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St. Mark's Messenger

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Calendar

December

17 – Last Day before Christmas Break
NOON Dismissal – No Aftercare

19 – Worship: 8:00am, 10:30am, & 6:00pm

24 – Christmas Eve 7:00pm and 11:00pm

25 – Christmas Day 10:30am

26 – Worship: 8:00am, 10:30am, & 6:00pm

31 – New Year's Eve 7:00pm

January

4 – Classes Resume (Tuesday)

Re-Enrollment is Coming Soon!

Re-enrollment for current students will begin on January 15th for the 2022-2023 school year!

Open enrollment for new students will begin on January 30th. Please consider re-enrolling your student (s) early, before open enrollment begins on the 30th, because classrooms will fill quickly! Re-enrollment forms and instructions will be coming home on Friday, January 14.

Christmas Programs Online

Both the Preschool and Kindergarten through 8th Grade Christmas programs were well received and are now posted on our Youtube Channel.

Simply go to Youtube.com and search for St. Mark's Education Channel. You will find the Christmas programs and all sorts of other content from Worship Services to "Night Night with Mr. K"!

Like and Subscribe and Enjoy!



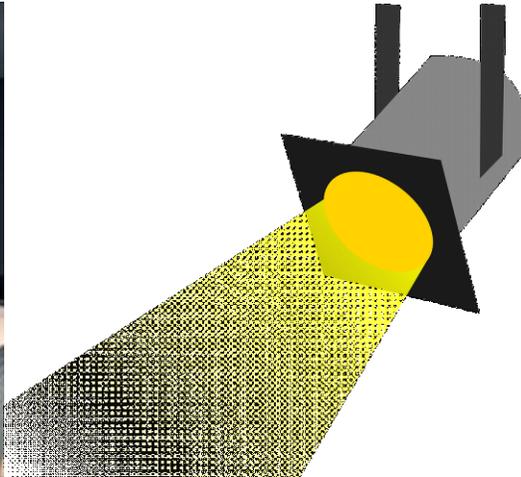
'21-'22 Theme:

Not of This World!

Romans 12:2

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!

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 3 year old class learned about the letter C. We made special Christmas crafts and had a Christmas Party in our classroom.

Mrs. Rehmer (4 Year Old Preschool)

The children did a fantastic job telling the story of Jesus with their Christmas program! In class, our Bible stories used the star to help lead us to the babe in a manger, who was born for you and me. Matthew 2:1-12 We had fun finishing up our Christmas projects, and celebrating Jesus's birthday, with our class parties. Mrs. Schuchhardt and I hope you all have a blessed Christmas break and are able to celebrate our Savior's birth.

Mrs. Sherman (Kindergarten)

Kindergarten had a great deal of gingerbread fun this week. They compared and contrasted different versions of the gingerbread man story. They participated in gingerbread themed centers. The class baked a gingerbread man! Did he run away? Did they get to eat him? Hmm...ask a Kindergartener. At math time, the class measured Christmas trees with shapes and ordered strips of paper to form a Christmas tree. The best part of the week was focusing on the birth of Jesus. The class wrote articles for The Bethlehem News, telling what happened the night our Savior was born! Merry CHRISTmas!

Mrs. Boerboom (1st Grade)

This week in 1st grade, we practiced our addition and subtraction facts using some color by number sheets! We had to find the sum or difference to know what color to use. In Reading, we did some Christmas themed reading comprehension pages. We learned more about space in Science Class, like why the moon has craters and that Neil Armstrong's footprints are still there! In social studies, we learned about how different cultures, like Germany, Italy, and Sweden celebrate Christmas. We loved telling people about Jesus' birth at the program on Tuesday, and we learned about how the prophets told us about Jesus all through the Old Testament. We finished our week with a party with 2nd and 3rd grade, watching the Polar Express!

Mrs. Reynolds (2nd Grade)

This week 2nd grade ramped up to Christmas with several Christmas writing prompts including "Christmas lists", "If I visited the North Pole I would" and "If I woke up the size of a gingerbread man I would". We also colored a nativity scene as we retold the story of the birth of Jesus. We read several Christmas books including "The Night Before Christmas" and "The Polar Express". We finished up Module 6 in math and took our end of Module tests. We learned a new spelling list. On Friday we wore our festive Christmas Jammie's and watched "The Polar Express" movie!

Mrs. Dowd (3rd Grade)

In Religion class, we learned the importance of the season of Advent in the church year. We focused on the Advent Wreath and what each candle stands for. In Reading class, we wrapped up our Chapter 16-20 unit on The Tiger Rising. We read the stories, The Nutcracker and The Elves and the Shoemaker, and focused on the characters, setting, and storyline. In Math class, we worked through mixed numbers as fractions, as well as fractions with whole numbers. In Science, we wrapped up our gummy bear experiment and began to brainstorm for the Science Fair in January. In Social Studies, we focused on the importance of maps and how to locate cities.

Miss Rhonemus (4th Grade)

This week fourth graders used their math skills to "plan" a camping trip. They had to make decisions based on proposed budgets and supply needs which they had to find by using multiplication. Students also had a blast performing the Christmas program and celebrating Christ's birth.

Mr. Postenrieder, Mrs. Kiehl, and Mr. Kollmorgen (5th - 8th Grades)

In our Bible time we discussed what Christmas means to each individual. In 5th math we completed our study of volume with a test on Wednesday. In Saxon Level 1 math we worked with dividing decimal numbers by whole numbers. We took our 8th test on Wednesday. In Social Studies we presented our poster on a famous person with an influence on Early America. Our study of Canada was pushed to after the Christmas break. In 5th – 8th grade PE we continued our bowling unit with a field trip to Eastgate Lanes.

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	