



# ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

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### REMINDERS

Now Through Saturday, April 23:



### A NATIONAL SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

St. Mark Catholic School  
is a two time recipient of the  
U.S. Department of Education  
"National Blue Ribbon Award."  
This means that our students  
consistently score in the top 15%  
in the nation on standardized  
tests.

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-St. Mark/Barnes & Noble Book Fair (in-store sales until April 18; online sales until April 23); details below

**Monday, April 18:**

-6:00 PM, St. Mark Parish Center: Current 1st Grade Parent Meeting Regarding 2016-17 Sacraments (parents only)

**Tuesday, April 19:**

-Diocesan Robotics Competition at St. Monica Catholic School

**Thursday, April 21:**

-7th Grade Field Trip to Dallas Zoo

**Friday, April 22:**

-No School for Students

**Saturday, April 23:**

-10:00 AM, Church: Sacrament of Confirmation (8th Grade); Children's Choir Sings at Mass

**Monday, April 25:**

-No School for Students

-St. Mark Feast Day (details below)

**Wednesday, April 27:**

-4:30-6:30 PM, ECE Bldg.: ECE Open House (details below)

-6:30 PM, Cafetorium: JV/Varsity Cheerleading Meeting

**FIELD DAY 2016**

An email was sent to all families earlier this week regarding student Field Day t-shirt orders. Please note that, this year, student shirt orders will be taken first.



**PLAN AHEAD: 4 DAY WEEKEND IN APRIL**

Because we did not use the inclement weather days that are built into our school calendar, we will have a 4-day weekend in April. Friday, April 22 and Monday, April 25 are now school holidays. Enjoy!



**Nominate Someone for a Work of Heart Award:** Do you know a St. Mark teacher or staff member who goes "above and beyond" for our school community? If so, consider nominating him or her for a Work of Heart Award. Presented by The Catholic Foundation, these awards honor those who "go the extra mile" in serving our educational community. For more information about the Work of Heart award, or to submit a nomination, [click here](#). 37 St. Mark staffers have received this award since its inception in 2005.



**MAY WATCH D.O.G.S. DAYS NOW AVAILABLE**

**Calling All "Dads of Great Students":** [Click here](#) to reserve your spot during the month of May,

Volunteer shirt orders will taken separately at a later date.

**Student Shirt Orders:** Place your student's Field Day t-shirt order by [clicking here](#). The deadline to order is May 2.

**Volunteer Shirt Orders:** Once student shirts are ordered, we will announce the timeframe for ordering volunteer shirts.

**Field Day Volunteer Opportunities:** A few more volunteers are needed for Field Day on Thursday, June 2. Please contact Tara Roman at [troman0715@yahoo.com](mailto:troman0715@yahoo.com) if you are interested.

All Field Day volunteers need to have their Safe Environment Training up-to-date by May 10 (see HSA section below). This includes signing the Volunteer Pledge Form (see HSA section below) and returning it to Mrs. O'Connor.

### SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

**Janet Gerwer Announces Retirement:** Longtime St. Mark middle school math teacher, Janet Gerwer, has announced that she will retire at the end of this school year. Mrs. Gerwer came to St. Mark from New Jersey in 1985, not long after the school was founded. Both of her children were enrolled at St. Mark, and she began teaching 6th grade math, eventually moving to 7th/8th grade math. She has masterfully taught thousands of students, all of whom can thank her for the solid foundation they received in the subject. In addition, Mrs. Gerwer can claim a GTE teacher award, Work of Heart Award, NCEA Distinguished Teacher

or for more information about our Watch D.O.G.S. program. Sign-ups are due today, April 15. Half days and full days are available. Remember, you must be [Safe Environment trained](#) to volunteer as a Watch D.O.G.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LIONLAND



**Vocations Chalice:** 6th grade was presented with the Vocations Chalice at the conclusion of today's All-School Mass. They will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.



**Justice:** Teachers discuss the Virtue of the Month with students by using stories and activities to engage them into seeing the virtue in action. Ask your child what he/she is learning about "Justice" this month. [Click here](#) for the full list of monthly virtues for 2015-16.



