

ADMISSION OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2015



EVENING PROGRAM

Welcome to St. Mark's School of Texas. *We are delighted to have you with us for the 2015 Open House, and we appreciate your interest in the School. Should you have any questions this evening, students will be stationed around campus to help or direct you during your visit.*

5:30 p.m. Registration and Reception
A. Earl Cullum, Jr., Alumni Commons

5:45 p.m. Welcome
W.W. Browning, Jr., Great Hall

David Baker
Director of Admission and Financial Aid

J. T. Graass '16
Student Council President

David W. Dini
Eugene McDermott Headmaster

5:40 – 6:50 p.m. Lower School Tours
Register for tour times in the Alumni Commons.
Tours will continue throughout the evening
until 6:50 p.m.

6:15 p.m. Campus Highlights — Session 1

6:45 p.m. Campus Highlights — Session 2

7:15 p.m. Campus Highlights — Session 3

In addition to scheduled programs, a number of School administrators will be in the Great Hall throughout the evening to answer your questions.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

SESSION 1 ~ 6:15–6:35 P.M.

Please choose one of the following:

Lower School CATS Testing:

What You Need to Know

Nearburg Hall 114

MerriLee Anderson, Ph.D., President of Collaborative Academic Testing Service

Dr. Anderson will review important information about CATS testing including tips about how to make the testing experience a positive one for your child.

Upper School Student Life

Centennial Hall 116

D. Scott Gonzalez, Interim Head of Upper School; Provost, Dean of the Campus
B.A., North Texas State University; M.H., University of Texas at Dallas

Joe Milliet, Thomas B. Walker III '73 Mathematics Department Chair
B.S., Tulane University; M.Ed., Lamar University

The Interim Head of the Upper School, the Junior Class Sponsor, and current students will discuss life in the Upper School and answer your questions about being an Upper School student at St. Mark's.

The Wilderness Experience

Centennial Hall 108

Nick Sberna, Humanities Department Chair; Wilderness Program Co-Director
B.S., Washington and Lee University; M.A., Middlebury College

Lukas Rahlson, Science Teacher; Wilderness Program Co-Director
B.A., Middlebury College

The St. Mark's Wilderness Program begins in Middle School and culminates in a ten-day trip to the Pecos Wilderness in New Mexico for rising freshmen, one of the School's most honored traditions. Program directors will share details of the program and answer your questions.

New Horizons: The Mission to Pluto

Planetarium

Stephen Balog, Jr., Ph.D., Cecil H. and Ida Green Master Teaching Chair in Physics;
Planetarium and Observatory Director

B.S., University of Texas at El Paso; M.S., Ph.D., University of Texas at Dallas

The New Horizon flyby of Pluto was the biggest scientific story of the summer. The NASA team was led by Dr. Alan Stern, St. Mark's Class of 1975. Dr. Stern has been working with Dr. Balog to bring you the remarkable inside story of New Horizons. The program will be offered three times this evening.

The St. Mark's Chapel Program

St. Mark's Chapel

Rev. Stephen Arbogast, Chaplain; Social Studies Teacher
Th.M., Harvard University; M.Div., Yale University

Glenn Stroh, Assistant Choirmaster/Organist
B.A., Trinity University; M.M., Oberlin College

Learn about the St. Mark's Chapel & Choir Programs and hear music from our new Roosevelt Family Pipe Organ. Reverend Arbogast will discuss the Chapel Program and pastoral care.

The St. Mark's Writing Conference

Centennial Hall 209

David Brown, Victor F. White Master Teaching Chair in English
B.A., Oral Roberts University; M.A., San Diego State University;
M.F.A., Pennsylvania State University.

David Brown will discuss the writing conference, a concept he created to give students one-on-one feedback and shares with teachers from around the world. With the help of an Upper School student, watch Mr. Brown conduct a St. Mark's writing conference.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

SESSION 2 ~ 6:45–7:05 P.M.

Please choose one of the following:

Robotics Team Demonstration

Spencer Gym

Doug Rummel, Physical Science; Robotics Team Sponsor
B.S., Oregon State University; M.A.T., University of Texas at Dallas
Fletcher Carron, Stephen M. Seay '68 Science Department Chair
B.S., Rice University

See a live session with the Robotics Team's remote-controlled robot built in preparation for the Texas State BEST championship.

