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# St. Mark's Messenger

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## CALENDAR

### September

- 8 – Worship: 8:00am, 10:30am, 6:00pm
- 9 – **Walk-A-Thon info. Comes home**
- 10 – Runners Club 3:15 – 4:15  
Volleyball Practice 3:15 – 4:15  
**Mumkins sale begins**
- 11 – Chapel: Pastor Fenker
- 12 – Runners Club 3:15 – 4:15  
Volleyball Practice 3:15 – 4:15
- 15 – Worship: 8:00am, 10:30am, 6:00pm
- 16 – Safety Week begins

## SAFETY WEEK

Beginning September 16<sup>th</sup>, St. Mark's will instruct all students regarding Fire Drills, School Safety Drills (including Lockdown/Shelter in Place), and Tornado Drills. We will also practice each type of drill.

## WELCOME BACK PRESCHOOL!

Last week, we welcomed K-8 students – this week, we are happy to have the preschoolers join us! Let's serve others while we make learning another of our super powers!

## WALK-A-THON AND MUMS?!

It's true, we are having two fundraisers basically at the same time. The Walk-A-Thon is our traditional fall fundraiser – but the mums sale is a spinoff of our spring plant sale ("everyone buys mums in the fall", they told me.

In any event, you are not *required* to participate in either fundraiser – but we certainly hope you will support St. Mark's in one or the other. (both is fine, too!)

The mums sale is geared toward people who live locally – while the Walk-A-Thon is accessible to anyone no matter where they live. Thank you for supporting St. Mark's!

**Empowered to erve!**

**Isaiah 40:29**

## **MUM SALE COMING SOON!**

After the success of the plant sale last spring, it occurred to our sale coordinator (Mrs. Schuchhardt) that people buy mums in the fall. So... We will be selling Mumkins! Mumkins are mums that come in pots decorated with a smiling pumpkin, or you can purchase just the mums to plant yourself. They are coming from Foertmeyer & Sons Greenhouse and the quality is outstanding! Our kick-off date is September 10 with delivery to the school on October 8.

## **VOLLEYBALL TIME!**

All 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to participate in our coed volleyball club. We meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, after school until 4:15 PM. Bring a change of clothes and a water bottle because it gets hot! You do not need knee pads, but you bring them if you have them.

I am looking forward to starting another fun year of volleyball! Please contact me if you have any questions! Go Saints! *Coach Rachel Bailey 513-508-4738*

## **FANTASY FOOTBALL!**

(It is our goal to keep the standings updated through the Messenger each week – so look for an article and maybe some smack!)

The season kicks off this Thursday with the Packers and Bears. If you have players in that game and you want them in your lineup, make sure they are in there. Also, on September 15th, I will be hosting a party for all league participants at my house. All family members are welcome. I will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, soda and tea - I'm asking you to bring a side dish. Please let me know if you are able to attend. It will begin at 12:30. You may stay as long as you would like. We will watch the football games on that day. I have one TV with a high definition antenna just so you know. I hope you can come visit and get to know the others playing. If you would like to host a party for the league, please let me know.

## **BOX TOP\$ COLLECTION**

Box Top\$ for Education is making a change. Over the next few years the Box Top\$ you are accustomed to clipping and send to school or placing in the collection box by the church office, will be replaced with a new a new label that you do not clip. Instead you will buy products that have the new label, then using your smartphone, scan your receipt.

To get started, get the App from the Apple Store or Google Play. Follow the instructions to designate your Box Top\$ for St. Mark's. Please continue to clip Box Top\$ as long as you find them on products. Remember to scan your receipt as well. You can get double points until the old Box Top\$ can no longer be found. Check out the new program at [BTFE.com](http://BTFE.com).

*Judi and Gil Schepmann, coordinators*

# CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

## Mrs. Newell (Pre-School 3)

The 3 year old class had a great first week of School. We learned about school and what to do and how to follow the rules. We also learned some shapes and made a shape superhero!