**All-School Service Project:** Service is an integral part of the mission of the Church. To help students understand that by serving others, they are serving God, they will participate in a

Award, and the Caroleen Hensgen Award for Excellence in Teaching among her many accomplishments. She plans to spend her retirement years traveling, hugging her grandchildren, and gardening the two acres attached to the new home that she and her husband recently purchased. Congratulations on your 31 years at St. Mark, Mrs. Gerwer. We will miss you, and we wish you a very happy, healthy, relaxing, and well-deserved retirement!

**ECE Aide:** A warm welcome to Tiffany Duncan, who has accepted the Early Childhood Education Part-Time Aide position beginning with the 2016-17 school year. Mrs. Duncan has been serving as an ECE Aide since January, and is very involved at St. Mark. She currently volunteers for Girl Scouts, coaches volleyball and basketball, and is active in the CRHP ministry. She and her husband, Jon, have been members of St. Mark since 2008 and are the proud parents of Lucy (5th grade), Leah (2nd grade) and Luke (PK-3). She will be a wonderful addition to the ECE staff!

**Dr. Blankenship Well on Her Way to CrossFit Games!** Kindergarten teacher, Dr. Tara Blankenship, is competing for a spot at the Reebok CrossFit Games again this year. She just completed five weeks of workouts where she placed 36th out of 8,288 women in her age division in the world! Her next step is the Masters Regional Qualifier taking place April 21-25 where she will battle it out with the top 200 women in the world for 20 spots. Keep her in your prayers!

required all-school service project each month. **Students will receive a homework grade in Religion class for each month's assignment.**

**April Project:** The April service project is the annual Catholic Charities of Dallas Food Round-Up. Students will donate food by grade level. Please see the list of needed items below\*:

PreK - Dried beans, rice or pasta  
TK & K - Cereal or oatmeal  
1st grade - Jam or jelly  
2nd grade - Peanut butter  
3rd grade - Canned meat  
4th grade - Canned fruit  
5th grade - Cooking oil  
6th grade - Canned soup (15 oz.)  
7th grade - Canned beans  
8th grade - Canned vegetables

\*Please note: Students should check the expiration dates on any donated foods to make sure they are still good. Items with past expiration dates cannot be given to food pantries.

**Catholic Social Teaching:** Option for the poor and vulnerable

**Who Benefits?** Catholic Charities of Dallas

**Due Date:** Tuesday, April 26, 2016

## ST. MARK/BARNES & NOBLE BOOK FAIR

The annual St. Mark/Barnes & Noble Book Fair continues with in-store sales through Monday, April 18, and online sales through Saturday, April 23.

To place an online order, visit [www.barnesandnoble.com/bookfairs](http://www.barnesandnoble.com/bookfairs). The St. Mark book fair ID # is 11846631.

**Don't Forget Your Student's Required Reading:** This week, you received an email that included the [2016-17 required summer and classroom reading by grade level](#). The book fair provides a great opportunity to pick up those books now!



## HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

### **IMPORTANT HSA DATES:**

**Thursday, April 14-Monday, April 18:**  
Barnes & Noble Book Fair in-store sales

**Thursday, April 14-Saturday, April 23:**  
Barnes & Noble Book Fair online sales

### **THANK YOU:**

Thank you to the 3rd and 4th grade families for hosting Wednesday's wonderful "springtime" themed teacher luncheon. The staff loved it, especially the blissful chair massages. What a treat!

### **CANDIDATES FOR 2016-17 HSA BOARD:**



## LIFETIME LIONS

### **Calling all alumni ... join Lifetime Lions, our official alumni network!**

Keep up with former classmates, learn about mentoring opportunities, and volunteer for service hours. Click [here](#) for more information.



## LIONS DEN

### **Get your official LION gear here!**

Check in at the school office on Fridays from 7:30-8:15 AM and shop 'til you drop at the Lion's Den Spirit Store located in the Cafetorium.

Can't visit in person? [Place your order online anytime!](#)

This is a great place to stock up on St. Mark shirts for our Spirit Days, which are held on the first Monday of each month!

