



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

April 27, 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

Friday, April 27:

-8th grade received the Vocations Chalice at today's All School Mass and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.



10:00 AM-11:00 PM: 1/2 Days are Cane's Days at St. Mark! Visit the location 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 PM: Early Release Day; the After School Program is available until 6:00 PM.

-4:30-8:00 PM: 3rd Annual S.T.E.M. Fair (details below)

May 1:

-8:00 AM, ECE Bldg.: ECE Muffins for Mom

Wednesday, May 2:

-8:15 AM, Cafetorium: HSA General Meeting & Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

Thursday, May 3:



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QUICK LINKS

-6:30 PM, Cafetorium: Spring Musical: Androcles and the Lion (details below)

Friday, May 4:

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass presented by 8th grade. All are welcome.

-6:30 PM, Cafetorium & 8:00 PM, Field: HSA Movie Night Double-Feature (details below)

Monday, May 7:

-St. Mark Spirit Day; refer to page 28 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#) for guidelines

-8:00 AM, Room 116: Community Prayer Team Meeting (details below)

-First Communion Religion Bowl Begins (2nd grade)

2018-19 SCHOOL SUPPLIES REMINDER

A reminder that school supplies, as well as assignment books and party/activity fees are **INCLUDED** in your tuition beginning with the 2018-19 school year. Families no longer need to place orders for school supplies through the school or purchase them on their own. Supplies will be available for pick-up at our "Back To School Sunday" event in August. Please [click here](#) for the complete 2018-19 schedule of fees.

SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

We are excited to announce that Mrs. Stephanie Brooks will become the newest member of the first grade team beginning next year. Mrs. Brooks has taught second grade at St. Mark for the past 12 years and is beloved by her students for her warm and fun-loving personality, which will translate seamlessly to the first grade level. She will be a great addition to the team!

Mr. Ray Sedge is coming on board as our new Computer Literacy teacher. You may have seen his spouse on campus -- Mrs. Sedge serves as one of our substitute school nurses. Mr. Sedge comes to us with a wealth of experience. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Human Resources from Friends University and his Masters degree in Secondary Education-Business Finance from The University of North Texas. He has taught Business Education courses in the Aubrey, Lindsay and Denton ISDs including MS Office, web design, computer applications, keyboarding, animation and more, and most recently served as Director of Technology at Aubrey ISD. In addition, he has served as a Curriculum Technology Specialist

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BE SURE ALL FEES ARE CURRENT

Parents: Please be aware that all student debts (such as library, cafeteria, school fees, textbook damage/replacement, late pick-up fee, ASP fee, etc.) need to be paid in full before a student may participate in our upcoming end-of-year events such as Field Day, Graduation, etc.

PLEASE CHECK LOST AND FOUND

Between now and the end of school, please be sure to check "Lost and Found" in the school office. It is overflowing with sweaters and other items, most without names. At the end of the year, unclaimed items will be donated to the Used Uniform Sale.



**SCHOOL
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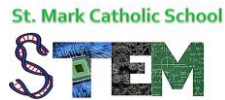
Minutes from the February and March School Advisory Council meetings are now available [here](#).

**POPCORN SALE
BENEFITING MAKE-A-
WISH CONTINUES**

and District Trainer to a high school teaching staff in the Denton ISD. We look forward to welcoming him to the St. Mark family!

STEM FAIR

The 3rd Annual St. Mark Catholic School STEM Fair takes place TODAY, Friday, April 27.



Don't miss this family event featuring 64 STEM-related, interactive booths sponsored by corporations, non-profit organizations, universities, and more. Rockets, virtual reality, Star Wars characters, robots, food trucks, prize drawings, goody bags and more are all part of the fun! Kids and grown-ups alike can enjoy learning about the many ways that science, technology, engineering and math are used in today's businesses and in our society.

Event Highlights:

- 4:30 PM: Food trucks available on-site
- 5:00 PM: Rocket demonstration on the field
- 5:30 PM: Robotics and Destination Imagination demonstrations in the Cafetorium
- 6:00-8:00 PM: Doors open to the STEM Fair interactive booths

REMIND YOUR CHILD TO BRING ALONG HIS/HER COMPLETED S.T.E.M. PROJECT THAT WAS SENT HOME ON TUESDAY FOR THE POM POM LAUNCH BOOTH!

