## ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN March 29, 2018

Prayer for the 2017-18 School Year
Lord, help us to come together as a community to support one another, encourage one another and show each other kindness. Amen.

St. Mark Mantra

Every day we treat others as we would treat Jesus Christ, with all our heart, mind and soul.

## REMINDERS

TODAY, Thursday, March 29-HOLY THURSDAY:

10:00 AM - 11:00 PM: 1/2 days are Cane's Days at St. Mark! Visit the Raising Cane's across the street from the school, mention St. Mark as you place your order, and a percentage of the proceeds benefits the Athletics Dept.
-12:00 NOON Early Dismissal. The After School Program will be available until 3:00 PM. Please send a lunch with all ASP students.

Friday, March 30 - GOOD FRIDAY:
-No School

Sunday, April 1:
-Financial Aid Form Deadline

## Monday, April 2:

-No School (unused inclement weather day)

Tuesday, April 3:
-School resumes


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## QUICK LINKS

## Friday, April 6:

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass presented by 8th grade. All are welcome.
-2018-19 New Student Paperwork \& Registration Fees Due

## Saturday, April 7:

-31st Annual Gala \& Auction (details below)
REMINDER: NO SCHOOL MONDAY, APRIL 2

## THERE IS NO SCHOOL

ON MONDAY, APRIL 2.
WE DID NOT USE AN
INCLEMENT WEATHER
DAY THIS WINTER, SO
MONDAY IS NOW
CONSIDERED A
HOLIDAY. SCHOOL
WILL RESUME
TUESDAY, APRIL 3.
AND DON'T FORGET TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR -FRIDAY, APRIL 20 IS ALSO NOW A SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOR THE SAME REASON.

## OPEN YOUTH HOUSE

Open Youth House with the St. Mark NET Team will not be held tomorrow, March 30, due to Good Friday. It will return on Friday, April 6. As always, if your child wishes to attend, please email patricia.opon@stmcs.net and let her know.

## 8TH GRADE POPCORN SALES FOR MAKE-AWISH

The St. Mark 8th grade class of 2018 has been participating in "Kids for Wish Kids" through the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Their goal is to raise $\$ 10,000$ to sponsor a child's wish. The students will be selling popcorn after Mass during the weekend of April 7-8. Popcorn is $\$ 2.00$ and comes in a variety of flavors. Please plan to stop by and help the students reach their goal!

## LOWDOWN FROM THE LION'S LAIR

Calendar
Lifetime Lions Alumni
Admissions
Lunch Menus
Safe Environment
Lion's Den Spirit Store
Work of Heart Nomination

## FAITH IN ACTION



April Virtue: Obedience


Service from the Heart:

## April Service Project:

"Service of Choice"
Grade levels will be paired up allowing older students to inspire younger students.
Together, they will create their own class service projects. The name of each class project will be displayed on classroom doors next week. The goal of this project is "pride in ownership."
As students learn about various charities and determine what they can do to help, giving will become more intrinsic.

Each class will be given $\$ 50$ towards their project, plus the St. Mark Home and School Association is matching that amount for a total of $\$ 100$.

Stay tuned for more information from your child's teacher.

Direct from the SmartLab, the News Broadcast Club presents "Lowdown From the Lion's Lair" for the week of March 26, 2018.

## GET READY FOR THE 2018 S.T.E.M. FAIR!

Save the Date! The 3rd
Annual St. Mark Catholic School STEM Fair takes place on Friday, April 27. Food trucks will be available starting at $4: 30$ PM, with the STEM Fair lasting until 8:00 PM!

