



ALUMNI and FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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A Letter from the Principal

Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends,

We have just completed another great year at St. Mark School. In June, we were awarded the PBIS Bronze award! PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports and encourages the positive culture we strive for at our school. The award system is a three step process and we will begin working on the silver award in August.

Our faculty continues to teach a relevant curriculum to all students and the Archdiocese with our teachers input has updated the standards to meet the needs of our global learners. Revised Language Arts, Science, and Technology curricula are in the development stage and will be rolled out in the Fall of 2016. Our curriculum weaves our Catholic Identity throughout the standards. Our graduating class of 2016 is attending their first choice for high school and has received an impressive amount of honors and scholarship awards. We wish them the best of luck in their high school endeavors.

Improvements in technology and our literacy program have been possible through the generous contributions of friends and benefactors. On behalf of the faculty and staff at St. Mark, we thank you.

I look forward to a new academic year in the fall filled with new initiatives, learning opportunities, and countless blessings. It is wonderful to be part of a faith-filled community.

Sincerely in Christ,

Mary Destino
Principal

Dates to Remember !

Mon. Oct. 31-Halloween Parade

Tues. Nov. 22-Grandparents Day

We love our new reading program!

The faculty and students of St. Mark thank our very kind and generous donors for their gifts that enabled us to purchase a new reading program for Grades 3 –5. The shipment of 55 boxes arrived in the summer and the books are now enjoying the warmth and admiration of our primary grade students and teachers! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for answering our call to help provide the updated reading materials for this school year! Our next goal is to replace our science textbooks to align with the new science curriculum we will be implementing.



This is what a pallet of books looks like before it is treasured by a student!

*Molly from Grade 3
enjoying reading
from the new
reading textbook!*



Who's New at St. Mark School!

We are blessed to have a very solid core group of teachers and administrators at St. Mark! We would like to introduce the following new members of the St. Mark faculty for 2016-2017:

Ms. Riley Weber - PRIDE The PRIDE program has been such a successful addition to St. Mark that we are now able to add a third PRIDE classroom! Ms. Weber comes to St. Mark through the Operation TEACH program. She is currently studying for her Masters in Special Education from Notre Dame of Maryland. A homegrown native of Indiana, Ms. Weber enjoys running, reading and cooking in her free time. She is looking forward to working with our students!

Ms. Taylor Stillings - PE Phys Ed is a favorite class of many students at St. Mark and that makes Ms. Stillings very happy! Her goal is to teach children how important exercise is for your health and how enjoyable it can also be. In addition to her coaching duties at another school, Ms. Stillings also is a talented artist and has a degree in Studio Art from McDaniel College.

We look forward to working with both of our new teachers!

The post high school destinations of our 2012 St. Mark graduates!

We are again proud to share with you the plans for the future as shared by our 2012 St. Mark graduates. We wish them well and much success in their future endeavors!

Eli Archuleta-taking a year off to travel the USA
Madison Auer-St. Joseph's University
Victoria Barreira-Salisbury University
Jillian Bauer-Flagler College
Gavin Becker-University of MD, Balto. Co.
Jacob Bielaski-Community College of Balto Co.
Bridget Bodley-Univ. of Richmond
Grace Boyle-St. Joseph's University
Andrew Burke-Albright College
Brendan Cashen-Salisbury University
Anishia Coles-United States Navy
Karsten Colquitt-Community College
Kaylen Copper-Jacksonville University
Justus Croyle-Loyola College of MD
Wayne Dansbury-Hood College
Paul Delfico-Howard County Com. College
Allison DeLisa-University of Delaware
Ashley Deshields-Boston University
Ryan Dietz-University of MD, College Park
Brendan Dunworth-Salisbury University
Stephanie Evans-Towson University
Ayiana Flood-Community College of Balto. Co.
Eric Fly-Washington College
Erin Fridley-St. Joseph's University
Paul Gaines-Morgan State University
Madeleine Gatto-Salisbury University
Gregory Gee-Morgan State University
Andrew Generoso-Boston College
Abigail Getka-Catholic University
Meghan Hanlon-Duquesne University
Joseph Hash-Salisbury University

Keely Heise-Emory University
Denise Herman-Community College of Balto. Co.
Brendan Jones-Auburn University
Andrei Jordan-United States Marine Corps.
Blake Keys-Frostburg University
Seong Kim-Biola University
Emma Lawrence-Univ. of MD, College Park
Samantha Lerch-Univ. of MD, College Park
Maddie McVearry-James Madison University
Avery Medlar-Coastal Carolina
Malik Morris-Penn State York
Katelyn Mosmiller-Hollins University
Austin Norton-Frostburg University
Matthew Ogorzalek-McDaniel College
Chinenye Okeke-Morgan State University
Michael Romefelt-Widener College
Andy Rudrow-Catholic University
Danny Sauter-Univ. of MD, College Park
John Scavilla-Salisbury University
James Scully-McDaniel College
Ryan Siedl-Howard County Comm. College
Zachary Shugars-Comm. College of Balto. Co.
Collin Stiller-Towson University
Emma Stinson-Santa Clara University
Bailey Tabor-Howard County Comm. College
Sarah Tosches-University of Northern Colorado
Jessica Tsai-Univ. of MD, College Park
Kristinia Whitaker-University of Delaware
Stephen White-Salisbury University
Madilyn Wrisk-West Virginia University

Thank you to all who responded. Unfortunately, some classmates could not be found. Special thanks to Andrew Burke, who assisted in the research!



