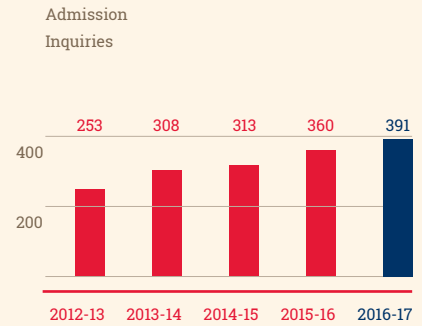
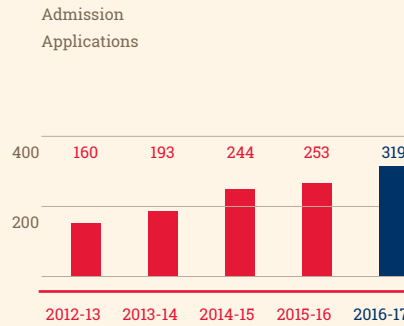
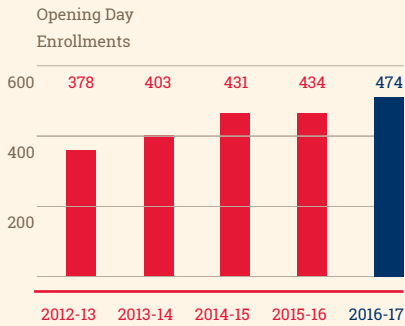


Admission Office

MATT BURGY, DIRECTOR OF ADMISSION



When I introduce myself to prospective families at St. Mark's, I often comment that I have the best job at the school. In the spring, I spend my afternoons with budding golfers surrounded by the splendor of nature; however, my role as the St. Mark's golf coach is not the best job on campus. The occasional stray golf ball that I have to dodge reminds me that my full-time role as the Director of Admission of St. Mark's is simply the most enjoyable position I could ever imagine. I love being the first face prospective families see on our campus when they are undergoing the daunting task of investigating the ocean of Houston independent schools.

A piece of my introduction to St. Mark's includes asking prospective families why they are considering our community. I guide them down the path of seeing our mission in action, expressing that St. Mark's is one of the few schools where you are able to see and feel that mission being lived out each and every day. From watching our Preschool 2s beginning their educational journey to avoiding the slew of Pre-K students riding tricycles through the courtyard, to listening to our middle school students speak so eloquently about their Genius Hour projects, touring our campus is a whirlwind. Resoundingly, prospective families leave our campus with the same sensation that I felt when I

first stepped on campus: a palpable sense of engagement and a deep commitment to child-centered growth. This experience is the reason why I love serving St. Mark's in so many ways, and I am able to encounter it every time I introduce someone new to our great community.

Enrollment at St. Mark's is stronger than it has ever been. We opened last year with 475 students, and we will have more than 480 students in the 2017-2018 school year. The vast majority of this growth has come from the expansion of our middle school program, where we project to have full enrollment in 5th, 6th and 7th grades. An indicator of a school's overall health is the rate of retention from year to year. While the National Association of Independent Schools' matriculation average is 82%, at St. Mark's, 93% of our students re-enroll from year-to-year. As our enrollment has strengthened in the past 3 years, so has our admission of prospective families. Inquiries to the school and applications to the school are also at all-time highs, and we have become one of the most highly desired Pre-K through 8th grade schools in the Houston market. Of the 300+ applications we received in the last admission cycle, only 33% of these applicants were accepted to our school. It is truly a great time to be at St. Mark's!



Matt Burgy,
Director of
Admission

Save the Date and
Invite a Friend to
Our Fall Admission

Open Houses:

Wednesday, October 25

Wednesday, November 8