8th grade is currently selling popcorn to help reach their goal of \$10,000



to make a child's wish come true through the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Popcorn is \$2.00 a bag. Exact change is appreciated. Order/payment can be turned in to your child's homeroom/homebase teacher from now until supplies run out. We are not taking pre-orders so all flavors are on a first come, first serve basis: Kettle, Caramel, Vanilla, Salsa, White Cheddar and Butter. Thanks for helping us reach our goal!

REFRIGERATOR NEEDED

The refrigerator in the Early Childhood Teacher's Lounge took its last breath last week. If anyone is getting a new one for the house and would like to donate a used one to the cause, the ECE staff would be forever grateful! If you are able to help, contact patricia.opon@stmcs.net.



Don't miss "Androcles and the Lion" presented by the Middle School Theater Production II class on Thursday, May 3 with direction and design by Father Cliff and musical direction by

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



HSA MOVIE NIGHT

Patty Corsi. The evening performance of the annual Spring Musical takes place at 6:30 PM in the Cafetorium. It promises to be another fabulous production with amazing costumes, staging, music, and of course our talented students!

ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL



NEWS FROM ATHLETICS



2018-19 DPL Team Registrations

Available: Registration is now open for rising 5th-8th grade students who wish to participate on the school Volleyball, Cheerleading or Football teams during the 2018-19 school year.

Click the links below for details:

[Volleyball](#) - deadline is May 13

[Cheer](#) - deadline is May 13

[Football](#) - deadline is May 18



2018-19 Volleyball Open Gym Sessions & Girls Team Evaluations:

Evaluations for the 2018-19 St. Mark DPL Volleyball teams will take place in May 2018. To

CALLING ALL MOVIE FANS!!!



HSA PRESENTS

Movie Night
Friday, May 4th

****Double Feature****

First movie showtime:
6:30pm
Cafeteria

Second movie
showtime: 8:00pm
Athletic Field

Bring your own picnic
blanket and meal and enjoy
the show!

****Please bring a lawn chair.**

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 for the 2018-19 school year.



KEEP THOSE REFERRALS COMING: Encourage prospective families to register for a **private tour** at www.stmcs.net/open-house-tours. 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](#)!



Auction Update: Thank you to the entire St. Mark community for all of your efforts towards making the 2018 Auction a success once again! From hosting and attending the Pre-Auction events, to making or helping fund class projects, to attending the Auction, each and every person who participated showed resounding support for St. Mark Catholic School. We could not do what we do without you! Thanks to all of that support, we raised enough to complete several projects from the "shopping list" that parents helped prioritize during the Pre-Auction Mixers. We are starting at the top of the list and slowly working our way down.

prepare for team evaluations, St. Mark is also offering Volleyball Open Gym Sessions in May that students may take advantage of. They will receive practice time as well as technique tips from the Athletic Director. For complete information including dates and times for Open Gym Sessions and team evaluations, please [click here](#).



2018 Golf Tournament Canceled: The Monsignor Smyth Golf Tournament scheduled for Friday, May 4 has been canceled. Details about the 2019 tournament will be available in the coming months.

Can You Lend Your Talent to the 2018-19 Athletic Fundraising Events?

We are in need of volunteers to organize the next All Souls Run scheduled for October 2018, and the Monsignor Smyth Golf Tournament scheduled for May 2019. Contact [Marlene Ehring](#) if you can help!

LIONS DEN

The Lion's Den Spirit Store is open every Friday morning that school is in session from 7:30-8:15 AM in the Cafeteria. Can't make it in person? Shop online at www.stmcs.net/spirit-



Therefore, we are so pleased to announce that the following projects are now underway:

- *New water fountains
- *An outside water fountain
- *New ceilings and LED lighting in the main building
- *Security gate between the gym and playground
- *Furniture for the Middle School "Commons" area
- *2 Pottery Wheels

Prioritized projects that remain on hold are:

- *Outdoor marquee
- *Lettering for the side of the school building
- *1 Pottery Wheel

Since the Auction is the school's only fundraiser for the year, parent support is critical and very much appreciated! You never let us down, and because of that, the school is able to continue on its path of excellence, not only in academics and faith formation, but facilities as well.

