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St. Mark's Messenger

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Calendar

February

- 4 – Bengals Dress Down Day!
- 6 – Worship: 8:00am, 10:30am, & 6:00pm
- 7 – Basketball @ Immanuel
Girls 5:00pm Boys 6:00pm
- 8 – Science Olympiad – 4:15pm
- 9 – Chapel: Pastor Fenker
- 10 – Science Olympiad – 4:15pm
- 11 – Bengals Dress Down Day!
Science Fair – 7:00pm
- 13 – Worship: 8:00am, 10:30am, & 6:00pm



'21-'22 Theme:

Not of This World!

Romans 12:2

Science Fair - Rescheduled

Because of our snow day today, the Science Fair will be held on Friday, February 11, at 7:00pm. "Follow the Science" throughout our building and see everything the students have discovered about the wonderful world that God made for us!

What's Next for St. Mark's?

As you may have heard, **The congregation voted unanimously and enthusiastically** to spend up to \$20,000 on conceptual drawings for a School Expansion of 4-6 classrooms and a gymnasium!

We are already in the process of putting together a bid package - Praise God that he continues to provide for our school and all of his children!

Inclement Weather

Watch WCPO 9 and monitor your email and Facebook for school closing notices.

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found box runneth over! Please come and retrieve clothing! If you haven't seen it for awhile... it's probably here.



RAISE SOME DOUGH



Join us on **02/16/2022** from **10:30am-9pm** to support **St Marks Lutheran School**. Present this flyer to the cashier when you check out and we'll donate 20% of your purchase.

Fundraisers are in-store only. Coupons may not be accepted.

MILFORD LOCATION ONLY
200 CHAMBER DR SUITE 150

Food, Fundraiser, Fellowship!

Remember those awesome food fundraisers where all you had to do was show up and eat? We have some coming up!

The first one is Rapid Fired Pizza on February 16. Take this flyer with you to the location on Chamber Drive between 10:30am and 9:00pm – and have some awesome pizza!

You enjoy great food, enjoy the company of others from St. Mark's family, and Rapid Fired will donate 20% of your purchase to our ministry!

Keep watching the Messenger for more Triple F Events

Open House Thank You!

Thank you for spreading the word about our Open House - we had an amazing turnout! As a result, we have at least 6 new students to hear the Gospel! Keep up the good work of telling others about our amazing school and continue to keep it in your prayers.

Remember to re-enroll! Classes are filling fast. If you need a new form, please pick one up in the school office. If you have any questions regarding your re-enrollment or enrollment fees, please feel free to contact Rachel Bailey admissions@stmarksmilford.org.

Father/Daughter Dance

The ALOHA LUAU FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE ~ "God is With Us"!

All fathers and daughters (grandpas, uncles, etc.) are invited to attend. Come for dancing, crafts, hors d'oeuvres, fun & more! Advance Tickets Only: \$30 per couple (\$10 for each additional girl; max \$50 per family) Please RSVP as space is limited and signup will be capped at 60 families!

When: Saturday, February 26, 2022

Time: 5:45-8:15PM

Place: Miami Township Civic Center (Miami Room) **Dress:** Formal or Fun

Make checks payable to: AHG Troop OH0323 and deliver to the St. Mark's school office.

RSVP using the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044AAFAC22AB9-aloha>

Candy Grams!

Treat your child, grandchild, teacher, or friend to a special Candy Gram delivered to their classroom on February 14! Candy Grams are \$1 each, cash or check (payable to St. Marks). Please cut out the completed greeting card form (attached to this email), one child per card, put them in an envelope with the appropriate amount of money, and send them back to school with your child or place in the Candy Gram box in the school hallway. You may copy this form as needed and there will be extra order forms by the box. Any questions - call or text Amy Timler (513) 256-9080. Orders must be received by **Wednesday, February 9.**

Classroom Happenings

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

This week the 3 year olds learned about the letter H. We made hearts, matched number hearts, and made salt artwork. We also learned that Jesus loves children!!

Mrs. Rehmer (4 Year Old Preschool)

What a wonderful story we had in Bible time this week! We learned that no matter how small we are, Jesus welcomes and blesses us! Mark 10:13-16. We turned our attention this week back to winter and celebrated the Winter Olympics. The kids had fun learning about different sports and even trying out our own version of the Olympics. We even held our own parade of nations.

Mrs. Sherman (Kindergarten)

We are 100 days smarter! We were excited to celebrate the 100th day of school with various activities involving the number 100! At Bible time, we heard the account of Jesus calming the storm. We can trust Jesus to calm our fears and give us comfort and peace. During reading, our selections were about things that scientists study. We identified the main idea, recalled details and named the vowel sounds in CVC words. At math time, we added and subtracted and learned to play "Top It." We finished our study of states of matter and began exploring magnets during science.

Mrs. Boerboom (1st Grade)

This week in first grade, we learned about how Jesus heals people, not only of our physical sickness, but also of our sin-sickness. We read about how Jesus healed the man by the pool and Peter's mother-in-law. In math, we finished our unit on addition and subtraction and figured out when we need to add or subtract to solve a problem. We read about a big race and talked about how rules are important, not only in racing and other sports, but in life. We talked about how when we break rules, there are consequences. Finally, we started our unit on Community Economics in social studies after focusing on our science fair project for a few weeks!

