# **Parent Guild**

A YEAR OF SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMMING





### The 2020-2021 Parent Guild

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Vero Perryman, '27, leaves a note on the Teacher Appreciation wall

We love our volunteers! This year's Parent Guild team of officers and committee chairs worked creatively and diligently to reimagine events and programming while still keeping everyone safe. Each time an event or tradition was considered for this year's calendar, the group posed these questions: (1) What is the intent of this event or program? And (2) can we achieve this intent by reframing the event in a new covid-safe environment?

The Parent Guild answered the call for our families in many ways, and facilitated a year of successful and meaningful programming:

**Teacher Appreciation** - treats, meals, and birthday surprises for staff meant so much in a difficult teaching year

Parent Education - meaningful events led by experts engaging with our parents on difficult topics

Spiritwear and Used Uniform Sales -

outfitting our students with used and new items year round

Yard Birthday Signs - rental service from our very own sign crew to add to the birthday fun

**Holiday Signs** - adding holiday spirit to St. Mark's families' yards

Holiday Decorating on Campus - bringing cheer and fun to our front breezeway year round

**Helping Hands** - assisting teachers with classroom projects

**Loyalty Marketing** - adding funds through share shopping programs

Spirit Week Support - financially supporting new fun additions like bouncy houses and treats for all ages

Middle School Socials - adding resources to these important social events for our oldest lions

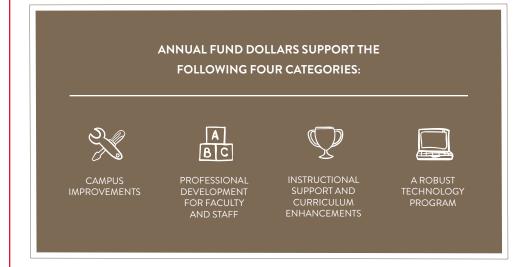
Parent Angels - providing care and compassion for our community through meals, notes and support

Drive-In Movie Events - creating space for new outdoor events in our parking lot, these are some of the only on-campus events we hosted this year

Although we missed some of our well-loved traditions like Scarborough Fair and Breakfast with Santa this year, the 2020-21 school year was still fun and memorable. We are so grateful for all of our volunteers and especially our Parent Guild officers!

# **Development Office**

ANNUAL FUND



#### What is the Annual Fund?

The Annual Fund is by far the most important fundraising effort at St. Mark's each year, and gifts at any level demonstrate our community's commitment to our school's mission. Each year, we ask you to support our school's academic and learning environment by making a tax-deductible and discretionary contribution to the St. Mark's Annual Fund. Donations provide the supplemental resources needed for the full support of our children and their educational development.

## Why in Addition to Tuition?

Tuition covers our basic operating budget, which includes salaries, benefits, utilities, and campus maintenance. The Annual Fund directly impacts program improvements, and allows us to provide the best environment possible for our children. As a school, we budget for areas like professional development, technology, curriculum, and facilities, but the Annual Fund bolsters these areas. The entirety of the St. Mark's experience is made possible by this important initiative.



# Meet this year's Annual Fund Chairs, Cathy and David Herr

"As we emerge from a unique time in our history, the St. Mark's students, faculty, and families have displayed a strong sense of connection and growth. Witnessing our community's strength in action, not only last year, but for the past several years, leaves us extremely excited about the future of our beloved school. We encourage you to support the Annual Fund; our commitment to the continued growth of each child's individuality, with a proactive and progressive approach."



The Herr Family

Director of Development

