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of the many reasons to join us at ST. MARK'S SCHOOL



1. Intentionally Small, Thinking Big

As an intentionally small and supportive community that challenges students to expand their thinking beyond themselves, we build a spirit of independence, innovation, and discovery that develops big thinkers, future leaders, and citizens of the world.

- A world-class, holistic education infused with innovation and discovery
- A community that fosters confident, well-rounded, good citizens
- Creates an inner drive to learn more, do more, and persevere through challenges



2. The Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning

- The physical and intellectual hub of the school and a space for the larger educational community to discuss learning in the 21st century
- Enrichment and support programs for students, including peer tutors, *LEO* academic journal, student grants, internships, and Career Day
- Connects our community to the latest research on teaching, learning, and brain science
- Supports faculty professional learning and growth to ensure the best possible learning environment for students



3. A Dynamic Academic Program

- Emphasis on “growth mindset” to encourage pursuit of interests and discovery of passions, teach resilience, and strike the balance between rigor and performance
- Thorough, ongoing curriculum review and design consistent with the national dialogue on trends shaping the future of education
- Redesign of our most challenging courses to designate them as Advanced, rather than AP
- Lion Term, a three-week, form/grade-based experience focused on intellect, character, and leadership, as outlined in our *St. Mark's 2020* strategic plan



4. An Innovative Saturday Program

- St. Mark's Saturdays provides students with a unique opportunity for students and faculty to engage in relevant, developmentally appropriate academic, service, and character and wellness coursework



5. A Small School with a World View: Global Citizenship

- A rich combination of curricular and extracurricular programming
- Safe, immersive travel opportunities and exchange programs to locations such as Sri Lanka, the Dominican Republic, China, Italy, Chile, Cuba, and Australia
- Intentional development of the cross-cultural skills necessary to engage the world beyond our campus
- The summer Global Citizenship Institute brings together people from across the world to become engaged and work collaboratively to make global change



6. A Cross-Disciplinary Approach to STEM Education

- Student exploration of the connections between STEM disciplines and application of their knowledge through curricular and co-curricular offerings
- Student research, FIRST robotics, and computer science are among the offerings that allow students to be producers of content and develop skills through hands-on opportunities



7. Active Learning Beyond the Classroom: Student Life

- Participate in the process of self-discovery with the support of faculty advisors
- Engage in intentional development of moral character and healthy living skills
- Contribute to your future and honor the legacy of St. Mark's School by exercising kindness, responsibility, and understanding in all you do



8. Vibrant Arts Program

- Music ensembles, strings, woodwinds, jazz, orchestra, choir, *a cappella* groups, and main stage and student-directed one-act workshops offer students a chance to learn and perform
- Multiple exhibition spaces for student and professional work in two and three dimensions in a variety of media
- Emphasis on the process of fully understanding and creating through keen observation, precision, thought, discipline, and collaboration



9. Athletics: Building Teamwork, Competition, & Character

- Program balances physical pursuits, competitive success, and character development to support the growth of student athletes inside and outside of the classroom
- 50+ teams in 18 sports and general fitness programming challenge students
- 75+ recent graduates currently competing in NCAA Division I, II, and III teams
- Compete in the Independent School League (ISL), considered the most prestigious prep school league in the country



10. Individual Attention throughout the College Process

- Process work within the framework of the advising system to create a structure that assures each student will take full advantage of their St. Mark's experience in and out of the classroom
- Enables students to discern the combination of their talents, goals, and principles that will most inform their future path

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