## Drones. Virtual Reality. Star Wars Characters. Robots. Food Trucks. Prize Drawings. Goody Bags. And Much

 More! Don't miss this family event featuring STEM-related, interactive booths sponsored by corporations, non-profit organizations, universities, and more. Kids and grown-ups alike have fun learning about the many ways that science, technology, engineering and math are used in today's businesses and in our society.Sponsor a Booth. It's Free! Does your company utilize science, technology, engineering or math? Do you have a STEM-related hobby? If so, please consider sponsoring an interactive booth at the STEM Fair. Booth sponsorships are free, and provide a great opportunity to share your career or hobby with hundreds of people in the St. Mark community. If you're interested, please contact Pam Steinkirchner at pam.steinkirchner@stmcs.net.

T-Shirt Orders: Get your 2018 S.T.E.M. Fair t-shirt! Don't miss your chance to commemorate this awesome event. Shirts will be pink with black lettering, and are $\$ 8.00$ each. Orders will be taken through April 6 . Be sure to place your order to ensure you and your student get the correct sizes. Print the order form and follow the payment instructions. Your order form must be submitted to the school office regardless of how you pay. After the event, students may continue to wear these shirts during P.E. classes and on school Spirit Days.

## HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT ST. MARK!

Do you know someone interested in a St. Mark education for their PK-8th grade child? Limited openings are available in select grade levels. Here are some ways you can help us spread the word about St. Mark:


Catholic School Teaching:
Call to Family, Community and Participation

Who Benefits? Various Charities

Due Date: April 27, 2018 ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL LIENS

## NEWS FROM ATHLETICS

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The Lion's Den Spirit Store is open every Friday morning that school is in session from 7:308:15 AM in the Cafeteria. Can't make it in person? Shop online at www.stmcs.net/spiritgear. Once an order has been submitted it will be bundled and ready for pick up on Friday. Note: Not all items available are offered online.

## Help Needed!

Can you volunteer to assist at the Lion's Den Spirit Store on Friday, April 13 and/or Friday, April 20 from 7:30-8:15 AM in the Cafeteria? It's fun, and a great way to interact with your fellow parents! Contact marlene.ehring@stmcs.net if you are available.

## Gift Certificates Now Available:

The Lion's Den Spirit Store is now offering gift certificates! There is a $\$ 10.00$ minimum but no maximum amount. This is a great gift idea for birthdays, holidays, First Communion, Prayer Partners, and more. The

1. REFERRALS: Encourage prospective families to register for an upcoming Open House, our new Come and Play Days, or a private tour at www.stmcs.net/open-housetours. If they attend, you'll receive a $\$ 10$ gift certificate for the Lion's Den Spirit Store, and if they enroll, you could receive a $\$ 500$ tuition credit!

## 2018 Open House:

Tuesday, April 24, 5:30-7:00 PM, Early Childhood Bldg. (for prospective PK/K families)

## 2018 Come and Play Day:

Prospective families with preschool/ kindergarten children are encouraged to play on our playground, enjoy a snack, and get a sneak peek inside our ECE classrooms. Open to individual families and playgroups.

## Wed., April 11, 9:00-10:30 AM

2. NEIGHBORHOOD BLOG/WEBSITE: Do you participate in a neighborhood website such as www.nextdoor.com, or a neighborhood Facebook page? If so, please take a moment to post our Open House and "Come and Play Day" dates (see above). If there is room for a detailed description, simply email Debbie Reed and she'll send the iinformation to you for posting.


## 2018 Auction Tickets Are On Sale Now - Click

 Here!Ticket sales will close tomorrow, March 30 at 12:00 NOON.
store offers a variety of St. Mark merchandise appealing to all ages, children to adults. To place an order, click the link above, choose "gift certificate" on the online order form, and specify the amount where indicated.

## Mark your calendar:



## HIGH SCHOOL

 OPPORTUNITIESHigh School Scholarship Opportunity: The Catholic Daughters Court \#2100 is offering their annual $\$ 500$ Josephine Ames Scholarship for an 8th grade student entering Catholic high school in the fall of 2018. Please click here for information and the application. Students may also obtain hard copies from Mrs. O'Connor and Mrs. Oliver. The deadline is May 1, 2018.

