



WEEKLY WORDS

St. Mark's Cathedral School

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Students of the Year



Congratulations to
Anna Claire Smith, 8th grade
Hart Snyder, 5th grade

WE ARE SO VERY PROUD OF YOU!



Scripture Verse of the Week

*Today in the town of David a savior has been
born to you; He is Christ the Lord.*

Luke 2:11

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- Next Week -

December 17-19

- Middle School Exams

December 18

- K sings at The Oaks - 8:30
- PS2 Open House - 11AM

December 19

- Lessons & Carols, 1PM
- Christmas Sing, 2PM
- 3PM Dismissal



COMING UP @ SMCS

January 7

Classes Resume

January 10

SOX, 1:30, Parish Hall

January 16

1st Grade Field Trip to WK
Pierremont Pediatric, 9-11:30AM

January 21

MLK Day, no school

January 27

MS Open House, 3-4PM

FROM THE DESK OF Chris Carter, Head of School



December 14, 2018

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that the first semester is nearly over! Next week our middle school students will take mid-term exams, but I know they are like our lower and preschool students and counting down the days to Christmas vacation. I also know that every year our high school students tell us they are glad they learned to take exams at St. Mark's since many of their classmates who went to other schools didn't learn about how to prepare for exams. Feedback from some of our high school parents says that the study skills learned at St. Mark's are truly invaluable.

This morning was the Kindergarten Nativity Play and Preschool Christmas Sing, and I want to offer big congratulations to all our Little School performers! Thank you to Mrs. Duplantis, Miss Jessica, and all the Little School teachers for their efforts! The acting and singing were wonderful and truly filled me, and all who were there, with Christmas cheer!

When they aren't studying for exams, our middle school students have been spreading Christmas cheer in a different way by making a difference in the wider community. Nearly every afternoon or evening for the past two weeks, different members of the Service Leadership Club have assisted with seasonal activities at a variety of local ministries and social-service organizations such as Holy Angels, Shriners, the Food Bank, or the Highland Blessing Supper. It is important that our children are not just giving goods to those in need but actively involved in serving children and families in safe and appropriate settings. I am so proud of all the good work they are doing! Thank you to Chaplain Kane for organizing all the opportunities for service and to our parent-drivers who make the participation possible!

When we return from Christmas vacation, we will begin the re-enrollment process for next year. Remember that if you have a younger sibling who is ready to start at St. Mark's next year, you can enroll him or her when you re-

enroll you older student(s), but we must have an application on file. Open enrollment for new families will begin in February. If you need help completing an application, call Ms. Wedgeworth, and she will walk you through the process.

I am excited to announce that Mrs. Lewis has spent the fall making plans for increased summer offerings at St. Mark's. She will have a brochure ready for you when we return from the holiday which will include both School and Cathedral summer opportunities for all ages.

I want to remind you all that lunch can be ordered online from Rotolo's or Bistro Byronz through an account (Boonli) you set up and manage from our school website. If you aren't sure how to order or set up a Boonli account, feel free to call Lisa Sigrest, and she can help you.

I hope that Big School parents will plan to attend our Lessons and Carols Chapel next Wednesday at 1. This is our opportunity to celebrate Christmas as a school community. Afterwards, we will go to the Parish Hall for the traditional Christmas Sing, including lots of holiday favorites and ending, as per tradition, with a spirited rendition of the "Twelve Days of Christmas." Who will be the surprise singer of the 12th day? You have to be here to find out! It will be a great afternoon, and I look forward to seeing you there!

Enjoy your weekend!

Chris Carter, D.Min.
Head of School



SMCS Annual Spelling Bee



The Winners

Congratulations to our 2018
SMCS Spelling Bee Winners!

