

# Parent Guild

A COMMUNITY ENGAGED

## 2024-2025 Parent Guild Officers

**Anne-Lise Fishman**, President

**Kristin Lenoir**, Vice President

**Tamika Howard**, Treasurer

**Monica Enamorado**, Treasurer-Elect

**Jamie Goeres**, Secretary

**Mo Ihekweazu**, Secretary-Elect

**Emily Gamboa**, Volunteer Coordinator

**Isabel Aybar**, Volunteer Coordinator-Elect



Liam Chow, '32, and Stephanie Kwok at Lions Café

The mission of the St. Mark's Parent Guild is to support community spirit, create meaningful events and programs for our children, and promote the school in the greater surrounding community.

The Parent Guild is our version of the PTA, and all current parents are automatically members of the Parent Guild. Participating in the Parent Guild is an excellent way to engage in the St. Mark's community, and we are always looking for volunteers! Whether you have availability during the school day, in the mornings or evenings, or weekends only, there is a way for you to be involved and serve our community.

All parents are invited to attend our monthly Parent Guild meeting to learn more about upcoming events!

It was a great year for the Parent Guild, with lots of Spirit Nights, activities, and camaraderie! Throughout the school year, the Parent Guild organized numerous events for our Lions, thanks to the ongoing support of our families and dedication of our committee chairs.

Our **Spirit Nights** were a huge success, as we partnered with several new nearby businesses such as Lick Honest Ice Creams, Chicken Salad Chick, Shake Shack, Van Leeuwen, Impeccable Pig, and many more. These Spirit Nights are one of several fundraising opportunities for the Parent Guild. In addition to Spirit Nights, funds were raised from the success of our Birthday Signs program, Used Uniform sales, and spirit wear.

In the fall, we were excited to host the annual **Scarborough Fair** on October 28, which was another huge success, thanks to our Parent Guild officers and all of our Fall Festival loving families! Our Grandparents & Friends Day held on November 17 brought generations of Lion families together on camps and kicked off the holiday season.

We re-imagined our Breakfast with Santa this year into **Winter Wonderland with Santa**, which was held on December 2 and a holiday hit. Families were able to enjoy photos with Santa, fun in the Texas "snow," and a variety of Christmas activities that supported a local charity. The event included amazing performances from a student-led live band and DJs, and a Holiday Village celebrating our families' holiday traditions.

Parent Guild was excited to start a **Dads Club** this year, led by Neil Verma. In its inaugural year the dads got together for a few events and came out in groups to volunteer for campus decorations. We're excited for the future of this addition.

We rounded out the year with some Fun Fridays in local parks, a phenomenal Harry Potter themed Spirit Week, and a Teacher Appreciation Week that was a culminating celebration after a year of expressing our gratitude for the St. Mark's faculty and staff.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as the 2023-24 Parent Guild President. I look forward to the successes that lie ahead.

With Lion Pride,  
Erica Payne

### Save the Date for these Parent Guild Events

Lions Cafe, Friday, September 6

Scarborough Fair, Saturday, October 26

Used Uniform Sale, Saturday, November 2

Grandparents & Friends Day, Friday, November 22

Winter Wonderland with Santa, Saturday, December 7

Lions Cafe, Friday, January 24

Used Uniform Sale, Saturday, March 1

International Festival, Saturday, April 5

Lions Cafe, Friday, April 11

Teacher Appreciation Week, May 5-9

Join us throughout the year for Spirit Nights!

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