### **SPOTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Do you know anyone interested in a Catholic education for their child?** St. Mark has limited availability at various grade levels. For more information or to schedule a school tour, please call the school office at (972) 578-0610, or visit the school website at [www.stmcs.net](http://www.stmcs.net).

President: Ashley Ternan

Vice President: Jill Dourty

Secretary: Pamela Bond

Treasurer: Paola Colon

If you are interested in running for the above positions, please contact Ashley Ternan at [ashleyternan@gmail.com](mailto:ashleyternan@gmail.com) by Thursday, April 21.

### **REMINDERS:**

#### **Helping Hands Committee:**

If you know any St. Mark families that are in need of help due to a birth, sickness, death or any life changing event, please [click here](#) to contact the Helping Hands Committee.

**Attention Volunteers:** All volunteers must sign and return a "Volunteer Pledge Form" before the first day of volunteering. This form can be found in the [Volunteer Handbook](#). Also, volunteers must be Safe Environment trained. [Click here](#) for more details.

**Link Your Shopper Cards & Earn Money for St. Mark:** Remember to link your Kroger, Tom Thumb and Target cards to St. Mark. Kroger cards need to be re-linked every year. [Click here](#) for more details.



**Box Tops:** Keep sending in those Box Tops. 3rd grade is leading the competition and 4th grade is in second place. The deadline for the competition is Thursday, April 21. The class with the most Box Tops will win a free dress day on Thursday, April 28!

**St. Mark Info. Cards:** We also have "information cards" available at the church and school that contain general school information and Open House dates. Feel free to stop by and pick some up. Pass them along to anyone who is interested in St. Mark Catholic School. [Click here](#) to see a sample.



### **Upcoming Open House for PreK-3, PreK-4, PreK-5/Transitional Kindergarten & Kindergarten**

#### Family Picnic & Open House

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Come & go between 4:30-6:30 PM  
Early Childhood Education Bldg.

[Click here](#) to pre-register.

### **NEW "REFERRAL THANK YOU PROGRAM"**

Each year, St. Mark is honored to welcome new families to our school community, many of whom were referred by our current school families. We think you should be rewarded for bringing new families to our school! Through our new "Referral Thank You Program," your family can receive a \$500 tuition credit for referring one new family to St. Mark. Please [click here](#) for details!



## ST. MARK PARISH 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



Join us at the following events as we continue to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our parish...

### HISTORY OF ST. MARK FROM A DIOCESAN PERSPECTIVE - April 16, 2016, 10:00 AM, Great Hall of the Parish Center

We are pleased to announce that Steve Landregan, Historian and Archivist for the Dallas Diocese, will be joining us for a presentation on the history of St. Mark from a Diocesan perspective. Steve is the former Editor of *The Texas Catholic* and author of numerous historical books. Coffee and danish will be served.

### FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND - APRIL 23-24, 2016

Mark your calendars for St. Marks' 50th Anniversary Fellowship Weekend. A breakfast of pancakes and sausage with beverages is available after the 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, and 10:30 AM Masses. A lunch/dinner of hamburgers, hot hogs, chips and beverages will be served after the Saturday 5:30 PM and 7:00 PM, and the Sunday 12:00 PM, 1:30 PM, 3:00 PM, 4:30 PM and 6:00 PM Masses. **Meal tickets must be purchased in advance.** Cost for all meals is \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. There will also be

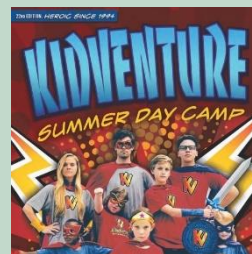
## ORDER YOUR ST. MARK LEGACY BRICK TODAY



Order your St.