Scholastic Journalism: Pressing Matters

The Hersh Journalism Suite, Hoffman 109

Ray Westbrook, Gene and Alice Oltrogge Master Teaching Chair
B.S., Texas State University

Hear from the editors-in-chief of the national award-winning Marksmen yearbook and The ReMarker newspaper about the production of student publications and course offerings in Journalism.

Being a Marksman:

Middle School Life

Decherd Fine Arts Center

Warren Foxworth '66, Head of Middle School
B.A., Denison University; M.Ed., Boston University
Dean Clayman, Assistant Head of Middle School
B.A., University of Colorado; M.A., California State University—
Domingues Hills

The Head and Assistant Head of Middle School and current students will discuss life in the Middle School and answer your questions.

Meeting *Homo naledi* —

Science 115

A Teacher, a Scientist, and the Discovery of a Lifetime

John Mead, Eugene McDermott Master Teaching Chair in Science
B.A., M.A.T., Duke University

*Hear the incredible story of how a St. Marks' science teacher used social media to befriend Dr. Lee Berger and become involved with the greatest early human fossil find of the past 40 years and the discovery and analysis of *Homo naledi* – a human relative discovered deep in a South African cave and the cover story of the October 2015 issue of National Geographic. This story explores the value of networking, exploration, and lifelong learning as models for St. Mark's students.*

New Horizons: The Mission to Pluto
Repeated from Session 1

Planetarium

And the Answer Is:
(The St. Mark's Academic Team in Action)

Centennial Hall 116

Paul Mlakar, Director of Academic Information Systems; Mathematics;
Academic Team Coach

B.S., The Ohio State University; M.A., University of Houston

Bruce Westrate, Ph.D., Nancy and Jeffrey Marcus Master Teaching Chair;
Academic Team Assistant Coach

B.A., M.A., Ph.D., University of Michigan

Watch our nationally-ranked varsity and junior varsity teams shine with their quick recall and their depth and breadth of knowledge.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

SESSION 3 ~ 7:15–7:35 P.M.

Please choose one of the following:

Chemistry Live!

Decherd Fine Arts Center

Ken Owens '89, Chemistry and AP Chemistry
B.A., Rice University; M.S., University of Michigan

Cool tricks, with a bit of a bang, highlight the fun of learning chemistry. Learn why our chemistry program is so popular.

Lion Pride: The St. Mark's Athletic Program

Great Hall

Mark Sullivan, Director of Athletics and Physical Education
B.S., M.Ed., University of North Texas

Josh Friesen, Assistant Director of Athletics
B.S., University of Kansas

Meet with the Directors of the most successful athletic program in the Southwest Preparatory Conference. Along with several of our current athletes, the Directors will discuss the program and answer your questions about athletics and physical education at St. Mark's.

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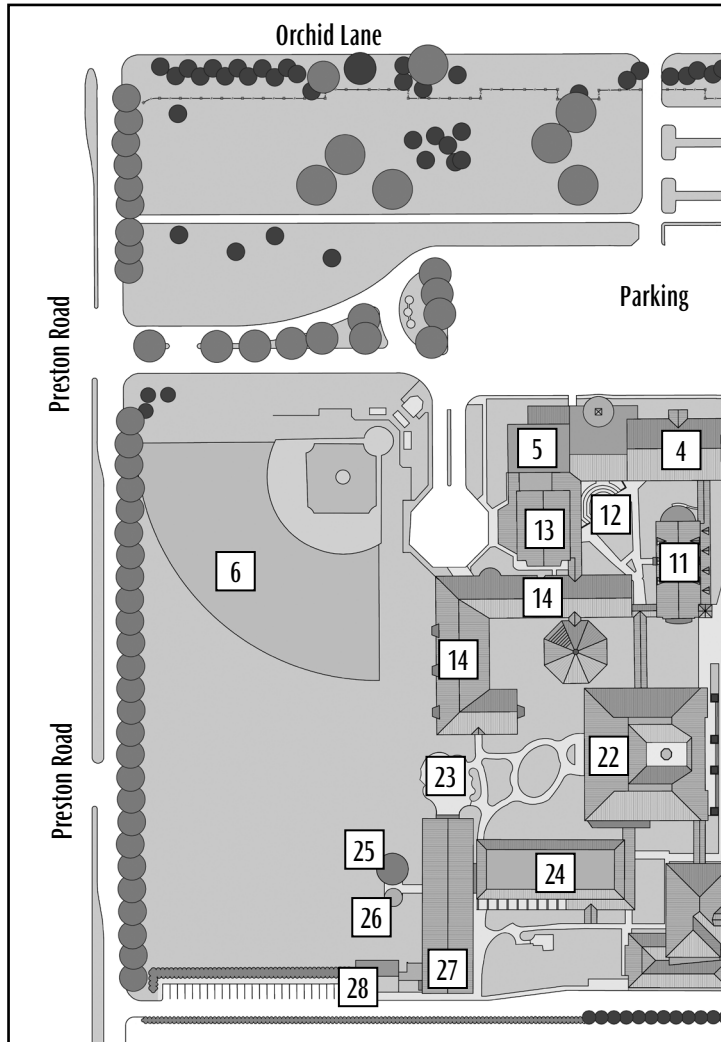
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Meeting *Homo naledi* — A Teacher, a Scientist, and the Discovery of a Lifetime