THE CHAMPION
Hailey Huguet, 7th Grade

2ND PLACE
Oliver Scott, 8th Grade

3RD PLACE
Abigail Hood, 4th Grade

The Participants



This year's Spelling Bee participants included: 4th Grade - Maddie Crawford, Kathryn Elbersen, Abigail Hood, Tristan Wilson; 5th Grade - Lauren Huguet, Isabella Kilgarlin, Noah Knight, Gracie Porter; 6th Grade - Ella Eagles, Katelyn McNeill, Amira Marshall, Adelynn Wilson; 7th Grade - John Patrick Bartle, Michael Burford, Mary Marzelle Elbersen, Hailey Huguet; 8th Grade - Anderson Davis, Abigail Jackson, Kate Michael, Oliver Scott.



Oliver Scott and **Anderson Davis** won 1st place in the Code Ninjas Hack-a-thon. Their winning entry will be entered in the NATIONAL competition.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Fr. Drew Reads to Mrs. Walley's 2nd Grade Class



Some of our favorite guest readers are our local heroes. Thank you Fr. Drew Christiansen!

8th Grade Christian Ed World Feast



SMCS Car Flags on Sale Now!



Show your **LION PRIDE** by purchasing a car flag being sold by our Student Council.

Just \$20 each!

Come by the school office to purchase yours today.

- Cash, Check (to SMCS), and Bill Account payments accepted -



NEW STUDENTS

Abbott Weathers
6th Grade

We are so happy to have you in
the SMCS family!



KTAL Kid's WeatherCast
Presented by



This week 7th grader Michael Burford joined Todd Warren in the Weather Center. Michael predicted rain for Thursday and Friday but the weather should be good for weekend activities.

Great Job Michael

Tune in to NBC affiliate KTAL-TV next Tuesday at 5:00 PM to see who our next weather reporter is!



PARENTS' CLUB CORNER

PARENTS' CLUB FACT OF THE WEEK

Did You
KNOW?...

Parents' Club makes contributions that help provide:

**SCHOLARSHIPS-
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Last Day Christmas Events

This year, the last day before our Christmas break will be a little different from previous years. Following is some information you will want to know:

1. It is a Christmas-themed free dress day for all students.
2. It will be a normal day for Preschool.
3. Middle School Exams / 8-11:30AM
4. Lower School will have enrichments and class parties before 1PM.
5. Middle School will watch *High School Musical* after exams.
6. Lessons and Carols / 1PM / Cathedral
7. Christmas Sing / 2PM / Parish Hall
8. Dismissal - 3PM.

**Parents are invited to attend
Lessons and Carols and the
Christmas Sing.**



CHRISTMAS MUSIC CAMP WITH MRS. D



DECEMBER 20 & 21
9:00AM-3:00PM

Finish up your Christmas shopping and enjoy this perfectly timed mother's day out!

- Activities include: songs of the season with singing - dancing - playing instruments!
 - SMCS Students 1st-4th grade
 - Pajama attire encouraged
 - Limited to the first 15 participants enrolled
- \$70 per day

Includes: Lunch, Morning and Afternoon Snack

To reserve your child's spot, please email Mrs. Duplantis @

meduplantis@stmarksschool.com

Payment via Venmo, cash, or check.

'Twas the Night Before Christmas...Break

**'Twas the night before Christmas break, and all through the school
Not a student was stirring or breaking the rules.**

**The uniforms were washed and hung up with care,
Knowing a new semester would soon be there.**

**Everyone settled in to the holiday theme,
While visions of Christmas Sing danced in their dreams.**

**Middle Schoolers went home with their study guide packs,
While the preschoolers prepared for a long winter's nap.**

**When out in the mailbox arose such a clatter,
We sprang out of bed to see what was the matter.**

**When what did our eyes see in the yard?
A SMCS letter and a tiny pledge card!**

**With a sigh of dismay, I was instantly bummed,
I knew in a second it was ANNUAL FUND!**

**The letter explained my money was needed,
An "end of the year gift" is perfect it pleaded!**

**"Now Donate!, Now Pledge! With paper or plastic."
Hurry and give before the tax changes are drastic.**

**So in this giving season, please donate today,
Help St. Mark's pave the way.**

**"It All Begins Here"
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**





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kcarter@stmarksschool.com

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