Upcoming Event Benefiting the Auction:

[gear](#). 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.

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 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.

NOTRE DAME CHOIR COMING TO ST. MARK

NOTRE DAME
FOLK CHOIR
TEXAS TOUR

CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC
Dr. J. J. Wright, D.M.A., Director
Karen Schneider-Kirner, Assistant Director
TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2018 7:30 P.M.
St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church
1201 Alma Dr., Plano, TX 75075
Free will offering: a portion of the proceeds will support the Archdiocese of Houston and Hurricane Harvey relief.

UNIVERSITY OF
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St. Mark Catholic School Spirit Night

25% of profits go to
St. Mark



Join us for Parent's Night Out May 11th
6:30-9:30 p.m. \$18 or 6:30-11p.m. \$27 (pizza and juice are complimentary)
Ages 3-12 *must be potty trained*
3 inflatables, trapeze, zip line, trampolines, and games

205 E. Bethany Allen, TX 75002 www.metroplexygymnastics.com
972-727-9095



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Field Day:

Volunteer Sign-Ups: The link for the Field Day Volunteer Sign-Up Genius was emailed to all HSA members on March 27. The deadline to sign-up is May 1. Please remember that anyone who wishes to volunteer must also be Safe Environment cleared by May 1.



2018 HSA General Meeting:

*May 2, 8:15 AM, Cafetorium

VOLUNTEER



Looking to volunteer? Check out the master Sign Up Genius link and all the ways you can help out.

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



50 YEARS

HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY

Join us for Mass with the seminarians on Sunday, April 29 at 9:15 AM at Holy Trinity Seminary, 3131 Vince Hagan Drive, Irving. Mass is followed by a reception with the seminarians.

SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

A few scenes from this week. To learn the stories behind these photos, visit our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) pages!

8th Grade Confirmation:



Kids Take Over the School:



7th Grade @ the Dallas Zoo:

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. [Click here](#) for details.



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](#).



Upcoming Events:

*Community Prayer Team Meeting: Monday, May 7, 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.

*Last Community Prayer Walk: Friday, June 1, 7:55 AM, Narthex

HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

High School Scholarships:

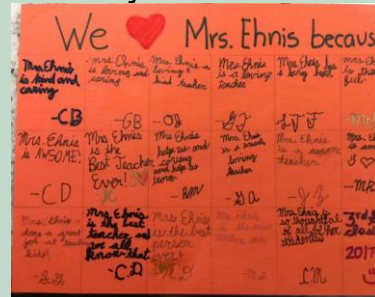
Knights of Columbus Ron Fossler Memorial

Scholarship: Children or grandchildren of a Knights member who is or has been a member of Council 6065 at St. Mark are eligible to apply. The application deadline is May 15. Students who receive the awards must either attend a Catholic grade school or high school. A \$700 scholarship will be awarded to each of the following groups: Grades 3-5, 6-8, and 9-11. For details, contact Grand Knight, David Wolf, at 214-679-3087.

Women of St. Mark: The Women of St. Mark will award a \$200 scholarship to one graduating 8th grader who will be attending a Catholic high school for the 2018-19 school



3rd Grade Pays Compliments Project Forward:



1st Grade Girls Soccer:



Karate Success:



year. To be considered, students applying for this scholarship need to write an essay, one to two pages in length, preferably typed and double spaced, on the following topic: "Why a Catholic education is important to me." The deadline for submission to the school office is Monday, May 14.

Catholic Daughters: 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.

The Ultimate Basketball Training Experience:

Calling girls in grades 6-8 -- JPIL is hosting a basketball camp for girls focusing on skills, self-esteem and teamwork including NCAA and WNBA guest instructors. It will run from June 4-7 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM at JPIL. Please [click here](#) for complete details.



Country Western Dance Camp: Boys and girls in grades 6-9 are invited to participate in BL's summer camp that teaches basic country western line dances, dips and flips! It will take place July 16-19 from 12:30-3:00 PM. To register, visit www.summeratbl.org. For more information, [click here](#) or email nataliersmith1979@gmail.com.



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