



Weekly Words

“The only correct actions are those that demand no explanation and no apology.” ~Red Auerbach

Newsletter Number 22

February 3, 2012

Dear Parents,

After being so geared up last week for our accreditation site visit, it has seemed like a rather quiet week, but with Bedtime Stories and Snacks at the White House early in the week, basketball games throughout the week, a Parents' Club meeting and the K-5 100th day of school yesterday, a Middle School Dance tonight, and Math Counts competition tomorrow, we have really been just as busy as always!

This is a time of year when much of my time gets spent in beginning to plan for next year. Later in the month the School Board will approve a calendar for next year, which we will then share with all our families. We are also beginning to plan trips, make decisions about textbook purchases, and make plans for summer improvements. Of course, the Admissions Office is very busy right now both with re-enrollment contracts coming in and numerous applications being made by new families.

This is also a good time of year to remind everyone of the importance of clear and open communication. If there is anything that might be troubling your child, please let us know so that we can be alert to his or her needs at school. Similarly, if you have concerns or questions about anything that is going on at school, please let us know. We can't address problems of which we are unaware! And remember that your child or your friend might only have part of the information; please don't draw conclusions without having the necessary information. I encourage you always to go first to the teacher with questions or concerns about your child's experiences at school unless the situation is more global in nature and could be more appropriately addressed by the division head. If you feel your concerns aren't being adequately addressed, then of course I am happy to visit with you.

As the work for Fiesta begins to heat up, we have one final “push” for our Annual Fund Campaign. Last year we had a 63% participation rate for our parents, and we want to exceed that number this year. Mardi Gras is coming quickly, and if we can hit 64% by February 17, we will have our traditional King Cake and Cocoa Annual Fund Celebration on Fat Tuesday (February 21). Remember, all pledges, regardless of size, count as participation. We need twenty-four families to make a pledge to achieve that level of participation (although, of course, we would really like to have 100% participation!). Please join us! Your children will thank you—not just for the King Cake and cocoa, but for helping to strengthen, support, and sustain their school!

Finally, I just want to say how much all of us at St. Mark's love the opportunity we have to be with your wonderful children every day. We all feel so blessed to be here and be a part of their and your lives!

Have a great weekend,

Chris Carter

Focus on . . . Preschool

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This week, our YK-3 friends are having “Nighttime Fun”, K-3 is learning about their “Healthy Hearts”, and K-4 is positively popping over the letter Pp. We celebrated Bedtime Stories and Snacks on Tuesday evening and everyone wore their favorite pajamas to school and ate pancakes on Thursday as well. Next week, Letter Carrier Becky will visit K-3 to talk about the mail system and our 4th grade friends will be coming to read the following week.

Our K-4 friends have also been busy creating several class-made books that are then brought home to be shared with their families. The children are so proud to make the books, and even more proud to share them with their moms, dads, siblings, grandparents, etc! This activity is great for children, especially those who aren’t showing an innate love of reading. It boosts creativity and fine motor skills as well. They are easy to make and fun to do! Here are some ideas to get you started:

1. Get a binder with a clear plastic cover and plastic sheet cover inserts. Your child can make individual pages that can then be removed and the inserts reused for the next story.
2. Fold a long rectangular piece of paper accordion style. This type of book is great for showing steps in a process (this is how I get ready for school/bed, etc.)
3. Make a placemat story! Put words and images on a large piece of construction paper and laminate it.
4. Go outside and make a chalk storybook!

You can make books about family trips or events, daily routines, special events, favorite things, etc. They can cut out pictures or make their own illustrations. These could also be seasonal stories that could be pulled out or displayed at different times during the year.

Enjoy your weekend!

