## **Episcopal Identity**

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St. Mark's Episcopal Church



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As parents, we are always concerned about what our children are learning. Are they reading on level, have they mastered multiplication, do they have the academic skills that they will need to move on to the next level? These are the things that we expect school to address. But being a student at St. Mark's is about more than grades and academic pursuits; it is also about growing people. Every day on our campus, we are learning how to be in a relationship with God and one another.

Our Portrait of a Graduate says that in addition to being active learners, our students will be "ethically and spiritually motivated to make a positive contribution to the community and the world." This part of our mission is woven into every part of our life from chapel, to the classroom, on the playground, and beyond.

In chapel we gather together to worship and to learn what it means to be a faithful, loving community. We talk about big things like forgiveness, gratitude and acceptance of others, and then we go out into school to practice! We practice our faith every day just like we practice spelling and multiplication. We work through what it means to be sorry and how to treat our friends with kindness. Our kids learn what it means to serve those who are less fortunate and to think about others.

St. Mark's is a place where students are challenged to be the people God has created them to be. It is a place where they can try, fail, and try again to figure out who they are and what it means to live in community.



Syon Doshi, Class of 2022, receives ashes from Rev. Patrick Miller on Ash Wednesday