

**Alexandra Korner**

### ***Valedictorian***

The Valedictorian is the graduate who has earned the highest G.P.A. in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades combined.

The Valedictorian in the St. Mark School Class of 2015 is:

**Isabella Wright**

### ***The "Lion" Award***

St. Mark's School's highest honor is given to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduate who has best integrated the *Student Learning Expectations* prescribed by St. Mark School and who is seen by others as an individual who :

Lives a life of faith and makes good choices.

Contributes actively to the school community both as a leader and as a member.

Has achieved an exemplary level of academic success by applying herself/himself.

Demonstrates a love of learning and a commitment to intellectual growth.

Demonstrates leadership ability and an inclusive spirit.

This year the "Lion" Award is given to:

**Isabella Wright**

### ***Athlete Award***

This award is given to two students who have demonstrated consistent dedication growth, fitness, teamwork and healthy competition both as team members and as individual athletes. Their success has been at the highest level of competition this year.

This year the Athlete of the Year Award is given to two students:

**Christian Grubb**

**Maya Hollien**

**THE FOLLOWING SCHOLARSHIPS WERE GIVEN AT GRADUATION:**

Saint Mark Pastor and Principal Scholarships

***Knights of Columbus Scholarship: \$1000***

The Knights of Columbus scholarship in the amount of \$1000 is given to two graduates who have been identified as strong Catholic role models, knowledgeable about their faith and young people who model and demonstrate Catholic values – compassion, loyalty and Christian charity.

This year's two recipients of the Knights of Columbus scholarship are

**Sebastian Clemente and Gabriela Meza**

***J.C. and Kitty McCarthy Scholarship - \$1,000***

The J.C. and Kitty McCarthy named scholarship award is given in memory of Mr. J.C. McCarthy a longtime parishioner who supported St. Mark School and Catholic education throughout his life. This scholarship is given by his family in his name to a graduate who exhibits respectful behavior in and outside of the classroom, who models Christian values among her/his peers and who will continue her/his education at a Catholic High School.

This year's scholarship is awarded to:

**Isabella Wright**

***St. Mark Pastor and Principal Scholarships: \$500***

This scholarship is awarded by the Pastor of St. Mark Fr. Paul Spellman to a Graduate whose commitment to service in the St. Mark parish community has been consistently stellar.

This year the Pastor's Scholarship is given to:

**Thomas Reilly**

The Principal Scholarship is given to a student whose commitment to service in the school has been consistently stellar.

This year the Principal Scholarship is given to:

**Alexandra Koror**

**PAC AND SCHOOL BOARD NEWS:**

Last Monday morning and last Monday evening, June 8, 2015 the thank you events took place. For those who were unable to attend – please know that your participation and service to the school this year is very much appreciated! The school is so well served by parents and it makes a huge difference. This year the PAC took on more events and they were all very successful. The teachers, staff and I are grateful! We count on you and benefit so much from your teamwork, collaboration and hard work! Thanks so much!

**GREENING PROJECT PHASE ONE:**

We are moving forward with phase one of the “greening” project. We have put each facet of the project out to bid and have made most of the decisions regarding contractors, etc. The work should begin in early July. There will be “naming” opportunities and we will keep you updated regarding plans for those as we develop them. Many of you have inquired about that. Once again, phase one of the project includes refurbishing the TK-K play area, replacing the lunch table overhang and removing the asphalt in the entire area outside 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades, under the current turf and along the entire side of the school and the edge of the large yard. This asphalt will be replaced with permeable pavers, concrete and decomposed granite. There will be over 20 trees planted (most on October 10, 2015), boulders placed in strategic places, and other beautiful and functional features.

Mark your calendar for October 10, 2015! Tara Walden has agreed to chair the celebration of the completion of phase one and the tree planting with the Tree People team and all of us! Stay tuned for more details! We will need many volunteers for this event and want everyone to be a part of it!

**UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES:**

**June 17        Last Day of School –**

Recognition Assembly will take place shortly after morning announcements in the Parish Hall. 10:30 AM dismissal on this day! All are welcome to attend.

**NO HOMEWORK CLUB!**

**SUMMER SCHOOL**

Dates: June 22nd – July 31st, Monday – Friday and includes six weekly sessions. Please contact Summer Program Director Paul Felix at 310-821-6612 or by email at [stmarksummerprogram@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksummerprogram@gmail.com) for any questions.

