

Awards Season

RECOGNIZING GROWTH AND LEADERSHIP



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

In Lower 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 receive 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 are recognized for their work in performing arts or visual arts, for their participation in designing our yearbook, for creative writing achievements, or participation in 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

The St. Mark's Cup is presented to the 8th grade student who best embraces the challenges of a robust educational experience and is ethically and spiritually motivated to make a positive contribution to the school community and the world. This student goes above and beyond what is expected by displaying leadership, respect for others, and exhibits inclusivity. The St. Mark's Cup was given to **William Citizen**.

THE AMBASSADOR AWARD

The Ambassador Award is given to a student who exemplifies outstanding character and demonstrates what it means to be Respectful, Responsible, and Kind. This student embodies the Portrait of a St. Mark's Graduate through his or her representation of our school to prospective families and other guests, demonstrating flexibility of thought and action, empathy, self-awareness, gratitude, and respect for all people. The Ambassador Award recipient was **Gustavo Solari Neumann**.

THE DORINDA HOWARD FACULTY AWARD

The Dorinda Howard Faculty Award is presented to the 8th Grade student who consistently strives for and attains high academic achievement through their resilience, ownership of learning, initiative, and a fearless pursuit of knowledge. This year's Dorinda Howard Faculty Award recipient was **Jenna Pedley**.