



# ST. MARK'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

## PANTHER NEWS



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### Chapel Schedule

Our chapel service on Wednesday, September 25, will be led by Mr. Larry Luedders.



Our 8th grade class will lead us in chapel on Wednesday, October 2nd.

Our offering for these two chapel services is designated for Unity Lutheran School in East St. Louis.

Everyone is invited to attend our weekly chapel services that begin around 8:25 am at the church weather permitting.



### St. Mark's Lutheran Church to celebrate 145 years!

On February 14, 2019, St. Mark's Lutheran Church turned 145 years old. Come and help us celebrate Sunday, September 29th! The entire school body will be singing at the 9 am service followed by a free "Picnic in the Park" for EVERYONE! Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks, cookies and brownies will be served. Activities will be available for the kiddos and adults such as corn-hole, washers, bounce house and slide! You can also tour the church and school! Please bring lawn chairs! Our congregation would like to thank family, friends, alumni, and community for supporting our church and school!! (In case of rain, it will be held at school.)



### Conservation Fair

St. Mark's K-3rd grade will be attending the DuQuoin Conservation Fair on Thursday, October 3rd at the DuQuoin Fairgrounds. They will leave school at 8:30 am and return by the end of the day. All students need to dress appropriately for the weather & each child and chaperone will need to bring their own lunch.

Students will go to different hands on sessions and learn about conservation and the environment.

### Children sing at church

Pre-K through 8th grade will be singing "It's A Great Day" at the 9:00 am service on Sunday, September 29th to help St. Mark's Church celebrate its 145th Anniversary! Mark your calendar now and plan to attend! There will be a "Picnic in the Park" immediately following the service.



### 8th Grade Technical Career Awareness Day

Mrs. Uchtman and the 8th grade will be attending Career Day on Friday, September 27th at the Career Center of Southern Illinois. The students will have the opportunity to explore activities based on their career interests.

Some of the careers being highlighted are Agriculture, Automotive Mechanics, Auto Body Repair, Welding, Computer Technology & Video Game Design. They will leave shortly after school starts and be attending the morning session.



### Columbus Day

Monday, October 14th  
No School



### Candy for Sale!

St. Mark's is trying something different this year and selling Hershey brand candies. In this fundraising pack you will find Hershey chocolate bars, plain or with almonds, Reese's pieces and peanut butter cups, Kit-Kat bars and Cadbury Caramello bars. Each still selling for \$1.00.

If your student has not received their box to sell please contact Mrs. Delana Luebke. She will be more than happy to set you up or provide you with more if you sold what you had.

All proceeds will help benefit our athletic department. Thanks so much for supporting St. Mark's sports!

### It's Panther YouTube TV on

Ms. Megan Bradley & the Jr. High students have been creating their YouTube videos for "Panther TV"!

This is so exciting and fun for our school. The video is linked to St. Mark's Lutheran School's Facebook page as well as being on YouTube. You never know what the videos may feature, anything from thoughts of the day to jokes to interesting facts! Be sure and check it out!!



### Thanks for all the dirty cars!

St. Mark's 7th & 8th grade and all the adult helpers would like to thank everyone that brought their dirty vehicles to NAPA to be washed or made a monetary donation to the class.

A big thanks to NAPA for their generosity in providing all the water and supplies, to all the parents who helped and for the use of the power washers.

All proceeds will help pay for their class trip to Washington DC.

## Need gym shoes

Parents please make sure your students have an extra pair of non-marking gym shoes just for wear in the gym when outside play is not an option. This will help keep our new gym floor looking nice & clean. Thanks for your understanding!



## Save Aluminum Cans

St. Mark's is still saving aluminum cans and any aluminum as a way to provide ongoing funds for the athletic department. The cans can be crushed or not crushed. You can place your aluminum products by the back door of the school in the corner. Any donations will be greatly appreciated!



## Show your Panther Pride & School Spirit!

Let's show our school spirit! Don't forget **Panther Pride Friday!** Wear St. Mark's Panther shirts, maroon & gold, or school themed shirts to show the pride we have for our school.



