

Class Ambassadors join the team

An ambassador is often thought of as an “official representative or messenger.” We’ve added cheerleader to that description as we recruit and train parents from St. Mark’s School to be ambassadors for their children’s classes.



Class Ambassadors tour the youth center and gymnasium, which is just three months away from completion

Twenty-eight eager parents joined Erin McGould, the campaign’s school chairman; Tricia Dorfman, the campaign’s school board representative; and Carrie Hanna, the first class ambassador recruited to join the team, for a tour of the new youth center and gymnasium.

“I could not be more excited to be an ambassador for the class of 2013,” says Hanna. “St. Mark’s has had a tremendous impact on our family and has allowed my triplets to each explore their own gifts and talents and has given them not only a sound education but also a firm moral grounding.”

Ambassadors are asked to be knowledgeable about the campaign; invite peers and prospects to learn about the campaign through personal meetings and site visits; encourage fundraising efforts for each class; and make a personal financial commitment to the campaign.

Current ambassadors include: Jill VanDresser (2011, 2013), Lourdes Vogelsang (2011, 2013), Linda Pruitt (2012), Tricia Dorfman (2012), Kathy Villablanca (2013), Carrie Hanna (2013), Linda Drettmann (2014, 2017), Erin McGould (2014, 2017), Julie Berube (2014, 2018), Alicia Toal (2015), Kelly Pirozzi (2015, 2019); Sofia DeFerrari (2015, 2018), Angela Kilduff (2016), Sherri Daniels (2016, 2019), Michele Eassa (2017), Alain Sears (2017), Kerry Diaz (2017, 2018), Bahareh Wolfs (2017, 2018), Diane Simon (2018), Heidi Mackey (2018), Manju George (2018, 2019), Dawn Rofrano (2019), Janna Keller (2020), and Heather Bretzlaff (2021). If you have questions about the campaign or desire more information, reach out to your class ambassador, and she will gladly assist you. If you are interested in becoming a class ambassador, contact Mary Lewis at 561.622.1504 x.232 or wewill@stmarkspb.org.

Sunday tours

You hear the buzz – the youth center and gymnasium is fabulous – but you want to check it out for yourself. Please be our guest for a guided tour of our campus’ newest building on Sunday, May 1st after the 10 a.m. service. If you’re unable to join us for this upcoming tour, please check the church bulletin for future tour dates. We plan to schedule group tours approximately every six weeks. Private tours are also available. Please contact the campaign office at 561.622.1503 x.232 or wewill@stmarkspb.org to request a tour.

You may be wondering...

Q: I make an annual pledge to the church or donate to the school's annual fund and attend the auction each year. Isn't that enough?

A: Thank you for your past support of St. Mark's! You are part of the reason we are in strong financial shape.

"WE WILL! Build in Faith" capital campaign gives a unique opportunity for you to invest in St. Mark's future. By supporting the campaign with your financial gift, you are demonstrating your commitment to St. Mark's vision – to grow in service to God, our church and school family, and our community. You are also showing your faith that these facilities will help us achieve our goal.



Metal Framing Defines New Lobby of Youth Center & Gym

Annual pledges to St. Mark's Church cover all the operating expenses. They do not cover any costs for capital improvements.

St. Mark's School Annual Fund donations provide enhancements for the students in the areas of academics, sports, and the arts. Enhancements in these areas are things not normally covered in the operating budget.

We ask that your capital gift not replace or diminish your regular annual support to St. Mark's Church and School. Ideally, your capital gift should be sacrificial in nature and may be pledged over a period of time (up to five years).

Are you eager to make your donation to the campaign? Please call the campaign office at 561.622.1504 x.232 to schedule your tour and to learn about the many giving opportunities that exist.

The man under the hardhat

Walter Wharton, project superintendent for Kaufman Lynn, is overseeing the construction on our campus. He's also going beyond his typical job description to provide tours of the new building for members of our community. Get to know the man under the hardhat a bit better:

How long have you been working as a project superintendent? Since 1992 – about 20 years.

What is the most fulfilling part of your job in this first phase of construction?

Creating something that people need and something that will be around for many years to come. In fact, this is the first LEED certified gymnasium I have worked on, and it is the first LEED certified gymnasium in Palm Beach County.



**Walter Wharton,
Project Superintendent**

What have you enjoyed most about working at St. Mark's on this project? The friendly staff, students, parents, parishioners, and other visitors that I get to tour through the new buildings.

Thinking of the whole campaign that St. Mark's has planned, what part of the construction do you think will be most exciting to complete? The new Parish Hall.