

St. Mark News

Week of January 26, 2026



HEALTH/SAFETY DAY

Thank you for your understanding as we took off today to care for the well-being of our students and staff. We pray that everyone is staying safe, warm, and well!

Vision and Hearing Screenings: This Monday

On January 26, The Nebraska Lions Foundation will be at St. Mark, administering hearing and vision screenings for grades 1-8. This is a free service provided by the State Health Department. If you would like your child to opt out of these screenings, please let your child's teacher know.

MAP Testing (week 1)

We will administer our first two MAP tests on Tuesday and Friday (Jan 27 and 30). It is beneficial to the students (and their brains!) to get a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast in the morning. We look forward to seeing the growth our students have made since the beginning of the year!

Junior Choir: Still singing this Sunday!

Sunday, January 25, the Junior Choir (grades 5-8) will be singing at St. Mark for the 10:30 service. Please have your child at church by 10:15am. If your child will not be able to sing, please reach out to Mrs. Buelow so she can plan accordingly (nicole.buelow@stmarklincoln.org). Thank you!

February Basketball

The rest of the 5-8th basketball practices and games have been added to the "Dates to Remember" newsletter section. More game info will be shared the weeks they are scheduled. If you have any questions about practice and/or game times, please contact our AD, Mr. Hahm (kevin.hahm@stmarklincoln.org)

Bingo Bash: Beach Themed!

We would like to invite all families to Bingo Bash on Friday, February 20, at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. We will have everything you need, including lots of great prizes. Speaking of prizes, we would love your help in collecting a few more items for the prize table. If you would be willing to pick up some small, fun items or treats that would make good Bingo prizes, we would certainly appreciate it. You can drop anything off with Carolyn in the office. Thank you!

Dates to Remember

Jan 25: Junior Choir sings @ St. Mark (10:30am)

Jan. 25: Bball practice @ Lincoln Christian (3:30-5pm)

Jan 26: Vision/Hearing Screenings

Jan 27, 30: MAP Testing

Jan 28: Bball practice @ Irving (5-5:55pm)

Feb 1: Bball practice @ Lincoln Christian (3:30-5pm)

Feb 2: A & B bball games in York (4:30 & 5:30pm)

Feb 4: Bball practice @ Irving (5-5:55pm)

Feb 3, 6 MAP Testing

Feb 8: Bball practice @ Lincoln Christian (3:30-5pm)

Feb 9: A & B bball games in Plymouth (4:15 & 5pm)

Feb 11: Bball practice @ Irving (5-5:55pm)

Feb 13: NO SCHOOL (Teacher in-service)

Feb 16: NO SCHOOL

Feb 18: Bball practice @ Irving (5-5:55pm)

Feb 20: Bingo Bash (6:30pm)

Feb 22: Bball practice @ Lincoln Christian (3:30-5pm)

Lutheran Schools Week/Spirit Week: repeat

Spirit week is coming up next month! Our school loves to show our basketball teams support and school spirit by having some fun dress up days and activities. To help you prepare, here are the 2026 dress up days:

Monday (Feb 23): Wacky Tacky Day (dress up crazy and mismatched)

Tuesday (Feb 24): Class Color (each grade will wear a certain color:

PreK: Yellow, K: Red, 1: Orange, 2: Green, 3: Royal Blue, 4: Purple, 5: Pink, 6: Teal, 7: Gray, 8: Navy Blue)

Wednesday (Feb 25): Future Career Day (What does your child want to be when he/she grows up? Wear those clothes!)

Thursday (Feb 26): Mustang Day (Dress up in blue and white to show support for our bball teams.)

Each day, the faculty and staff will vote on which student is showing the most school spirit. The winner is rewarded the Spirit Stick for the day. It is a fun competition for all!

Muffins with Mom/Donuts with Dad

During Lutheran Schools week, Tuesday (Feb 24) we will have Muffins with Moms from 7:30 to 8:00am and Wednesday, we will have Donuts with Dads, also from 7:30 to 8:00am. Parents are invited to join their children in the fellowship hall for muffins/donuts, juice and coffee. On both days, we will be rounding students up and sending them to classrooms a little before 8:00. We hope you can make it!

Preschool/Kindergarten Word of Mouth

It is that time of year again to start thinking about enrollment in our new school year. Families with young children are busy making decisions about where to send their little ones. We would appreciate any help you could provide in spreading the word about our preschool and kindergarten. If you know anyone with a soon-to-be 4-year-old or upcoming kindergartener, please let them know about us. Feel free to give them our phone number or Mrs. Lauber's email address (pam.lauber@stmarklincoln.org). Thank you!

Grant/Donation Information for a NEW PLAYGROUND! repeat

St Mark school has started the process and is in the very early stages of purchasing a new playground system that will accommodate all ages! We have had meetings with a few playground developers and are hoping to get some quotes soon. To have the funds to build the most robust playground system, we are exploring all fundraising options, including businesses and foundations that love to support endeavors like this. If you are aware of any business, foundations, etc that gives grants to small schools for big projects, let us know! And we'll be releasing more information and fundraising opportunities as the project progresses!

Feb 25: Bball practice @ Irving (5-5:55pm)

Feb 23-26: Lutheran Schools Week

Feb 27: NO SCHOOL NELHS bball tournament

Mustang Website

St. Mark Google Calendar is located on website under "Upcoming Events"

School Cleaning:

Martin (Jan 23-25)

Mwania (Jan 30-Feb 1)

God's Grace Corner

John 13:1, "Having loved those who were his own in the world, he loved them to the end."

At the leadership conference some of the faculty attended this week, a devotion focused on this verse. He said he used to compete with his son to say who loved the other more. "I love you more." "I love you to the moon and back!" "I love you to Jupiter and back!" The leader said he always won because he could stay up later--so after his son fell asleep he would lean into the room and say, "I love you most!"

God's love is like that. No matter how much we love him, he always leans in at the end, and loves us to the end. He loves us the most--and we know that because of what Jesus has done to save us.

Hot Lunch Info:

[Here is the link to the Hot Lunch Order for the week of 2/2-2/6](#)

Please remember that orders need to be in next Tuesday by 3:00 pm.