## Mrs. Rehmer (Pre-School 4)

Welcome back to some of you and for some this is your first exciting super adventure into preschool! We are so excited to get our year started! This week we focused our learning on our theme of the year "Empowered to Serve". We learned key words, what they mean to us as little preschoolers, and how God can use even us. Our journey also took us exploring about our class, items in our class and all about our new teachers. We are so excited to get our year started with all our superhero friends! In our Bible stories, we heard the exciting news that God made us, He knows us by name and we are His. This will be our Bible story for the next two weeks. We learned how special God made us and why we are so important to Him. Genesis 1-2; Isaiah 43:1 **Bible words:** I have called you by name, you are Mine.- Isaiah 43:1

## Mrs. Reynolds (Pre-K)

This Week, we learned all the rules and routines of Pre-K. I introduced the classroom centers and showed the students how to learn and play in each one. We have the block center, sensory table, pretend centers (Kitchen and puppets) the alphabet center, discovery (science) center and the library. I will add and change out the items within the centers every month or so to keep things interesting for the kiddos. We started our letter of the week with the letter A we wrote the letter A in upper and lowercase form and made a list of words that begin with the letter A.

This month's theme is "All about Me". This week we will focus on our names. We will learn each others names through play, name songs - we will learn to read each other's names as well. We will also be rainbow writing our names, spelling our names in ripped paper, writing our names in dotters and in play-doh.

## Mrs. Sherman (K)

The class continued to focus on God's creation at Bible time. They heard of Adam and Eve spending time with God in the Garden of Eden. In Reading, students reviewed the alphabet, a-j. They matched rhyming words and finished their Color Farm books. Math centers were introduced. Also, during Math, Kindergarten worked on number books, experimented with volume and created patterns. The boys and girls completed their first STEAM project. They read Chicka Chicka Boom Boom and designed a letter that would stand by itself. They conducted experiments with a coconut, too!

### **Miss Gifford (1-2)**

This week, the 1st grade dove into our reading curriculum and talked about friendship, while the 2nd grade listened to a book with Mrs. Mayo and Mrs. Goolsby. In Math, the 2nd grade continued to work with money and the 1st grade learned about number lines and the ideas of greater than and less than. In Science, we talked about the life cycle of an apple tree. We have done a lot of reading for AR and are taking tests to earn points! We are starting to get into a regular swing of things and will be doing more with all our subject areas in the next few weeks.

### **Miss Rhonemus (3-4)**

This week third and fourth graders have been learning about Helen Keller and her dark world of silence by reading a biography together. Fourth graders had their first math test on geometric terms and third graders are still reviewing things like math tools, place value, and solving word problems. In religion we are talking about sin is and how David confessed his sins to Nathan and God. In social studies we finished discussing our rights and responsibilities as citizens.

### **Mr. Postenrieder (5-6)**

In our Bible time we looked at the events of Cain and Abel. In 5<sup>th</sup> grade math we worked with divisibility, prime and composite numbers, and square roots. In Literature, we continued reading *The Great Gilly Hopkins*. We also drew pictures of characters and setting. In Social Studies we continued taking notes and working on the geography of the USA. In Science the class continued with what is science and how scientists collect information. In 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade PE we are learning how to play golf.

### **Mr. Kollmorgen and Mr. Mayo (7-8)**

In Religion, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are learning how God's plans are not dependent on natural laws or what man thinks is possible. With God, anything is possible. Math for the two groups (8<sup>th</sup> grade and Algebra 1) are still working through review lessons – adding positive and negative numbers and dealing with absolute value. Three students are taking Geometry this year after earning a High School credit for Algebra 1 last year. History has us learning about many of the different cultures of natives, Those in Mesoamerica tended to be larger and more powerful. Those in what is now the United States had a pretty easy life, with abundant food. They tended to live in peace. In Literature, we've read the story of an immigrant family, from around Russia. Both parents and both children have a rather difficult task, traversing the culture they've been thrown into. I would like to think they're learning empathy.