Science 115

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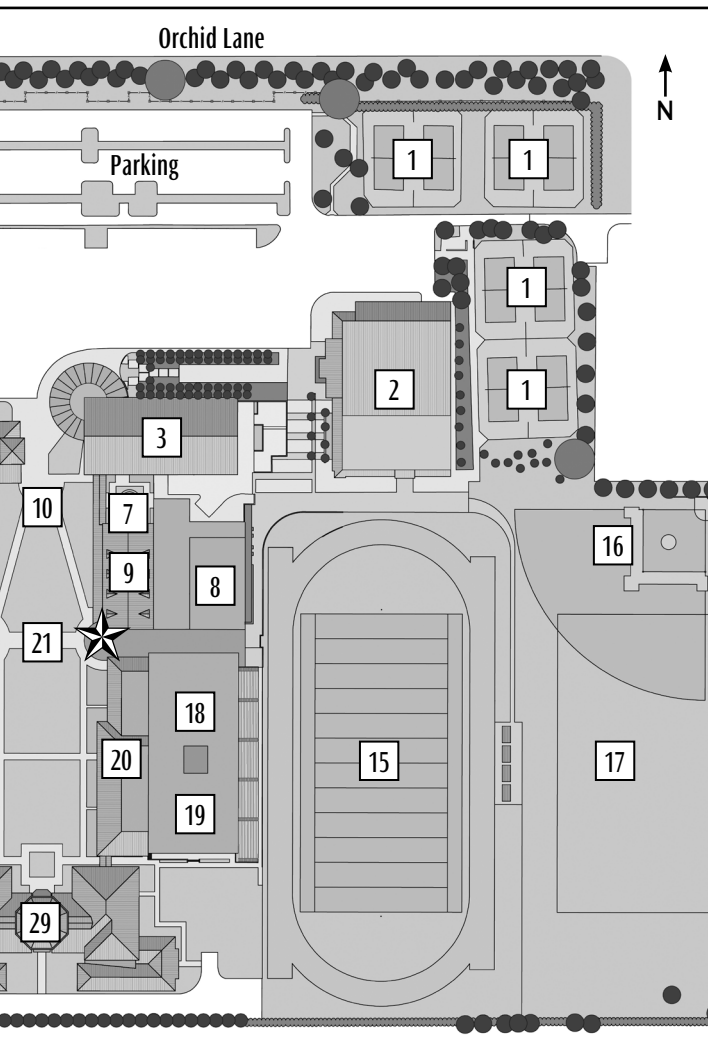
ST. MARK'S SCHOOL



★ REGISTRATION

1. Albert G. Hill Tennis Center
2. Thomas O. Hicks Family Athletic Center
3. **Nearburg Hall**
4. Fine Arts Wing
5. H. Ben Decherd Fine Arts Center
6. Arthur P. Ruff Field
7. Grandparents' Courtyard
8. Mullen Family Fitness Center
9. **A. Earl Cullum, Jr., Alumni Commons**
10. Perot Family Quadrangle
11. **St. Mark's Chapel**
12. D. Gordon Rupe Ampitheatre
13. **Decherd Performance Hall**
14. **Fojtasek Family Lower School**
15. Norma & Lamar Hunt Family Stadium

