St. Mark News

Week of November 16, 2026



Mustang(s) of the Month

Each month (starting in September), we recognize a student who has gone above and beyond in the classroom, who has persevered through academic challenges, and has let his/her faith shine in all he/she does. In September, our Mustang of the Month was Keira Beran (4th grade), and in October it was Emma Bone (2nd grade). Congratulations, Keira and Emma!

Special Chapel Service

Tuesday, November 24: This is the last school day before Thanksgiving break. We will start the day with a special chapel service, giving thanks to God for all the blessings He has given to us. Each classroom will also bring their "Jesus Cares" offerings that they have been collecting.

Barnes and Noble Book Fair

Our school fundraiser at Barnes & Noble is Friday, December 4th, from 6:00 to 7:30pm. **Students in grades 3-8 will have a chance to share the Christmas Gospel through song.** All students are welcome to join in on familiar songs! Please have students wear a blue top or a St. Mark shirt. A portion of anything purchased in the store that evening (or online during the week) will be given to St. Mark in the form of a Barnes & Noble gift card. Please don't feel obliged to purchase anything. We do this event more as a way to share Jesus with the community. However, we are grateful for the gift card and will use it to enhance our academics!

Cold Weather Update **(repeat)**

Now that we are in the month of November, we will experience colder days at school. Please make sure your child has a coat and any other needed items to keep them warm at recess. Shorts can be worn if the temperature is 60+ degrees. The only time we have indoor recess due to cold is if the "feels like" temperature is below zero.

Lockdown Drill Practice (Nov. 19) **(repeat)**

School safety is an important part of our curriculum. Our next drill we will practice is "Lockdown". This will be a drill for the students to get out of sight and stay quiet in a dark, locked classroom. We will make sure to talk about this with the students well ahead of time to make sure they all know that this is just practice, and everyone is safe.

Dates to Remember

Nov 22: Gr. 1-4 Sing @ St. Mark (10:30am service)

Nov 24: Thanksgiving chapel

Nov 25-30: NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)

Dec 4: Barnes and Noble Christmas Caroling 6-7:30pm

Dec 5: Christmas Program @ Irving Middle School (2pm dress rehearsal, 3-4pm concert)

Dec 23: Last Day of 2nd Quarter: **NOON DISMISSAL**

Dec 24-Jan 5: NO SCHOOL (Christmas Break)

Mustang Website

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

School Cleaning:

Graves (Nov 13-15)
Haddad (Nov 20-22)

Christmas Program (repeat)

Please mark your calendar for our Christmas program on Saturday, December 5. The program will be held in the auditorium at Irving Middle School. Dress rehearsal starts at 2pm, and the musical program goes from 3-4pm. There is ample room to invite family and friends!

School Board Emails Regarding School Choice, Tuition, and Tuition Grants (repeat)

There are lots of changes happening for the 2027-2028 school year in regards to the school's finances that we want you to be aware of. Please review any emails sent by the school board as they will outline the changes in regards to the federal school choice program (Education Freedom Tax Credit), our own newly created endowment fund for tuition grants, and the resulting tuition changes. If you have any questions, please reach out to them at school.board@stmarklincoln.org.

God's Grace Corner (Pastor Buelow)

Refreshed!

Life is tiring! Sometimes you really notice it with kids. For some reason they are extra squirrely and on edge, and that makes you on edge. You start wondering when the next break is...

At the end of some of our church services we have a prayer that starts like this: "We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift." Life is tiring--that's why the Lord makes sure he gives us gifts to refresh us: The Good News about Jesus in Word and Sacrament.

Feeling tired? Remember, read, hear, and trust in God's saving gifts. **"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28** That's a break you and your family can look forward to every day!

Fun Pics of St. Mark:



Hot Lunch Info:

Here is the link to the Hot Lunch Order for the week of 11/23-11/24.
Please remember that orders are due by 2:00 pm next Tuesday.