**Mark Legacy Brick Today!** This is a wonderful opportunity to leave your own personal and permanent impression at St. Mark for generations to come. For \$100, purchase a custom designed engraved brick with your family name, ministry, organization, your child's name and graduating class, or to honor a loved one, mother, father, brother, sister, friend... the possibilities are endless. There are many ways to personalize your brick, with logos for all kinds of interests including religious symbols, sports, cheerleading, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, band, choir, and music, just to name a few. These special custom engraved bricks will become part of the entryway to St. Mark Catholic School. **Simply [click here](#) to place your order.**

## START PLANNING SUMMER WITH KIDVENTURE!



**St. Mark Summer Camps With Kidventure:** We are pleased to once again offer full-time summer

scheduled entertainment by many of our own St. Mark parishioners throughout the weekend. **You may purchase your meal tickets for the Fellowship Weekend during the weekends of April 2-3, 9-10, and 16-17 (cash or check only).**

**FEAST OF ST. MARK -  
50th CELEBRATION MASS - April 25,  
2016**

Our celebration will wrap-up on Monday, April 25. The Most Reverend Kevin J. Farrell, D.D., will celebrate our "Feast of St. Mark 50th Anniversary Mass" on April 25, 2016 at 6:30 PM, followed by a reception in our Bethany Narthex. The concelebrants for this Mass will be Fr. Cliff Smith, our current priests, as well as our homegrown priests, Fr. Jason Cargo, Fr. James Yamauchi, and Fr. John Szatkowski. Father Cliff said it perfectly: "We come together this month to celebrate who we are and what our faith community means: what it was, what it is now, and what it will become."

**Please mark your calendars and join us  
for our special Golden Anniversary  
Celebration.**

**SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK**

**St. Mark S.T.E.M. Fair:** Our first annual S.T.E.M. Fair, held last Friday evening, was a HUGE success! We had an amazing turnout of approximately 650 attendees from our school, parish and beyond. Thank you to all of our volunteers including teachers and staff, parents, and students. We can't thank enough the many companies, organizations, high schools, and alumni who showed us their

camps on the St. Mark campus with Kidventure. Kidventure is in its 22nd season of summer camp. This year's theme is **Summer Quest 2016**, a comic book come to life. Each week provides a new and unique adventure.

General registration for Kidventure's Summer Quest 2016 Day Camp is now available at <http://kidventure.com/register>. Click to select your child's Summer Quest adventures.

For more information, please visit <http://kidventure.com/plano-summercamp/>, or call [214.303.9789](tel:214.303.9789).

**FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE ...**

**IMPACT Testing:** The IMPACT test provides baseline concussion testing for students. Students must be at least 11-years-old to qualify. If you'd like your child to participate, please make an appointment by [clicking here](#).



**NEWS FROM THE  
ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT**

**Track & Field:** Come out and cheer on your LIONS teams! Upcoming meets:

JV Track

Saturday, April 16, Bishop Lynch (City Meet); track meet begins at



support and presented booths at the event. Special thanks to **Allison N. '14** and Natalie J. for organizing this event, and to Pam Steinkirchner and alumni parent, Amanda Noe, who worked tirelessly on the many details. Thanks most of all to our students who participated in the event, and opened their minds to the endless possibilities that S.T.E.M. has to offer them! See our [Facebook page](#) for more scenes from this amazing, fun and educational evening.

Please be sure to support our wonderful S.T.E.M. Fair sponsors:

### THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR SPONSORS

Saint Mark Catholic School would like to thank the companies that have come out and provided such amazing educational and enriching activities for our families.



**Principal Appreciation Day:** Today we celebrate our wonderful Principal! Each grade level prepared something special including story times, thank you posters, and tokens of appreciation. The staff prepared a special luncheon, and Ms. Williams created a wonderful "Super Opon" poster just for her (check it out on our [Facebook](#) page). We love you, Mrs.

9:00 AM with field events, followed by running events

[Click here](#) for the list of students who qualified and are participating in the City Meet.

### Varsity Track

Saturday, April 23, JP II

Saturday, April 30, Jesuit

Saturday, May 7, JP II

Saturday, May 14, Bishop Lynch (City Meet)

**Baseball:** Come out and cheer on your LIONS team! Upcoming games:

JV vs. MIS, April 17, 1:45 PM  
@Breckenridge #2

**Softball:** Come out and cheer on your LIONS team! Upcoming games:

JV vs. St. Joseph, April 24, 5:30 PM  
@ St. Joseph

### **Fall 2016 Sports Registration:**

Registration for fall sports will open on the following dates. Registration fees for each sport are indicated. Stay tuned for more information in upcoming "Weekly School Bulletins":

### April 18, 2016

Volleyball (\$115)

Football (\$125)

Cheerleading (\$45)

Opon. Thank you for all that you do for St. Mark Catholic School!