Miss Jessica

**The deadline for Financial Aid for the 2012-2013 school year is
MARCH 1st, 2012.**

**Apply online at www.stmarksschool.com
Select *FAST – FINANCIAL AID* under the *Quick Links* Tab.**

THIS WEEK:

Monday, February 6– Friday, February 10 – Teacher Appreciation Week
Morning Greeters: Student Council

Monday, February 6 – Luv Pop sales begin
Lunch Volunteer: OPEN

Tuesday, February 7 –
Lunch Volunteer: OPEN

Wednesday, February 8 –
Lunch Volunteer: OPEN

Thursday, February 9 –
Lunch Volunteer: OPEN

Friday, February 10 –
Lunch Volunteer: Darcey Pavlick



Lions' Basketball

Monday, February 6

5th grade boys vs. First Baptist at 6 PM at First Baptist
8th grade boys vs. St. John's at 8 PM at St. John's

Tuesday, February 7

6th grade boys vs. St. Joseph at 8 PM at St. Joseph

Thursday, February 9

5th grade boys vs. Southfield at 6 PM at Southfield

RUNNING CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT: Next Thursday, February 9, a Cross Country and Running Club picture will be taken for the yearbook. Students who would like to be in the picture should bring their running club t-shirts and meet in the lobby of the Ministry Center at 3:00. Parents should pick up their children at the big field at 3:15.

Notes and Notices

LUNCH HELP NEEDED

We really need your help!!! The sign-up calendar is now open through the end of March! Sign up today! Any questions call or email, Darcey Pavlick-617-3767, dnpavlick@gmail.com

[.http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/lunch469](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/lunch469)



Student Council's Luv Pop Sale

Luv Pops will be on sale February 6th - 10th. They will be sold for 50¢ each to students in grades 1-8 ONLY. Students are allowed to purchase Luv Pops for other students in grades 1-8 only. Students will be able to make their purchases in their homerooms each morning. Luv Pops are also available to faculty, staff, and parents in front of the main office from 8-9 am and 2:30-3:00 pm.

Luv Pops will be delivered on Valentines' Day to the homeroom classes.

Student Council wants to thank everyone for supporting this important fundraiser. With this money Student Council is able to send Student Council Officers to the Summer Workshop and State Convention in addition to supporting the state and regional charities each year. Last year Student Council also purchased a new mascot uniform!



TENNIS NOTICE: It's not too late! If any parent was unable to attend the tennis meeting yesterday, they may pick up a packet of information from Coach Turner any day next week. Middle School parents can email him their contact information and specify if they are intermediate (purple) or advanced (gold). Those playing need to sign up ASAP! If you have questions, send emails to nenedeup@yahoo.com or call 422-9005.



Service Leadership Club
Announces Student Community Outreach Fair
Parade of Hope
This year's theme: "ESPERANZA"
Tuesday, February 21

The kickoff for our Lenten Outreach will begin with Mardi Gras flavor on Tuesday, February 21st. We began planning in our 7th grade Christian Ed class where students have already started to plan four Lenten community outreach projects for the school related to the Works of Mercy. Occasionally students ask us if they can do an outreach project. We believe in building on and supporting student ideas with guidance and want to honor their ideas. Therefore, we are also inviting other Middle School students to team up and sponsor an idea of their own to support a local charity for families, children, and the poor. **We are able to approve up to four (4) additional projects for our Parade of Hope.** The SLC is running our Lenten Program this year.

Participation from the students requires filling out an entry form with a description of what they want to do, parental approval and support, and faculty approval on a first come, first serve basis. **Deadline for proposals is next Friday – February 10th.** If your student is interested, please have them pick up a form from Chaplain Kane. Directions and instructions will be provided next week. Students will make a box "float" to help us learn about the organization and our response. Criteria will be given for the project and what will go on the display float. The floats will be displayed throughout Lent in the hallways. Three collection days will be designated mid-Lent for donations. Students and families will be able to choose the causes they would like to support for Lent from our Parade of Hope. **The Grand Marshal Float for the Parade will be the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund. Let the Parade of Hope begin....**

Contact Chaplain Kane for more information: jkane@stmarksschool.com

Notes and Notices



Don't forget all White House students will be photographed by [Casey Harvill](#) on Thursday. Students should wear their uniforms. The portraits will be available for purchase at Fiesta.