Young Men's Service League (YMSL): The YMSL offers a wonderful way for mothers and their high school age sons to spend time together serving the community (and earning high school service hours). The Cardinal YMSL chapter is home to many of our St. Mark alumni families, and they are looking for new members. For any 8th grade boy interested in joining, now is the time. Boys do not need to attend JPII to become a member. Enrollment runs from March 5-April 15, 2018. For more information about the

## What time does the auction begin?

-6:00 PM - General registration/silent auction begins; complimentary beer/wine will be served -7:00 PM - Dinner/live auction
-9:30 PM - Live music and dancing

## I am a VIP. What does that mean?

-VIP registration begins at 5:00 PM. You will receive the location of the VIP suite the day of the event.
-Complimentary appetizers/beer/wine will be provided and VIPs are welcome to come and go.
-Early access to the silent auction tables for browsing and bidding

## What do I need to wear?

-Dress for this event is Sunday best to full formal. Most important is to be comfortable and ready to have a great time with friends.

I have a hotel room. When can I arrive?
-General check-in for the Renaissance @ Legacy West is 3:00 PM.

I forgot to buy a hotel room online. Can I still purchase a hotel room?
-Yes, please contact Renaissance @ Legacy West for a reservation. Mention St. Mark Catholic School.

## Do I need a credit card?

-Yes. You need to add a credit card and check-in online before the event. This makes for a quicker process the night of the event. Credit cards will be used for all purchases including but not limited to: Wine Pull, Gift Card Pull, Tuition Voucher Raffle Tickets, Silent Auction, Live Auction.

## Is beer/wine included with my meal?

-Complimentary wine/beer is served from 6:00-7:00 PM.
-TUPPS Beer is sponsoring the event with free beer from 6:00-11:00 PM.
-Cash/credit card/hotel room charge bar is from 7:00-11:00 PM.

What items can I expect to see in the Live and Silent Auctions?
-Live Auction Highlights: Click Here
-Principal/Assistant Principal for the Day
-Father Cliff's Dinner
organization, click here. Those interested in joining may contact Maria Ligad (mother of Nicholas Ligad '15).


Calling all new Ursuline Academy freshmen and current students: 2018-19 Jesuit Rangerettes drill team tryout practices, formal auditions, and informational meetings will take place April 16-18. Click here for full details. For registration information, click here.


Interested in becoming a 2018-19 Cardinal
Belle? The John
 Paul II High
School Cardinal Belles drill team will be hosting a mandatory Student \& Parent Meeting on April 3 from 6:00-7:00 PM for
-Staycation for a group at the Morgan Family Ranch -Family/couple Trips: Lajitas Golf Resort with private airfare, Lake Tahoe, Wrigley Field, and shopping in San Francisco
-Silent Auction Highlights:
-Birthday Parties - Pick from a number of local birthday party destinations such as Allen Ice Skating, Breakout Rooms, Bricks and Minifigs, and much more
-Moms/Dads Outings- Wine tastings with friends, gun range memberships/experiences, movie passes, dinner dates, and much more
-Staycations at various hotels around Dallas

We look forward to seeing everyone NEXT WEEKEND. Please stay close to your email and phone as text messages will be coming over the next week with more details. If you have questions, please reach out to Auction@stmcs.net.


Field Day:

T-Shirts: Place your order now for your child's Field Day t-shirt by clicking here. Field Day tshirts are provided to everyone at no charge.
 The deadline to place your order is April 23.

Volunteer Sign-Ups: On Tuesday, March 27, the link for the Field Day Volunteer Sign-Up Genius was emailed to all HSA members. Please remember that anyone who wishes to volunteer must be Safe Environment cleared by May 1.


## VOLUNTEER



Looking to volunteer? Check out the master Sign Up Genius link and all the ways you can help out.
any JPII student or future student entering grades 9-12. Please click here for complete details.