**Pajama Day:** It sure is fun coming to school in your PJs! On Thursday, students enjoyed a "comfy" day at school in their most cuddly pajamas!

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**Barnes & Noble Book Fair:** Thank you to everyone who attended the special events at the Barnes & Noble Book Fair on Thursday. Students loved the special story time with Mrs. Opon and Ms. Steinkirchner, and of course, meeting The Cat in the Hat!

**4th Grade Studies Force & Motion:** Our 4th grade students engaged in a S.T.E.M. project this week where they were challenged to create their own puff mobiles, which are wind-powered vehicles. What's even more fun than designing them? Racing them! They also experimented with measuring force in Newtons.

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May 16, 2016

Cross Country (\$70)

### **2016-17 Volleyball Open Gyms & Team Evaluations:**

Open Gyms will be held the Sunday, Monday and Tuesday prior to Team Evaluations on Wednesday. Open Gym sessions are two hours long and include one hour of skills review and one hour of live game drills. Students may attend any or all of the Open Gym sessions, and pre-registration is NOT necessary.

Team Evaluation sessions take place on Wednesdays, and last for two hours. They are conducted by outside staff and are closed to spectators.

### **Varsity (Rising 7th/8th Graders)**

**Open Gym:** May 15-17, 4:00-6:00 PM, Bacot Gym

**Team Evaluations: May 18, Bacot Gym**

-Rising 7th graders: 4:00-6:00 PM

-Rising 8th graders: 6:15-8:15 PM

### **Junior Varsity (Rising 5th/6th Graders)**

**Open Gym:** May 22-24, 4:00-6:00 PM, Bacot Gym

**Team Evaluations: May 25, Bacot Gym**

**5th Grade Trash Tuesday:** This week, 5th grade took the ["Ten on Tuesday" challenge](#) and each picked up ten pieces of trash around the St. Mark campus. They're doing their part for our environment!

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### IN ALUMNI NEWS...

**Lions Mentor Lions:** Another special thank you to our alumni who participated in our St. Mark S.T.E.M. Fair. Alumni involvement on our campus truly brings learning full-circle!

Bishop Lynch High School  
**Mary Beth H. '12**, senior

Jesuit College Preparatory School  
**Jack W. '12**, senior

John Paul II High School  
**Cherish A. '14**, sophomore  
**Allison N. '14**, sophomore (event chair)  
**Eric N. '12**, senior

Plano Academy  
**Emily W. '14**, sophomore

Ursuline Academy of Dallas  
**Athena B. '15**, freshman  
**Jennifer D. '13**, junior  
**Savannah H. '15**, freshman  
**Uyen L. '14**, sophomore  
**Celine M. '14**, sophomore  
**Elizabeth R. '14**, sophomore  
**Janice R. '15**, freshman  
**Shelby V. '15**, freshman  
**Jordan V. '15**, freshman

-Rising 5th graders: 4:00-6:00 PM  
-Rising 6th graders: 6:15-8:15 PM

**2016-17 Cheer Team Meeting:**  
Wednesday, April 27, 6:30-8:00 PM,  
in the Cafetorium. This meeting is  
for all JV and Varsity  
cheerleaders/parents (5th-8th  
grades).



**Upcoming Raising  
Cane's Fundraisers Benefitting the  
Athletics Department:**

-May 6, 2016  
-May 19, 2016 (8th grade finals)  
-June 3, 2016

### FROM THE NET TEAM

## Let Us Adore

7:30-9:30pm @ St. Mark's Church



Let us Adore is a evening  
of Eucharistic Adoration,  
led by the NET Team, that  
is full of charismatic praise  
and worship as well as silence.  
Young and old are invited to  
pray together as a parish  
community.