**USED UNIFORM SALE:**

Sunday, July 19th and Sunday, August 23rd from 10 am to 12 pm in the lunch area.

**NORMANS UNIFORM SALE THIS SUMMER:**

Friday, July 24th from 2:30-7:00PM

**YEARBOOK**

Mrs. Romero and Ms. Farwell did a spectacular job on the yearbook this year! There are only 12 yearbooks left. Please see Mrs. Romero if you are interested.

**FACTS:** FACTS accounts have been “rolled over.” Just a reminder that the 1st payment for the year 2015-2016 is due on July 5th or July 20th. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Welchhance at [mawelchhance@stmarkschool.com](mailto:mawelchhance@stmarkschool.com).

**GRADELINK:**

The office has sent out emails requesting that returning families log onto Gradelink to re-enroll and update your student and family information. Once you log onto Gradelink review all the profile data and click on continue to complete the process by pushing the submit button. It's that simple! If you do not know your Gradelink logon information please email Mrs. Donaldson at [mdonaldson@stmarkschool.com](mailto:mdonaldson@stmarkschool.com) and she will be happy to send it to you.

**IMPORTANT FUTURE DATES FOR PLANNING SCHOOL YEAR 2015-2016:**

Parent Orientation: August 24, 2015 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

First Day of School: August 26, 2015 (three half days that week)

Thanksgiving Break: November 25-29

Christmas Break: December 19-January 3

**MISC INFORMATION AND ATTACHMENTS:**

Attached is the DRAFT Calendar. Once it is finalized it will be posted on our school website at [www.stmarkschool.com](http://www.stmarkschool.com)

Note:

If you reply to this email please confirm that it is directed to Maria Donaldson, [mdonaldson@stmarkschool.com](mailto:mdonaldson@stmarkschool.com). Your reply cannot be delivered if you use our bulk email address ([schoolmail@gradelink.com](mailto:schoolmail@gradelink.com)).

2015-2016 School Calendar  
 Revised as of 6/11/2015  
 DRAFT

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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Instructional Days	Staff PD/Retreat
AUGUST	3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28	31						
SEPTEMBER		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30				
OCTOBER				1	2	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	30		
NOVEMBER	2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27	30						
DECEMBER		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30	31			
JANUARY, 2015					1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29		
FEBRUARY	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29						
MARCH		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30	31			
APRIL					1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29		
MAY	2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27	30	31					
JUNE			1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30			

Totals:

August 17, 2015	Teachers return & In-Service
August 24	Parent Orientation- Followed by PAC Social
August 26	First Day of School - 12:30 dismissal
September 4 & 7	No School - Labor Day Weekend
September 21	No School - Faculty In-Service
October 12-16	Parent Teacher Conferences
October 23	No School - Faculty In-Service
November 25-27	No School - Thanksgiving Break
Dec 21 - Jan 1, 2016	No School - Christmas Break
January 4	School Resumes
January 18	No School - Martin Luther King
February 12	No School - Faculty In-Service
February 15	No School - President's Day
February 26	No School - Religious Education Congress
March 24	Holy Thursday 12:30 dismissal
March 25- April 1	No School - Good Friday - Easter Break Begins
April 4	School Resumes
April 29	No School
May 27-30	No School - Memorial Day
June 10	5:00 PM 8th Grade Graduation
June 15	Last day of School

	Special 12:30 dismissal		First and Last day of school
	Important school days		No- School Holidays
	No School- Faculty In-service		School Resumes

PAC meetings are the 3rd Monday of the month unless noted at 7:30 AM

**SAVE THE DATE! STATE OF THE SCHOOL is on  
 Wednesday, October 20, 2015, at 6:30 PM**

**SAVE THE DATE! AUCTION is on Saturday, March 19, 2016**

STAR Enterprise Testing Windows- 8/17-9/4; 10/26-11/6; 1/25-2/5; 5/25-6/3  
 The testing takes about 2 hrs., but testing dates must be adhered to.

TK will attend school until 12:30 from August 26th- September 11th  
 Full day begins September 14th

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL FRIDAYS UNLESS NOTED ARE 12:30 DISMISSAL,  
 FULL DRESS UNIFORM REQUIRED**