## Rent the School!

Need a place to hold your child's party or looking for a place to host that large family celebration or reunion? Why not rent St. Mark's School cafeteria and kitchen? For the small cost of \$75/member or \$100/non-member you can have use of the kitchen and cafeteria and not have to have all those people in your home or worry about finding enough tables and chairs! Add an additional \$25 to that and you can have the use of the gym too! Just think what all those kids could do with all that room to run around in or play basketball!

If you have a date in mind contact Sandy Fortner at the school office—618-965-3838.

## Early Dismissal

St. Mark's will have an 11:15 am early dismissal on Friday, October 4th! There will be morning LK but no after dismissal LK.



## Sparta DQ helps out!

What could be better than a great meal from Sparta Dairy Queen and helping raise money for the 7th & 8th grade classes from St. Mark's all at the same time? On Wednesday, October 2, from 4:00-8:00 p.m the Sparta Dairy Queen will donate 15% of all sales to St. Mark's Classes of 2020 and 2021. Proceeds will go towards their trip to Washington DC! Thank you Sparta DQ!!!!

## No School October 10th & 11th!



St. Mark's will not be in session on Thursday, October 10th and Friday, October 11th so our faculty may attend the Lutheran Education Association's 2019 Convocation at the St. Louis America's Center in St. Louis, Mo.

We pray for a great conference and safe travels to and from St. Louis.

## Yankee Candle fundraiser

St. Mark's students will be selling the ever popular Yankee Candles starting Monday, September 23rd through Friday, October 4th. Delivery will be the first week of November, just in time to give your Thanksgiving table a beautiful look. You can also start marking off some of the hard to buy for people on your Christmas list! What could be better than a great smelling Yankee Candle?



If you would like to see a catalog and don't know a St. Mark's student please leave a message for Ms. Bradley or Mrs. Uchtman with Sandy in the school office at 618-965-3838.

Online shopping is also available at: [www.yankeecandlefundraising.com](http://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com) and enter the SMLS customer number "999978528" in the "Start Shopping" box. Online purchases will ship directly to the purchaser and St. Mark's will earn 40% profit!! Thanks for all your help!

## Keep a Look out!!



Don't have that perfect Panther polo or t-shirt to wear? Well keep your eyes open for Panther Wear order forms to be coming home soon! Bethany Underwood will again be in charge of our Panther Wear sales this year! There will be a new design and a different variety of items available. These will make great Christmas gifts too!

**JESUS IS THE ANCHOR OF MY SOUL**

HEBREWS 6:19

## Save those Steeleville Marketplace receipts!



Steeleville Marketplace is sponsoring the SOS campaign (Support Our Schools) the same as Dave's Food Center did. We need families to save those receipts when you do your shopping at Steeleville Marketplace and bring them to school or drop them in the St. Mark's box at the store. We cannot use receipts dated before September 1st! They will pay 1% of the total receipts back to our school in the form of a check!

If you see Kory & Melissa Bockhorn the next time you are shopping at Steeleville Marketplace please take the time to thank them for their continued support of our school and community!



## Bake Sale & BBQ

St. Mark's School Board will hold a bake sale and BBQ at Steeleville Marketplace this Saturday, September 21st! The bake sale will be at 8:00 am with the BBQ at 10 am and ending at 1:00 pm or until sold out!

If you would like to bake something for the bake sale please have it to Alinda Jeffers or Janet Wicker by Friday, September 20th or Saturday at the bake sale by 7:30 am. The proceeds from this will help with educational programs at the school.

## Saving caps for a cause!



The area Girl Scouts are collecting bottle caps to make a memorial bench for fallen soldier Sgt. Holli Bolinski of Pinckneyville who was killed in Kuwait while serving her country.

There is a list of acceptable caps and lids along with tips attached to these Panther News.

It takes a lot of caps, lids, etc. to get a bench made so let's see how many we can collect! If you would like to contribute you can put them in the box outside the office. Thanks!