Feb 12th • March 10th • March 31st  
April 14th • May 6th



**Middle School  
Open Youth House:** This popular

**Mrs. Maureen Sullivan**, Ursuline Academy Science Dept. Chair & parent of **Kelly '96**, **Katie '99** and **Erin '03**

**Kayla E. '06**, graduate of Ursuline Academy, and currently pursuing a Masters degree in Forensic Science at Sam Houston State University

We also thank the many parents of alumni students who represented their companies at booths including Gilberto Aguilar, Jocelyn Bartz, Jill Brooks, Carol Hasty, Judy LaPorte, Veronica Marques, Ed Mayer, Amanda & Jeff Noe, and Karen Robb.

**CNBC Intern:** Congratulations to **Michelle H. '09** who is currently a junior at The University of Missouri. She is a double major in journalism and finance. This summer, she will be interning at CNBC in New York City.

**John Paul II Cheerleaders:**  
Congratulations to our "almost alumni," Julianna S. and Meagan T., who recently made the JV Cheer Team at John Paul II High School! They join **Chancey A. '15** on the squad.

Congratulations to **Rafael D. '12**, who recently signed to play soccer for Austin College!



**LION PRIDE!**

weekly get-together for 6th-8th graders takes place every Friday from 3:30-6:00 PM at the St. Mark Youth House, located behind the church. It is an opportunity to hang out with the NET Team and other students from the community. Notify Patricia Opon by Thursday of each week if your student wishes to attend. St. Mark students are escorted to the Youth House by NET Team members immediately following dismissal. A [Youth Ministry Enrollment Form](#) must be submitted for each participant on an annual basis.

#### **MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN**

**Attention 6th, 7th & 8th Graders:**  
Join the St. Mark Youth Ministry for their annual Amazing Jake's Lock-In:

**Cost:** \$38.00

**Who:** 6th, 7th, and 8th graders

**When:** April 29-30, 2016

**What:** Unlimited games, pizza buffet (12:00-2:00 AM), and drinks

**Where:** St. Mark Cafetorium/  
Amazing Jake's Plano (meet Friday night at St. Mark Cafetorium @ 10:00 PM; pick-up Saturday morning at St. Mark Cafetorium @ 6:30 AM)

Paperwork deadline is April 21, 2016 (make checks payable to St. Mark Youth Ministry).

**Paperwork and information:**

### **Students Qualify for Destination**

**Imagination Globals:** 7th graders Anish K. and Bobby V. competed locally, and advanced to the state competition, for Destination Imagination, a non-profit program that provides a fun, hands-on system of learning that fosters students' creativity, courage and curiosity through open-ended academic challenges in the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, fine arts and service learning. Recently, they placed high enough to allow them to compete at Globals in May, which is a huge honor, as they will be among 1,400 teams from 14 countries. They will compete in the Fine Arts challenge, showcasing their creativity and impromptu decision making skills. Congratulations, boys!

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### **Student Qualifies for STEMM Prep**

**Project:** Congratulations to 7th grader, Hailey J., who is one of only 60 students across the nation to be selected for the STEMM Prep Project through SMU. Students begin a training program as early as the seventh grade and continue through college while rotating during summers through collaborating institutions' basic science, engineering and technology labs. The goal is to provide guidance and experience-based learning to students who are interested in these fields.

**PK-3 Soccer:** Congratulations to the FC Thundercats! They completed their first season of soccer at Plano Sports Authority while going undefeated. They were led by

[www.stmarkplanoyouth.org](http://www.stmarkplanoyouth.org), or contact Cristina Ochoa: 972-578-9583 or [cochoa@stmarkplano.org](mailto:cochoa@stmarkplano.org)

**Questions?** Contact Mario Beltran, Middle School Coordinator, Youth & Young Adult Ministry, 972-578-9583, or email him at [mbeltran@stmarkplano.org](mailto:mbeltran@stmarkplano.org).



HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY

St. Mark Catholic School has formed a special relationship with [Holy Trinity Seminary](http://HolyTrinitySeminary.org) and takes great pride in supporting our future priests.

**Join Us for Public Masses at Holy Trinity Seminary @ 9:15 AM:**  
April 17th, 24th; May 1st

Address: 3131 Vince Hagan Drive, Irving, TX 75062

**Questions about the Public Masses?** Call or text Agnes Denvir, VP of Vocations, President-Elect, Serra Club of North Central Dallas. Cell: 214-607-2391, [agnes.denvir@stmcs.net](mailto:agnes.denvir@stmcs.net) or [agnesdenvir@gmail.com](mailto:agnesdenvir@gmail.com).

