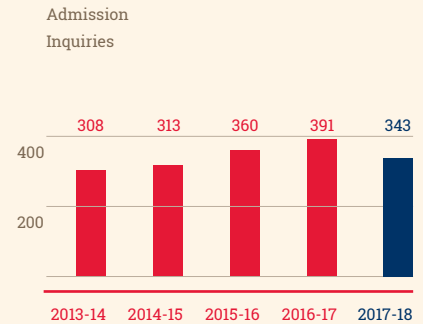
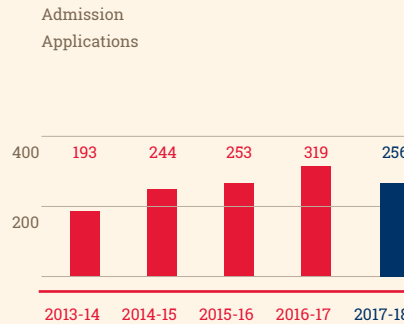
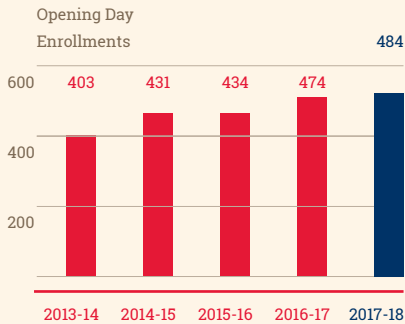


Admission Office

(RE)INTRODUCING AMANDA GRACE, DIRECTOR OF ADMISSION



Over the past 5 years, St. Mark's has experienced a steady growth in enrollment. The 2015-2016 opening of the G Building and subsequent expansion of our Middle School program brought the school's most significant enrollment increase in recent years

After several years away, former Admission Director Amanda Grace returned to St. Mark's this summer re-assuming her role in admission. While Amanda is familiar with many families from her earlier years at St. Mark's, she is excited to introduce herself to families and colleagues who joined the school community after her departure. Making Our Mark Magazine interviewed Ms. Grace to get to know her again.

Making Our Mark Magazine (MOMM): How did you first get into admission work?

AG: *I began my career in higher education enrollment and admission, bringing me to Houston in 2008. I spent five years working for LSU, two of those years here in Houston managing Texas recruitment of students to my alma mater. While I continue to bleed purple and gold, my heart is truly in primary and secondary school work which ultimately led me to St. Mark's in 2010.*

MOMM: What brought you back to Houston?

AG: *Houston has always felt like a second home to me, so when I began dating my now fiancé who lives here, the idea of returning surfaced. As the opportunity to return to St. Mark's began to unfold, my interest in moving back to Houston was unquestionable. What an incredible blessing to be back in a city and a school I love!*

MOMM: What are some things that have changed since you moved away?

AG: *There has been so much growth! Since I left, St. Mark's boasts a new Middle School building, a growing enrollment, and many new faces: new students, parents, faculty and staff. And, there are a few new programs and terms to familiarize myself with: the IDEA Program, the Flex Space, Genius Hour, etc. I expect the first few weeks of school will bring lots of personal learning!*

MOMM: Is there anything that remained the same?

AG: *The warmth of the St. Mark's community. There is an overwhelming sense of joy and connectedness that permeates throughout this school. I often found it hard to put into words, describing the "feeling" of St. Mark's during my first four years here. But, it was a feeling that returned immediately when I arrived back on campus in mid-May.*

MOMM: What is your favorite part of your job?

AG: *The people, without a doubt. I am blessed to spend my days interacting with prospective parents and students as they navigate educational options in Houston. The relationships that bud in those first meetings often grow as prospective students and families become members of our school community. One of the things I missed most in my time away was greeting children with Mrs. Hicks at morning arrival - a post I am excited to take up again in August!*



Amanda Grace,
Director of
Admission

Save the Date and
Invite a Friend to
Our Fall Admission

Open Houses:

Wednesday, October 24

Wednesday, November 7