Mrs. Reynolds (2nd Grade)

2nd grade is learning that Jesus could calm the seas and bring a widow's son back to life. Jesus is almighty and all powerful. We also finished module 8 in math, took our test and began our unit on telling time. We finished lesson 17 in Reading by reviewing "Luke Up to Bat" and took the test for this lesson. We cleaned our desks out and got new seat assignments!

Mrs. Dowd (3rd Grade)

In Religion class, we learned how we should pray to God. We continued to learn how God helps us every day through the blessings we are given. In Reading, we read the story *Tops and Bottoms*. We focused on homophones and how it is important to focus on the spelling of the words. In Math, we continued focusing on single division numbers and how they connect to multiplication. In Social Studies, we learned about cartography and the importance of maps. In Science, we learned how roller coasters are built and why we keep moving forward when the car stops. In Writing, we finished our paragraphs about our favorite colors.

Miss Rhonemus (4th Grade)

This week fourth graders wrapped up reading about hurricanes while discussing how we measure weather and how hurricanes work. During our reading time we also focused on the features of informational text. In math class students continued to work with division and review concepts related to division in preparation for long division. We have moved on from Judges in religion and are beginning 1 Samuel with a focus on how God answers prayers, specifically Hannah's prayer.

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

In our Bible time we continued our study of the book of James.

In 5th math, we worked on benchmarks and estimation. In Saxon Level 1 math, we added/subtracted fractions and mixed numbers. We also worked with polygons, probability, and chance. Course 3 math is learning the slope-intercept form of equations, while Algebra 1 is working with complex fractions.

In 5/6 Social Studies we prepared and presented power points on our Canadian province or territory. In 7/8 Social Studies, students presented their African folktale to younger students, then began a new unit on people of the Americas.

5th/6th grade ELA students completed the unit for I Am Malala by writing a Response to Literature. In Writing, they finished their persuasive essays. 7th/8th Writing students completed their persuasive writing. In Reading, students had an end of unit one pager to share their learning about their nonfiction class book.

In 5/6 Science, students are studying energy flow in an ecosystem and studied a special food web (that may have contained both a Bengal tiger and a ram). Meanwhile, 7/8 science is looking at materials and how chemists and engineers combine substances to get the desired properties as is the case with polymers, composites, and alloys.

In 5th – 8th grade PE we continued square dancing.

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:

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| 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 | |



St Mark's Lutheran School



Strategic Plan and Visioning Proposal Summary: 2021 – 2025

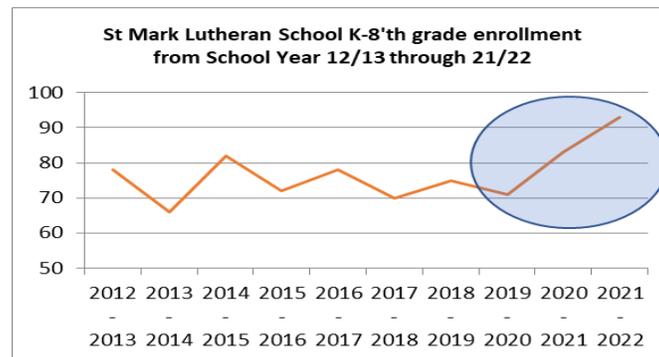
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Our Mission: Connecting Students with Jesus While Providing Excellence in Education

Where Are We Now?

We officially exist to serve the educational needs of St. Mark's member's children, and as an outreach to our community. Our students belong to a wide variety of Christian Denomination Churches, and many claim no church home.

The following graph shows the K-8th grade enrollment changes over the last 10 years, which shows an upward trend in the last 5 years. In the last two school years, the School has split grades 1-2 and 3-4 into single graded classrooms. Currently, K-3 are in single-graded classrooms and the Youth Room has been repurposed as a classroom. Also, classes are being held during the week in the Werner Conference Room and the Fellowship Hall. **We are currently at the highest K-8 enrollment in the school's history!!**



In the next three years (2022 – 2025), enrollment for K-8 is projected to keep increasing. Current enrollment projections would require the splitting of 5th and 6th grade into separate classrooms for the 2023/2024 school year and the splitting of 7th and 8th grade into separate classrooms for the 2025/2026 school year. **Without additional classroom space by the fall of 2023, the School will be forced to limit new enrollment.**

Preschool growth projections are harder to predict because **our current circumstances do not include a Pre-Kindergarten option, or even classroom space in which to hold the class.** The 2-year-old and 3-year-old class is currently held in the Nursery. The Nursery is not an ideal classroom for a Preschool, which is inhibiting enrollment in 2-year-old and 3-year-old classes. **Without additional classroom space, the Preschool will not be able to offer the types of programs that are needed by many parents (all-day, 5-day/week, and Pre-K options), which will continue to limit growth in the future.**

Strategic Plan Proposals by School Year

2021-2022

- Hire an Admissions Coordinator (Complete)
- Hire a Social Media Coordinator (Complete)
- Maintain NLSA (In Progress)
- **Begin Building Process**
- Hire Reading tutors (In Progress)
- Promote Estate Planning and Giving to SGOs (In Progress)

2022-2023

- Make the Building Look Good and Remodel Outdated Areas (renovations to Fellowship Hall, Church Men's Restroom, etc.)
- 100 or more students in K-8 – apply for Blue Ribbon status.
- Continue Building Process

2023-2024

- Hire a Preschool Administrator/Teacher
- New School Addition Opens (4-6 classrooms plus gymnasium)
- 5th and 6th Grade Transitioned into single grade classrooms
- Prekindergarten reintroduced.

2024-2025

- Hire a Development Director