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# St. Mark's Messenger

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## Calendar

### December

- 5 – Worship 8:00, 10:30, & 6:00pm
- 7 – Stacking Club – 4:15pm  
Science Club – 4:15pm
- 8 – Chapel: Mr. Kollmorgen
- 9 – Last Stacking Club 3:15 – 4:15pm  
Science Olympiad – 4:15pm
- 12 – Worship 8:00, 10:30, & 6:00pm
- 13 – Preschool Christmas Program 7:00pm**
- 14 – K-8 Christmas Program 7:00pm**
- 15 – Chapel: Mr. Postenrieder
- 17 – Last Day before Christmas Break  
NOON Dismissal – No Aftercare



**'21-'22 Theme:**

***Not of This World!***

Romans 12:2



This holiday season, the St. Mark's FAMILY group is partnering with **5Below in Eastgate** to bring you an entire week of shopping while helping to raise funds for our school!

Attached (to this email) is a VIP (very important paper!). Anytime during the week of **12/3-12/10**, bring this flyer with you to the 5 Below location at **700 Eastgate S Dr, Cincinnati**, do some shopping - and hand this to your cashier at checkout.

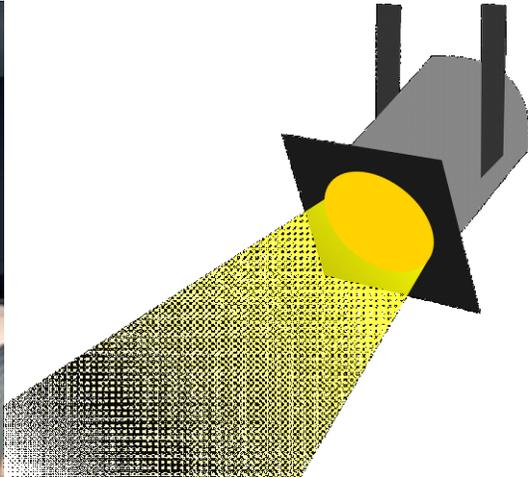
It's as simple as that and our group receives a portion of each sale to help us fund future events at the school!

Please remember to bring this flyer with you when you shop. If you shop multiple times within that week there will be more flyers available in the school office as well as at the register at 5Below.

Thank you so much for your support of our FAMILY group and school! We look forward to bringing you more opportunities throughout the year to create memories with the FAMILY!

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

We are proud of our graduates from St. Mark's school! Hear what some of our former St. Mark's graduates have said about their time here, and how attending school here has shaped their lives!



Meet **Michayla Eifert**. Michayla graduated from St. Mark's in 2017. She started at St. Mark's school as a Kindergartener.

**Q. What Did You Love Most about St. Mark's?**

**A.** I loved St. Mark's because the school was small, and it made my experience better. The small classes were great because you got more of a one-on-one experience with the teacher. It was also nice that you knew everyone at school, so you were never lonely.

**Q. What Did You Appreciate about St. Mark's?**

**A.** I appreciate that I was pushed to do better. I was challenged from day 1 and that has definitely made me the student and person I am today.

**Q. Where Did You Go to High School?**

**A.** I graduated from Clermont Northeastern High School in the spring of 2021.

**Q. What Are You Doing Now?**

**A.** I now attend The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences, where I plan to get my Bachelor's in Nursing. I eventually will go back to school to become a Certified Nurse Anesthetist. I am currently a Patient Care Assistant at the Christ Hospital. I work on a critical care unit assisting patients and nurses with what they need.

We love our St. Mark's graduates!

Everyone is invited to the St. Mark's 2021

## **Christmas Cookies & Crafts**

Join us on Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm in the Fellowship Hall for Christmas Fun - craft stations, a cookie decorating station, a photospot to capture fun memories, as well as a hot chocolate bar with all the fixins' - and popcorn! Come dressed in your most festive attire and bring your singing voice to belt out your favorite Christmas Carols!

We are asking for \$2/child participating or \$5 for families with 3 or more children. You may choose to prepay or pay at the door.

Beginning on 11/29 there will be 3 Christmas themed guessing jars in the lunchroom. The student(s) who guess the correct amount - or come the closest to it - will have a chance to win a gift card to 5Below!

## **Annual Christmas Cookie Walk**

This year we will be including the annual Cookie Walk with the Christmas Cookies & Crafts event. We invite all church members and their families/friends and school families to participate in both of these Christmas events. If you would like to bring cookies please sign up on the board outside the office, email Megan Coscia at [Family@Stmarksmilford.org](mailto:Family@Stmarksmilford.org) or sign up online. More information will be sent after Thanksgiving, including a link to sign up online to help at a station as well as bringing cookies to the cookie walk.

## **Reminder**

If you still have an Angel costume from the parade, please bring that to school as soon as possible. Thank you for participating in the parade!