## Cardinal Belles Junior

Clinic: Calling all girls ages 5-14-

- The John Paul II Cardinal Belles will host a Junior Clinic on Saturday, April 21 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. The cost is $\$ 40$. Participants receive a t-shirt and will perform at the Belles' Spring Show on April 28 at 7:00 PM. The deadline to register is April 6. Please click here for more information and registration.


## SEEN \& HEARD AROUND

 ST. MARKA few scenes from this week. To learn the stories behind these photos, visit our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages!

March Service:


Lion Heart Award:

ECE Music Help: Mrs. Schell needs help with the PK3 classes as students learn basic movement and music skills. Be ready to dance, skip and play instruments! The volunteer position is open to ALL volunteers, not just PK3 parents. You must be current on your Safe Environment certification to participate. Click here to sign-up.

St. Mark Scrip Program: Purchase gift cards for gifts, or stock up for stores and restaurants that you frequent. Use the gift cards as you would your own cash or
 credit cards. Tell family and friends anyone can order and St. Mark receives a percentage from every sale! Orders are accepted year round.

## ST. MARK COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM

The mission of the Community Prayer Team is to provide ways that we, as a community, can come together and pray throughout the year. For more information about our Prayer Team, click here.

March's prayer intention for our school: For
 our Parish and its members

Please join our students in praying our school prayer: Lord, help us to come together as a community to support one another, encourage one another, and show each other kindness. Amen.

## Upcoming Event:

*Community Prayer Team Meeting: Monday, April 9, 8:00 AM in room 116. Please send prayer requests to kathleenfrye@yahoo.com and indicate if your prayer can be shared, or should be kept confidential. You can also place a prayer request in the Prayer Box on our school Prayer Table (located in the hallway between the Administration offices and the cafeteria). We will pray over these intentions during our meeting.


2nd Grade STEM - Pets:


8th Grade Raytheon STEM


2nd Grade Junior Achievement:

Drama Kids is now enrolling for summer drama camps! Enroll by June 1 and receive $\$ 20$ off tuition with the code 18Summer\$20. Summer camp themes include Kinder Storyland, Party of the Year, The Greatest Show, and Pirates on High Seas. Click here for complete details. Registration is available here.


## LION PRIDE!

Congratulations to all of our students who were nominated to participate in Saturday's Private Schools Interscholastic Association (PSIA) academic meet. The following students ranked in the top 10 in their competitions. State qualifiers, who will go on to compete at TCU on April 28, are also indicated below. GO LIONS!

Art Memory grades 4-5: Kara N. - 2nd- State qualifier; Emily B. - 4th; Waverly M. - 8th

Art Memory grades 6-8: Eliana G. - 2nd - State qualifier; Zach P. - 8th; Isabella Z. - 9th

Calculator Applications grades 6-8: Alonso T. - 1st - State qualifier; John B. - 4th; Anthony E. - 7th

Dictionary Skills grades 4-5: Camila B. - 5th (tie); Chloe S. 5th (tie); William B. - 9th

Dictionary Skills grades 6-8: Abby A. - 1st - State qualifier;
Listening Skills grades 4-5: Austin A. - 3rd; Cody T. - 10th
Listening Skills grades 6-8: Sofia M. - 4th; Jack P. 7th; Jackson H. - 8th

Maps, Graphs, Charts grade 4: Adrian D. - 4th; Karson A. 6th; Ambrose D. - 9th

Maps, Graphs, Charts grade 5: Miley S. - 5th; Heidi K. 6th; David O. - 8th (tie)

Maps, Graphs, Charts grade 6: Gabriela M. - 5th; Bridget M. - 6th; Joshua M. - 7th

Maps, Graphs, Charts grade 7: Jonas A. - 2nd - State qualifer; Luke G. - 8th

Maps, Graphs, Charts grade 8: JP A. - 2nd - State qualifier; Thomas W. - 8th

Mathematics grades 2-3: Cooper D. - 6th; Marilyn P. - 10th

Mathematics grade 4: Paolina H. - 5th; Sofia S. - 6th

Mathematics grade 5: Donte T. - 1st - State qualifier; Sophie K. - 8th; Laura P. - 10th

