



Innovation

IN ACTION

Throughout history, we see the ebb and flow of seasons that seem dark and hopeless, followed by a powerful movement of inspiring ideas and changes.

After the bubonic plague, Europe experienced the emergence of the Renaissance, a period marked by incredible developments made in the arts, music, literature, and architecture. In addition, Europe underwent a momentous shift in its fundamental structure, rejecting hierarchical feudalism and shaking up the economic structure of the entire world. As we find ourselves in the midst of our own “plague” with a global pandemic, social unrest, and a turbulent political climate, we have the benefit of looking to the past to find hope for a brighter future. As Desmond Tutu once said, “Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.”

At St. Mark’s, we are a school that believes in hope. Our Mission, Portrait of a Graduate, Characteristics of Professional Excellence, and Strategic Plan each emphasize the importance of seeking knowledge, embracing a growth mindset, and staying curious. While the past year has certainly held its challenges for our school, we are celebrating places where we have seen innovation in action - where we have seen light despite all the darkness. We are so proud of our school community for our collective resilience and willingness to take action! The following are some of the places we have seen innovation over the course of the year.