## **Classroom Happenings**

### **Mrs. Newell (2 Year Old and 3 Year Old Preschool)**

This week the three year olds learned about the letter G. We made gingerbread men and houses to decorate our classroom. During Bible we learned about when the angel Gabriel visited Mary.

### **Mrs. Rehmer (4 Year Old Preschool)**

THE SAVIOR IS COMING! The kids are so excited for our bible story this week, we have been learning how the angel came to Mary to share the good news that God was sending his Son our Savior to us. (Luke 1:26-38, Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 2:1-7) We have had a great week counting with our nativity counting book, learning that J is for Jesus and exploring new items in our room. The kids have even started learning their Christmas program.

### **Mrs. Sherman (Kindergarten)**

As we begin Advent, the class waits for Jesus. At Bible time, we heard of someone else who waited. Zechariah and Elizabeth waited for a baby and for Jesus. Their baby, John, would prepare the way for our Savior! In Reading, we read about shapes. We named adjectives for size and shape, blended phonemes and summarized. We continued to add and subtract in math. We, also, learned about tricky teen numbers. As we prepare for Christmas, we learned the difference between wants and needs. We sorted pictures to show our understanding.

### **Mrs. Boerboom (1<sup>st</sup> Grade)**

This week in 1st grade, we finished our math unit on properties of addition. We compared addition equations to see if they were equal, added 3 digits together, and developed some addition fluency. In reading, we read about Dr. Seuss! We loved hearing how one of our favorite authors started writing and read some of his stories together. We started our space unit in science, and in social studies, we learned about how different cultures celebrate different holidays, all while getting ready to celebrate Christmas! We are working through the prophets in Bible Study, and learned about Elijah and Elisha - say those names together fast! We are working on the Christmas program with Mrs. K, and we hope you will come and join us in celebrating the birth of the Christ!

### **Mrs. Reynolds (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)**

This week we learned about how John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus by telling everyone about their sins and baptizing people. We also finished our Module 5 in Math and started Module 6 where we will continue to grow in our knowledge of place value. In Reading class we read about Helen Keller and learned that even though we may face challenges they can be overcome with the right help and dedication. We also started listening to Christmas music and decorated our classroom for the season.

### **Mrs. Dowd (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)**

In Religion class, we wrapped up our unit of God's gifts to us and started our new unit, Jesus Bringing Salvation. In Reading class, we read chapters 11-15 of *The Tiger Rising* and discussed what a simile and personification are in a text. In Math, we sharpened our fraction skills before we move on to our next unit. In Science, we studied the Scientific Method and started preparing for our Science Fair Project. In Social Studies, we began learning about Ohio's state history.

## Miss Rhonemus (4<sup>th</sup> Grade)

This week the 4th/5th grade religion class is covering the song of Moses and Miriam and looking at the connections between the lyrics, Exodus, and the Resurrection. Fourth grade math has been working with multiplication for several weeks now and has now begun using the traditional algorithm to solve multiplication problems that have 3 to 4 digits by a single digit such as  $321 \times 6$  or  $2,345 \times 9$ . In science we are covering the scientific method and discussing reasonable science fair project ideas. For writing, students are focusing on writing things in sequential order to prepare for writing the procedures for their science fair projects. Meanwhile, in reading, we are focusing on character traits by reading *Me and Uncle Romie*, which is based on the life of Romare Bearden.

## Mr. Postenrieder, Mrs. Kiehl, and Mr. Kollmorgen (5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grades)

In our Bible time we continued to study the book of Ecclesiastes. In 5<sup>th</sup> math we worked more with volume. In Saxon Level 1 math, we worked with decimal operations, square roots, and used 0 as a place holder. Saxon Level 3 math and Algebra 1 used proportions and cross products to solve equations.

5/6 Social Studies continued researching and preparing a poster on a famous person who had an influence on Early America. 7/8 Social Studies continued learning about the Byzantine Empire.

5/6 Science is focusing on the scientific method and preparing for the science fair, While 7/8 reviewed the properties of matter and are starting on the phases of matter.

5/6 grade Language Arts students continued our second novel, *I am Malala*. In writing, students continued working with expository essays and the specific genre of problem/solution writing. 7/8 Writing students continued studying problem/solution essays. In Reading, they began their second text, *A Traveler's Guide to Medieval Times*.

In 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade PE we continued our bowling unit.

## Assess Symptoms Daily!

**If your child doesn't feel well, please keep him/her home!**

One of the main ways to limit the spread of the virus is to check for symptoms daily – of course we take temperatures at the door each morning, but you can help by making sure that your son or daughter does not have any of the following symptoms:

Fever or chills	Cough	Diarrhea	Nausea or vomiting
Fatigue	Sore throat	Headache	Loss of taste or smell
Congestion or runny nose		Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	
Repeated shaking with chills		Muscle or body aches	