



WEEKLY WORDS

St. Mark's Cathedral School

Back to School Edition

August 3, 2018



First Week Schedule

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

- 8:00-8:30 6th grade parents meeting in the Garden Room
(students report to the gym)
- 8:45-9:15 8th grade parents meeting
(students are welcome to proceed to homeroom)
- 8:45-10:30 1st-8th visit classrooms to meet teachers
- 11:30-12:30 New Parents Luncheon in the Parish Hall

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

First Day of School for 1-8 (ASM begins)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

- K 8:00-12:00 with parent meeting at 11:30
- PS 2 & 3 8:00-9:30 with parent meeting at 9:00
- PS 4 10:30-12:00 with parent meeting at 11:30

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

- PS2-4 8:00-12:00; no ASM
- Kindergarten 8:00-1:30/3:00; ASM for K only

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

- PS2-4 8:00-12:00; no ASM
- Kindergarten 8:00-1:30/3:00; ASM for K only
- 1st-8th First Family Chapel in the Cathedral at 8:00
- 6:00 p.m. Parents' Club Back-to-School Party at Superior Steak House

THIS WEEK

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Don't forget to place your order for SMCS Spirit T-Shirts, Chair Pouches, Tote Bags, Nap Mats and Milk at Lunch! Order forms can be found on the ParentsWeb in Web Forms. The District Code for RenWeb is SMK-LA.

A Note About SMCS Spirit Shirts

Each new student receives a spirit shirt free of charge. These shirts are typically worn for pep rally days and for class field trips. If your child needs a new one for this year, the cost is \$70.

COMING UP AT SMCS

August 20:

- Catered lunches begin
- LS Curriculum Night, 6pm

August 27

- MS Curriculum Night, 6pm

August 29

- Fall Yearbook Pictures

September 3

- Labor Day, No school

FROM THE DESK OF Chris Carter, Head of School



August 3, 2018

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe but the start of school is just over a week away! Teacher letters to students will go out in today's mail and will probably be in your mailbox tomorrow. In this special edition of the Weekly Words, we will try to give you all the information you need to get school off to a smooth start.

Admissions activity is still going on, but we will welcome over fifty new students and their parents to St. Mark's this year. We know that it can be stressful to start a new school, and we want to make it as easy as possible. New parents, we hope you will attend the New Parent Luncheon on August 13 at 11:30 in the Parish Hall. Thank you to all our new parents for choosing St. Mark's—we are so excited to get to know your children! Returning parents, please help us make our new families feel welcome!

I am pleased to welcome two new teachers to the Little School faculty. Mrs. Pam White joins us as a new Preschool 2 lead teacher, and Ms. Erin Engle will be her teaching assistant. Hiring these two experienced early childhood educators has allowed us to open a third section of Preschool 2 for this coming year. Miss Pam taught preschool for many years at First Methodist in Bossier City. She holds a degree in Family and Child Studies from Louisiana Tech and spent a year working in the Early Childhood Education Center operated by Tech as a lab school. She also did a practicum at the Goldman Child Development Center and has been a substitute teacher for Bossier Parish. Some of our families already know Miss Erin, who has taught at First Presbyterian's preschool for many years. She brings experience in working with preschool children of all ages and looks forward to working with Miss Pam

and the rest of the Preschool 2 team as we teach our very littlest Lions to love school!

You will notice that our back-to-school schedule is slightly different this year. All Big School students will start on Tuesday, Aug. 14, and all Little School students will have classroom visits followed by parent meetings on Wed. Aug. 15. Preschool parents have told us that the prior years' practice of having some preschool grades some days and some on others has been challenging. 6th and 8th grade parents, please note that you have special meetings scheduled on Classroom Visits day. Do please review the schedule carefully!

On another page you will find information about ordering lunches, t-shirts, and milk. Please remember that lunch service will not begin till August 20, so everyone needs to bring lunch for the first week of school. Water is provided at no charge for those students who do not purchase milk.

There is a lot of information to manage for the start of school, but the most important thing is that we are so excited to welcome your children and begin a wonderful year in which we will pray, play, and learn every day! Please call the office, division directors, or me if you have any questions or concerns! In the meantime, enjoy one last week of summer!