**2016-2017 School
Year Theme**

***Plant your roots,
and let Christ be
the Foundation of
your life.***

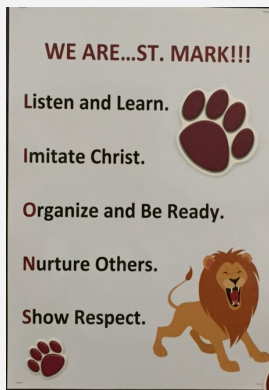
The St. Mark Class of
1976 is holding their re-
union on Sat. Nov. 5,
2016 @ 5:00-8:00 pm.
For more info- email
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If you have any news of your own to share, please
contact Mary Morrison at **410-744-6560 X249** or
e-mail **mmorrison1@stmark-school.org**.
Thank you for your support of St. Mark School.

Look for our next alumni newsletter coming out
soon and more news about all that is new and
wonderful at St. Mark! Thank you for your prayers
and support !

St. Mark wins **BRONZE** certification status for PBIS!

St. Mark employs a school-wide approach to fostering a safe, affirmative and nurturing school environment. The Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports system (PBIS) provides a framework for school staff to recognize and reward students displaying one of the four anchors of LION Pride. We Listen and Learn, Imitate Christ, Organize and Be Ready, Nurture Others and Show Respect.



Posters are placed strategically throughout the school to remind students of the expectations of behavior relevant to the area (i.e. hallways, lunchroom, classrooms.) On a daily basis, we reinforce the LION anchor attributes and recognize students who have practiced and displayed these points with other students, staff, volunteers and visitors. Students delight in receiving the “paw” slips and the chance to earn special privileges.

Next, we will continue our good work to earn the SILVER designation!

St. Mark School Class of 2016 High Scholarships and Honors

The Graduation Mass and ceremony was held on Wednesday, June 1 . We were proud to send off 48 young men and women onto their next educational journey in secondary school. Many students received scholarships and the 2016 class total award values was \$225,000. The following students were awarded honors and scholarship awards:

Hally Aldave-Gold Service Award

Sara Avilies— Mt. de Sales St. Martin de Porres Scholarship,
Seton Keough Legacy Scholarship

Mary Bartlinski-Bronze Service Award

Colin Baron-Mt. St. Joseph Br. Placidus Merit Scholarship
St. Mark Lion Award

Sydnee Conigland-The Catholic High School of Baltimore Mother Mary
Francis Bachmann Scholarship, TCS STEM program

Ryan Driscoll-Mt. St. Joseph, John R. Mohler Scholarship

Katherine Ennis-St. Mark Lion Award

Wyatt Gentner-Mt. St. Joseph Br. Placidus Merit Scholarship

Zachary Hipsley-Mt. St. Joseph Br. Placidus Merit Scholarship
Loyola Blakefield Ignatian Merit Scholarship

Zachary Holsey-Mt. St. Joseph, John R. Mohler Scholarship

Sean Hurley-Mt. St. Joseph Bro. Jos. Sullivan Academic Scholarship
MSJ, Brother James Kelly STEM Program

Palina Jordan-Mercy High School Scholarship

Grant Kline-Mt. St. Joseph Br. Placidus Merit Scholarship

Kayla Jones-St. Mark Sodality Scholarship

Benjamin McElroy-Mt. St. Joseph Bro. Jos. Sullivan Academic Scholarship
MSJ, Brother James Kelly STEM Program
Loyola Blakefield Merit Scholarship

Kerri McElroy-Seton Keough Academic Scholarship
Seton Keough Legacy Scholarship
Gold Service Award

Piper McKee-Institute of Notre Dame Merit Scholarship

Dylan Parsons-Mt. St. Joseph Br. Placidus Merit Scholarship

Dylan Perry-Calvert Hall McMullen Academic Scholarship

Jonathan Presti-Mt. St. Joseph Br. Placidus Merit Scholarship
Bronze Service Award

Kevin Protzman-Mt. St. Joseph Br. Isodore Academic Scholarship
MSJ, Brother James Kelly STEM Program
Loyola Blakefield Ignatian Merit Scholarship
Gold Service Award

Kara Queensberry-Mt. de Sales Good Counsel Scholarship
Seton Keough Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger Scholarship
Seton Keough Legacy Scholarship
Bronze Service Award

Scott Ricktor-Mt. St. Joseph Br. Isodore Academic Scholarship
MSJ, Brother James Kelly STEM Program

Yeoryia Swanson-Seton Keough Theatre Scholarship



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Class of 2016!
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proud and
come back to
share your
success!