### **FRENCH MASSES AT CISTERCIAN**

Mrs. Denvir extends an invitation to St. Mark French students, and any students/families who are interested, to attend the French

St. Mark's very own Stacy "Coach" Oliver. Players include Alyssa C., Ian C., Luke D., Alex J., Francis K., Hailey O., Giancarlo S., Clayton T. and Owen W.

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### SOLES 4 SOULS SHOE COLLECTION

Isabella, a 13-year-old St. Mark parishioner, is hosting a shoe drive for the needy. Her goal is to collect 1,000 pairs of gently used shoes of any kind and size during the period of March 20-April 24, which will be donated to the non-profit organization [Soles4souls](#). As you do your spring cleaning and clear out your closets, please consider bringing your unwanted shoes to Mrs. O'Connor's office during this time period.

Join Our Mailing List

Forward To A Friend

Masses at Cistercian. There is an opportunity to do the readings, and to sample some French snacks at the end of every Mass. Masses take place at Our Lady of Dallas Cistercian Abbey in Irving every 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:30 AM. Upcoming dates: April 17, and May 15.

### CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAMS

Our local Catholic high schools offer summer camps for kids of all ages. As we receive their brochures, we will make them available in the school lobby, or you can click below to learn more:

[Bishop Lynch High School](#)  
[Cistercian Preparatory School](#)  
[Jesuit College Preparatory School](#)  
[John Paul II High School](#)  
[Ursuline Academy of Dallas](#)

### JESUIT SUMMER BASKETBALL OPPORTUNITIES

Jesuit College Preparatory School is offering two unique summer basketball programs, in addition to the Jesuit basketball summer camps offered via the link above:

\*Breakfast Club - A twice per week basketball skills session from 7:00-8:00 AM

\*Summer Teams - Boys or girls (2nd - 8th grades). Practices at



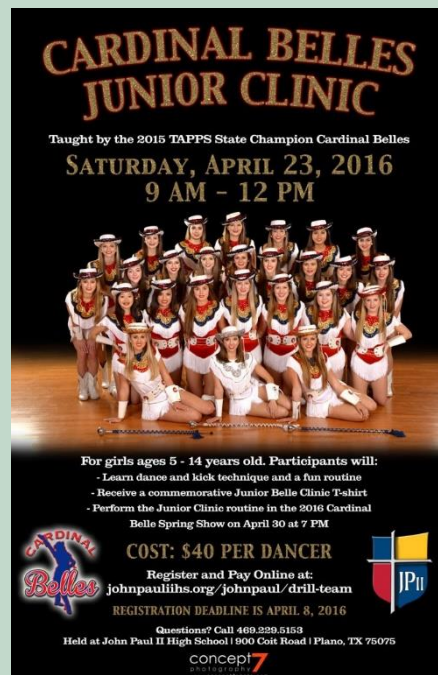
Jesuit. Games at Sportsplex or PSA. Weekend tournaments for select teams.

If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please contact Jonathan Alexander, Jesuit Varsity Basketball Assistant, at [jalexander@jesuitcp.org](mailto:jalexander@jesuitcp.org).

### JESUIT 'LIL RANGERETTE SUMMER CAMP

The Jesuit Rangerettes drill team offers a summer camp for girls in preschool-6th grade. The camp will take place June 20-24 from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM at Jesuit. Please [click here](#) for more information and registration.

### JPII CARDINAL BELLES JUNIOR CLINIC



**CARDINAL BELLES  
JUNIOR CLINIC**

Taught by the 2015 TAPPS State Champion Cardinal Belles  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2016**  
9 AM - 12 PM

For girls ages 5 - 14 years old. Participants will:

- Learn dance and kick technique and a fun routine
- Receive a commemorative Junior Belle Clinic T-shirt
- Perform the Junior Clinic routine in the 2016 Cardinal Belle Spring Show on April 30 at 7 PM

**COST: \$40 PER DANCER**

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