

Awards Season

RECOGNIZING GROWTH AND LEADERSHIP

As the year ends, we recognize many students who have shown growth and leadership throughout the year.

In Elementary School, we present certificates to 4th grade students who achieved High Honors by earning all A's and those who achieved Honors by earning all A's and one or two B's. Students in 2nd through 4th grade will stand for recognition for achieving the Paw of Approval certificate for earning 4's with one or two 3's in work habits, social skills, and behavior management from both their homeroom and enrichment teachers.

In Middle School, students receive awards for mathematics, performing arts or visual arts. We also recognize students who score well on the National Spanish Exam, who participate in designing our yearbook, creative writing opportunities, Odyssey of the Mind, or the Duke Talent Identification Program. We also recognize the Scholastic Virtue Award, which is given to one boy and one girl in each middle school grade who displayed consistent effort to adopt a growth mindset as evidenced in their attention to addressing challenges, learning from mistakes, accepting feedback, displaying perseverance, asking questions, and taking risks in his or her learning. The recipients of this award are chosen by the grade level advisors. Middle School students are also eligible for the Heart of a Leader Award, which is given to one boy and one girl in each grade who displayed remarkable effort to consistently work effectively with others and, thus, by his or her actions, added value to a group experience. The recipients of this award are chosen by the grade level teams.

THE ST. MARK'S CUP

This award is given to the graduating 8th grade student who best represents the spirit of the Middle School. The student strives for personal best in all areas of school life: academics, sports, fine arts, and extracurricular activities. He or she represents our school with a positive attitude, good sportsmanship, neat appearance, self-discipline, and responsible behavior on campus as well as off campus at school events. This young adult affects the staff's teaching in positive ways and has enriched the life of our school with a strong spirit of volunteerism and active participation in school events and activities.

THE AMBASSADOR AWARD

This award goes to the 8th grade student who exemplifies outstanding character and demonstrates what it means to be Respectful, Responsible, and Kind. This student consistently displays ethical leadership and social responsibility in and out of the classroom.

THE FACULTY AWARD

This award is given to an 8th grade student who consistently and independently wants to learn more. The recipient of this award demonstrates not only an intellectual curiosity, but also a passion for learning and creativity. The recipient's interests are driven not by a grade but by a genuine thirst for knowledge that inspires the student to ask questions, engage in conversation beyond the classroom, and participate in independent research.

Opposite:

Cici Calhoun, recipient of the Faculty award, James McWhinnie, recipient of the Ambassador Award, and Eliza Thompson, recipient of the St. Mark's Cup, pose with their awards.