Mathematics grade 6: Gabby L. - 5th

Mathematics grade 7: Theresa T. - 1st - State qualifier; Austin G. - 3rd; Biya C. - 9th

Mathematics grade 8: Becca L. - 7th; Jingyao G. - 9th

Music Memory grades 3-4: Nathan P. - 2nd - State qualifier; Ava N. - gth; Julia Z. - 10th

Music Memory grades 5-6: Nicholas K. - 4th; Dairine P. 9th; Alfredo R. - 10th

Music Memory grades 7-8: Paul S. - 2nd - State qualifier; Camille S. - 6th (tie); Genevieve B. - 6th (tie)

Number Sense grade 4: Tyler Y. - 5th; Ethan S. 7th; Andrew D. - 10th

Number Sense grade 5: Jackson D. - 3rd; Reagan S.- 9th

Number Sense grade 6: Max Z. - 1st - State qualifier; Alina S. - 8th; Sebastian R. - 9th

Number Sense grade 7: Theresa T. - 1st - State qualifier; Renil G. - 2nd - State qualifier; Joshua T. - 10th

Number Sense grade 8: Alonso T. - 6th; Diego L. - 9th
Science grade 6: Ben B. - 3rd; Nicolas B. - 5th (tie); Anthony N. - 9th

Science grade 7: Renil G. - 1st - State qualifier; Jeremy M. 6th

Science grade 8: Peyton S. - 5th; Manuela B. - 6th

Spelling grade 2: Joseph B. - 4th (tie); Maria Q. - 9th (tie)

## Talent Show:



Living Stations of the Cross:


International Tasting Faire:


PK4 Washing of the Feet:


Easter Bunny at Lunch:
Spelling grade 6: Crystal C. - 4th; Lana N. - 7th; Nataly M. -
8th

Spelling grades 7-8: Jeremiah B. - gth; Luke H. - 1oth

Vocabulary grade 5: Adrienne F. - 3rd (tie); Sofia Z. 5th; Chase T. - 6th

Vocabulary grade 6: Amelia M. - 1st - State qualifier; Alina S. - 2nd (tie) - State qualifier; Sophia L.-4th

Vocabulary grades 7-8: Louis T. - 4th; Jake R.- 7th; Skylar D. - 9th

Creative Writing grade 1: Olivia S. - 4th; Abby R. 7th; Charlie B. - 10th

Creative Writing grade 2: Isabelle M. - 2nd; Charlie D. - 8th

Modern Oratory: Ann T.- 2nd - State qualifier; Andrew A. 4th; Lucy D. - 5th

On-site Drawing grade 6: Gia E. - 8th; Grace D. - 9th

On-site Drawing grade 7: Bernadette C.-2nd-State qualifier; Riannah M.- 3rd; Isabelle Z. - 4th

On-site Drawing grade 8: Elena V. - 3rd; Maddie M. 4th; Jake R. - 5th

Poetry Interpretation grade 4: Diya C. - 2nd - State qualifier
Poetry Interpretation grades 7-8: Biya C. - 6th
Ready Writing grade 4: Sneha M. - 7th; Justin M. 8th; Quyendi T. - 1oth

Ready Writing grade 5: Courtney K. - 1st - State qualifier

Ready Writing grade 6: Vivian L. - 8th; Leah Q. - 1oth

Ready Writing grade 7: Natalia B. - 3rd; Ava P. -



Wishing everyone in the St. Mark community a Happy and Blessed Easter!

4th; Caroline B. - 7th
Ready Writing grade 8: Tiffany T.- 3rd; Alex M. - 4th; Paige V. - 9 th

Storytelling grade 1: Addison S. - 1st - State qualifier
Storytelling grade 2: Keelan S. - 5th

Storytelling grade 3: Ansley D. - 4th

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