SCHOOL OF TEXAS



- 16. Montgomery Field
- 17. Silcock Field
- 18. **Morris G. Spencer Gymnasium**
- 19. Ralph B. Rogers Natatorium
- 20. **Robert K. Hoffman Center**
- 21. Ida M. and Cecil H. Green Commencement Theatre
- 22. Cecil & Ida Green Library
- 23. Lower School Playground

- 24. **McDermott-Green Physical Science Center**
- 25. **Planetarium**
- 26. Observatory
- 27. Aviary
- 28. Greenhouse
- 29. **Centennial Hall**

DID YOU KNOW?

- ~ The National Merit Scholarship Program has honored two-thirds of the Class of 2016, naming 27 seniors National Merit Semifinalists and 31 seniors Commended Scholars. In each of the past ten years, more than fifty-percent of all St. Mark's seniors have been named as Finalists, Semifinalists, or Commended Scholars.
- ~ St. Mark's alumnus Dr. Alan Stern '75 led NASA's New Horizons team for the historic flyby of Pluto. The day after the flyby, the story was on the front page of 450 newspapers world-wide.
- ~ The mean SAT score for the Class of 2016 is 2,111 on a scale of 2,400 points.
- ~ St. Mark's has the highest faculty salaries among independent schools in the Southwest and is in the top 10 percent among schools with enrollments of 500 or more nationally. Fifteen endowed teaching chairs and two endowed administrative positions have been established by gifts from alumni, parents, and friends of the school.
- ~ Seventy-one percent of the faculty hold advanced degrees.
- ~ Seven seniors in the last 12 years have been named United States Presidential Scholars. Only 141 high school students in America receive this honor annually.

DID YOU KNOW?

- ~ The new Roosevelt Family Chapel Organ has 3,432 pipes and was assembled in Canada before being shipped in pieces to Dallas and reconstructed in the St. Mark's Chapel.
- ~ Three St. Mark's Alumni played in the National Football League this season: Sam Acho '07 (Chicago Bears), Manny Acho '08 (Philadelphia Eagles), and Ty Montgomery '11 (Green Bay Packers).
- ~ For the ninth consecutive year, the St. Mark's photography program has been named the top program in Texas by the Association of Texas Photography Instructors (ATPI).
- ~ In 2010, an alumnus summited Mt. Everest, carrying with him a St. Mark's School Flag.
- ~ An alumnus from the Class of 2000 wrote the screenplay for the recent major motion pictures *Divergent*, *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*, and *Snow White & the Huntsman*.
- ~ St. Mark's students taking national foreign language examinations in Latin, Spanish, Japanese, and Chinese compiled a total of 203 national medals (101 gold medals) and six perfect scores.
- ~ The 2015 St. Mark's International Public Policy Forum team won the world championship against 300 competitors from more than thirty countries.

DID YOU KNOW?

- ~ The 2015 Athletic Director's Cup, recognizing the best athletic program in the Southwest Preparatory Conference, was awarded to St. Mark's for the thirteenth year in a row. In the past decade, St. Mark's has won 54 SPC Championships and 14 State Championships.
- ~ Members of the St. Mark's TEAMS squad (Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science) won seven individual and team awards at the annual Best in Nation competition, including a national championship for the ninth- and tenth-grade team.
- ~ Last year, the fourth-grade Class of 2023 won the national WordMasters championship besting more than 125,000 contestants from around the country.
- ~ On October 4, 2013, St. Mark's School of Texas publicly announced the successful completion of The Centennial Challenge, with gifts and pledges totaling \$112,210,369. The Campaign was one of the largest fundraising efforts among independent day schools in the nation. The Centennial Challenge was supported by 5,761 donors who made 23,831 unique gifts including 30 gifts of \$1 million or more.

NOTES

LOWER SCHOOL FACULTY

Head of Lower School

Barbara York

First Grade

Teri Broom

Kay Carrio

Second Grade

Laura Owens-Pigg

Susan Morris

Third Grade

Frank Jordan

Catherine Wetzel

Fourth Grade

Lynn Terman

Debra Materre

Janet Wadkins

Specialty Teachers

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Barbara Kinhead (Library)

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