



# WEEKLY WORDS

## St. Mark's Cathedral School

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December 7, 2018

### 2018 SMCS Christmas Card



Artwork by: Caroline Walls

*This year's beautiful artwork for our Christmas Card was created by 4th grader Caroline Walls.*

### Christmas Decoration Workshop at Holy Angels



*See page 3 for more photos*



### Scripture Verse of the Week

*Call his name Jesus. He shall be great. - Luke 1:31-32*

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### - Next Week -

#### December 14

- Preschool Christmas Sing, 8:30, P. Hall
- 1st grade trip to Global Power Museum

#### 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

# FROM THE DESK OF Chris Carter, Head of School



December 7, 2018

Dear Parents,

I want to begin by thanking all of you who have made a pledge or gift to the Annual Fund. We have already raised just over \$80,000! That puts us over the half-way point of our goal. If you keep meaning to make a pledge, please let this be your reminder to pledge now! The Annual Fund helps fill the gap between tuition and the actual cost of your children's education and it is truly vital to our school. Again, many thanks to those who have already pledged or given!

Thank you to the Cathedral for a wonderful night of Bingo! What a great opportunity for fun and fellowship! We had great food, fun prizes, and lots of winners! I know that St. Nicholas enjoyed calling several rounds of Bingo, and I feel confident we have just seen the start of a new fun St. Mark's tradition. It looked to me like the children enjoyed the European tradition of St. Nicholas leaving treats in their shoes, but then, who doesn't like gold chocolate coins?

On Tuesday our 8th grade Christian Ed class led a wonderful Chapel service based on the study they had done of the "O Antiphons," a set of prayers addressed to the different titles of Jesus and which were incorporated into the hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" that we sing throughout Advent. It was a very moving Chapel service, much commented upon by students and teachers, and I appreciate the hard work and talents of our 8th graders as well as

the leadership of Chaplain Kane. This coming Tuesday the 6th grade Christian Ed class will lead Chapel.

This morning in Chapel we had some special recognition of students. First, in keeping with long-standing St. Mark's tradition, the 4th grade was again tasked with creating artwork for the school Christmas card. Caroline Walls's delightful nativity design was selected, and she was presented with the "First Christmas Card." Look for your card in the mail in a few days. In addition, I was pleased to announce four finalists in both 5th and 8th grades to represent St. Mark's in the state Student of the Year contest. 5th graders Lauren Huguet, Jacqueline Loftin, David Kim, and Hart Snyder, and 8th graders Olivia Hudson, Arthur Jenkins, Oliver Scott, and Anna Claire Smith will now submit essays and be interviewed, with one student from each grade to be chosen to represent our school. Congratulations to all!

Next Friday is the Preschool Christmas Sing and Kindergarten Nativity Play. This is an event guaranteed to get you into the Christmas spirit. Our Little School students will be practicing all week, and I know we will have a full Parish Hall to appreciate their efforts.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Warmly,

Chris Carter, D.Min.



# SLC Ambassadors and Student Council Joined Ranks for the Christmas Decoration Workshop Held at Holy Angels





## SLC Serves Dinner at Providence House on Sunday



*Many, many thanks to  
Chaplain Kane  
for organizing all the  
Service Leadership Club  
Events!*

# HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

## MEET THE CAST

### Gabriella Montez

Ella Eagles

### Sharpay Evans

Anna Grace Chaney

### Taylor McKessie

Taylor Garsee

### Kelsi Neilson

Adelynn Wilson

### Ms. Darbus

Caroline Bartle

### Martha

Leah Nansubuga

### Ripper

Chandler Stari

### Jocks/Cheerleaders

Cassidy Kirk\*

Claire Guthrie

Maggie Hodges

Ella Turner

Karrington Carter

Kate Blanchard\*

Abigail Jackson\*

Jack Walls\*

Jude Gaitan

### Skaters

Kayleigh Jones

Greenley Gamble

Camille Swander\*

Sarah Armand

Amari Jackson

Stella Porter

Field Baber\*

Wiley Cotter

(Will also do Basketball #)

### Troy Bolton

Stephen David Swander

### Ryan Evans

Karlo Penales

### Chad Danforth

Sam Brainard

### Jack Scott

Collier White

### Coach Bolton

David Armand

### Zeke

John Patrick Bartle

### Braniacs

Laurel Kirby\*

Olivia Hudson

Anna Claire Smith\*

Reagan Johnson\*

Lucy Reading

Mabry Soul\*

Hailey Huguet\*

William Hardtner

(Will also do Basketball #)

### Thespians

Aubry Hall

Amira Marshall\*

Mary Marzelle Elbersson\*

Sarah Roppolo

Katelyn Pavlick-Dance Captain

Sophia Kerr\*

Annabelle Wood

Kate Michael\*

Parker Raley\*

\* Notes a solo or a line



## NEW STUDENTS

Jayla Rios - 4th Grade

Sanil Thorat - PS3

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



KTAL Kid's Weather Cast Presented by Eighth Grader Sophia Kerr



This week 8th grader Sophia Kerr joined Todd Warren in the Weather Center. She predicted rain for this weekend. Sophia says that being a meteorologist might be a little easier than being a doctor, which is what she hopes to be one day.

*Great Job Sophia!*

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:

**TEACHER ALLOWANCES FOR CLASSROOM UPGRADES**



## Last Day of School 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 is 3PM.



# SOCIAL STUDIES

## FAIR - 2018

Congratulations to this Year's Social Studies Fair Winners

### FIRST PLACE



Karlo Penales.....For Whom the Bell Tolls  
 Collier White.....The Real Story of D-Day  
 Amari Jackson..... Women's Rights

### SECOND PLACE



Emily Rowe..... Tragedy in Poland  
 Lucy Reading..... Mutation Admiration  
 Stella Porter..... A Picture is Worth A Thousand Words

### THIRD PLACE



Tripp Roemer..... Some Like It Hot  
 Madeline Lowe..... Movement Accomplished

### HONORABLE MENTION



Matthew Henry..... Welcome to the Internet  
 Jude Gaitan..... The Terrifying Trenches  
 Michael Burford..... Bull or Bear  
 Karrington Carter..... Broken Levees Broken Lives

Thank you Mrs. Taylor for all your hard work on the fair!

# **'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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