

Weekly Message from the Principal,

Mary Ann McQueen

May 27, 2015

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that 22 current 5th-7th grade students are running for student council? This is so exciting! Students who take on the challenge of an election and who aspire to leadership roles must be commended! It takes courage to run, give a speech and advocate for yourself as a candidate! We are so proud of our candidates:

***Solaris Amini
Stewart***

Raina Agsalud

Marco Gacina

Lauren

***Olivia Zarro
Torre***

Shelby Justrich

Henry Sullivan

Chris De La

***Emma Korner
Mallon
Purcell***

Jack Wright

Keeva Ford-Frontiera

Suzette Chavez

Connor Jackson

Cecilia

Ava

***Anna White
Gonzalez***

Chloe Martin

Maddie Phung

Kaitlan

Kaylee Moses

Emily Shindle

UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

May 29 StuCo Voting

June 3 6th Grade field trip/Environmental Learning Center Water Treatment Facility in El Segundo

June 5 TK Snack Sale and “Shadow Day” for new students in grades 1-6

June 8 Final PAC meeting of the year in the library

June 8 School Board Dinner

June 8 7th Grade field trip/LA Arboretum

8th Grade Retreat at Serra Retreat Center in Malibu

June 10 Parent Appreciation Dinner @6:30 PM for 8th grade students, parents and faculty/staff

6th Grade field trip/Getty Villa

June 11 Candlelighting Mass/Full Dress Uniform

June 12 5PM 8th Grade Graduation @ Church

June 15 Last PAC Meeting of the school year @ 7:30 AM

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!

ASTLE FAMILY:

It is with great sadness that we join with the Astle family tomorrow at the memorial services for Mark Astle. We are grateful for all of the support and care that has been extended to Irene and Andrea. Please continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

The 2nd grade, many students and the choir will be attending the services. We will all be praying for Mark and the entire family!

SPRING CONCERT:

Thank you parents for your support of the spring concert! The details were planned in advance and your cooperation made them all work! The lemonade stand was a huge success and we are so proud of the third grade class for their commitment to the project – and all aspects of it. Congratulations to Miss Clark and the third grade for their incredible commitment to this endeavor and to Mrs. Romero who supported the booth with meticulous attention to detail. The students planned so carefully and revealed so much about what they know about cancer, research into cures for cancer, treatment, prevention and how to advocate for a cause. Their posters, skits, film and writing all reveal the depth to which they went to uncover knowledge about this important challenge!

This project represents our school's pilot efforts towards implementing a full service-learning program. We are all eager to help the program grow to three projects during the 2015-2016 school year. Thanks to all who supported the lemonade stand with such gusto!!! It was an incredible success and has raised nearly \$2,000.00 to date!

STUCO:

We are so proud of the students who have run great campaigns and who have put themselves out there as student candidates! The speeches on Wednesday and the careful and amazing preparation have all been very much in evidence. We wish all of the candidates the best! They are successful candidates and that is something to be proud of for sure!

FACTS:

Your FACTS Acct is in process of being "Rolled over". Just a reminder that the 1st payment for the year 2015-2016 is due on July 5th or 20th. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Welchance at mawelchance@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 information please email Mrs. Donaldson at 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

June Homework Club- See attached

Fresh lunches last day on June 16th.

Note:




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

2015-2016 School Calendar
 Revised as of 5/29/2015
 DRAFT

Saint Mark School
912 Coeur d' Alene Ave
Venice, CA 90291

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| SEPTEMBER | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 21 | 22 |
| OCTOBER | | | | 1 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 19 | 20 |
| NOVEMBER | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 23 | 24 |
| DECEMBER | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 21 | 22 |
| JANUARY, 2015 | | | | | 1 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 18 | 19 |
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| MARCH | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 21 | 22 |
| APRIL | | | | | 1 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 18 | 19 |
| MAY | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 23 | 24 |
| JUNE | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 20 | 21 |

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| 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 |
| May 30 | No School - Memorial Day |
| June 10 | 5:00 PM 8th Grade Graduation |
| June 15 | Last day of School |

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