Have you been thinking of asking a business for an auction donation? Now is the time! Many local fundraisers are busy soliciting auction items. We want to get there first! Some of the items on our wish list include spa services, golf passes, wine, electronics, summer camps, antiques, camping gear, and kids' lessons. No donation is too small.

Thanks to the following businesses for contributing: **Shreveport Gymnastics, The Institute of Martial Arts & Wellness, the Red River Revel, Leonard's Jewelers, Tallulah Trading Company, and Bistro Byronz.**

The Next Planning Meeting will be **Tuesday, February 21 at 9:30** at 594 Oneonta. Join us!

Important Dates:

February 10	Class basket themes due
March 1	Class baskets due
April 1	Online bidding begins
April 10	Online bidding ends
April 14	Fiesta!



Turn in Your Box Tops!!

It doesn't matter if you have 5 or 50. Turn in your Box Tops to the office by Friday, February 10th.

We are submitting our Box Tops and currently have 3,000+ and counting. That's \$300+ for the school.

Great Job Everyone!

And if you haven't started collecting the Box Tops, Start NOW! Every little bit helps.

Welcome Future Lion



Catherine Anne Schoonover

9 lbs. 11 oz.

20 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches

January 30, 2012

11:45 a.m.

Proud family: Alex (K4), Caroline (K3), Matthew (future Lion),
mom Anne Marie and dad Brett

Notes and Notices

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
to the following for your service this year!

Morning Greeters – Beck Schwab
Lunch/Ice Cream Volunteers – Darcey Pavlick
Grandparents' Day – Brooke Balderas
Book Fair – Pam Myers
REVEL – Carla Marler
White House Halloween Carnival – Holly Hood
Lower School Halloween Carnival – Bridgett Florea
Middle School Halloween Dance – Shawna Wood
Christmas Greenery – Cherise Swander & Ashley Turner
Teacher Appreciation Week – Amy Williams & Stefanie Walker
Teacher Treats – Brandy Stroud
Uniform Closet – Kelly Warren
FIESTA – Elizabeth Davis
New Parent Luncheon – Karen Courtman
Back to School Party – Camy Smith
Incentives Coordinator – Jennifer Walls
Corresponding Secretary – Teri Pringle
School Supplies – Katherine Webb
SAES Refreshments – Karen Barbaree & Elisabeth Wicker
Magazine Sales – Ashley Atkins & Lee Harrison
Chocolate Sales – Elisabeth Wicker
White House Coffee - Jaina Ahuja
Thank you to everyone that served as a Room Mother!

Contact Natalie Bartle natalie.bartle@gmail.com
if you would like to volunteer for the 2012-2013 school year.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you to Karen Barbaree and Elisabeth Wicker
for taking care of the visiting SAES team refreshments!

Thank you to Brandy Stroud
for taking care of Teacher Treats this year!
The Parents' Club really appreciates you!



“King Cake & Cocoa Social” on Mardi Gras Day



The past few years we have celebrated reaching a new family participation record in the annual fund, and this year we are hoping to continue the new tradition!

As of right now we still have a way to go before breaking the current percentage set last year (63%)! And...time is running out to place our king cake order!!

****If we can set a new goal of 64% Parent/Family Participation in this year's campaign, we will have a *King Cake and Cocoa Social* on Mardi Gras Day for ALL students!**

The students love this event and we love your support! If you haven't already done so, please make your pledge or gift to the SMCS Annual Fund today!!

You may send payment or contact Sarah Cantwell with your pledge at 318.226.4036 or scantwell@stmarksschool.com.

Thank you parents for your dedication and support to our school!

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Thank you to all of our wonderful SMCS Grandparents who made gifts to our school this week!

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SMCS FACULTY: 96%
SMCS FAMILIES: 53%



Lion Pride