Warmly,

Chris Carter, D.Min.
Head of School

1st Quarter: August 14 - October 11

Mon	Aug. 13	Student-Parent Classroom Visits 8:45 - 10:30 AM (1st-8th grade)
Tues	Aug 14	1st - 8th grade - FIRST DAY Big School ASM Begins
Wed	Aug 15	K-HALF DAY (no ASM) Visit Day-PS2 & PS3, 8-9AM Visit Day-PS4, 10:30-11:30
Thurs	Aug 16	PS2-4 FIRST DAY 8AM-12PM K-FIRST FULL DAY w/ ASM
Fri	Aug 17	First Family Chapel-8AM (1st-8th)
Mon	Aug 20	Catered Lunches Begin PS ASM Begins LS Curriculum Night - 6PM
Mon	Aug 27	MS Curriculum Night - 6PM
Wed	Aug 29	Fall Yearbook Pics-Wear Uniforms
Mon	Sept 3	Labor Day Holiday-NO SCHOOL
Wed	Sept 12	8th Grade Meeting-8 AM, Garden Room
Fri	Sept 14	Eucharist - Holy Cross, 8 AM 1st grade Manners Tea MS Dance @ SMCS
Thurs	Sept 20	Parent/Teacher Conferences: 3:30 - 6PM
Fri	Sept 21	Grandparent's Day - 11AM Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences: 11:30-3PM
M-Tu	Sept 24-25	Heifer Ranch Trip - 8th grade
September 24 through 28		Fall Book Fair (Gym)
Sept 29 through Oct 6		Red River Revel
Tues	Oct 2	Blessing of Animals-2:30PM-Big Field
W-Th-F	Oct 3-5	6th Grade Pine Cove Trip

2nd Quarter: October 15 - December 19

October 12 through 15		Fall Break - NO SCHOOL
Fri	Oct. 26	MS Dance @ SMCS
Wed	Oct 31	LS Halloween Carnival
Fri	Nov 2	Eucharist - All Saints - 8 AM
Wed	Nov 7	Class Pictures
Sat	Nov 10	Paw Print Sprint
Fri	Nov 12	Veterans Day Assembly, 2:15, Gym
Wed	Nov 14	5th Grade Play-9:30-Parish Hall
Thurs	Nov 15	5th Grade Play-9:30-Parish Hall
Fri	Nov 16	K- Native American Day PS Thanksgiving Feast
November 19-23		Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL
Wed	Dec 5	Social Studies Fair
Mon-Wed	Dec 17-19	MS Exams
Wed	Dec 19	Lessons/Carols, Christmas Sing & Parties
		Last FULL day before break. Dismissal-3PM
Dec 20 through Jan 4		Holiday Break - NO SCHOOL

3rd Quarter: January 7 - March 8

Mon	Jan 7	Classes Resume
Mon	Jan 21	MLK Holiday - NO SCHOOL
Fri	Feb 1	Eucharist - Presentation of Christ in Temple
Fri	Feb 8	4th Grade Fairy Tales
Mon	Feb 18	President's Day - NO SCHOOL
Fri	Feb 22	FIESTA
Sun	Mar 3	Highland Parade
Wed	Mar 6	Eucharist - Ash Wednesday, 8 AM

4th Quarter: March 11 - May 22

Wed-Th	March 20-21	5th Grade Trip to Houston
Th-Fri	Mar 21-22	2nd Grade Play
March 25 - March 29		Spring Break - NO SCHOOL
Mon	Apr 1	Classes Resume
Wed	Apr 3	Spring Yearbook Pics-Wear Spring Clothes
M/T/W	April 8-10	ERB Testing
Tues	Apr 9	Sports Banquet
M thru Th	April 15-18	8th grade trip to South Louisiana
Tu thru Th	April 16-18	7th grade trip to Galveston
April 19 through 22		Easter Break - NO SCHOOL
Fri	Apr 26	Taste of LA - 3rd grade (Pending) Eucharist - St. Mark's Day, 8AM
Wed	May 1	May Day Program, 9:30 AM, Gym
Fri	May 3	Field Day - 11:30 Dismissal
Fri	May 17	MS Dance @ SMCS
Wed	May 22	PS2 - K, LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Thurs	May 23	1st - 8th, LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 8TH Grade Graduation - 6PM-Cathedral

**PLEASE NOTE: Dates/times are subject to change.
More dates will be added as they are scheduled.**



PS = PRESCHOOL (PS2, PS3, PS4)
K = KINDERGARTEN
LS = LOWER SCHOOL (1st-5th Grade)
MS = MIDDLE SCHOOL (6th-8th Grade)

CATERED LUNCH INFORMATION: Mondays & Fridays: Catering by Bistro Byronz Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays: Catering by Rotollo's
SCHOOL LUNCH SCHEDULE 4TH - 8TH GRADES: Mon / Wed / Thur 11:24 - 11: 54 Tues / Fri 11:32-12 1st - 3rd GRADES: Mon-Fri 12:00 - 12:30 PS & K: Mon - Fri 12 Noon

Let's do
LUNCH!

New Parent Luncheon

August 13 • 11:30 AM • Parish Hall

Please join us for lunch and meet the Parents' Club officers, office staff and administrative team.

Learn about the St. Mark's culture and find out how carpool works!

SPONSORED BY THE PARENTS' CLUB

Child care is available.
Please RSVP to Robin Jennings for child care only.
221.7454 • rjennings@stmarksschool.com



PARENT'S CLUB CORNER



To Katy Rhodes for all her hard work in organizing the uniform closets this summer!

PLEASE NOTE: There is an abundance of jumpers for sizes 4 & 5.



*If you would like to be a Room Mother, please contact:
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Please join us for

The Parents' Club Back to School Party

Friday, August 17

6:00 – 9:00 pm

Superior Steakhouse

855 Pierremont Road (Towne Oak Square)



Heavy hors d'oeuvres

Cash Bar