



# ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

## WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

April 6, 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, Friday, April 6:

-7th grade received the Vocations Chalice at All School Mass today and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

-2018-19 New Student Paperwork & Registration Fees Due

#### Saturday, April 7:

-31st Annual Gala & Auction (details below)

#### Monday, April 9:

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

-8:00 AM, Room 116: Community Prayer Team Meeting

#### Tuesday, April 10:

-Service Project Bake Sale (details below)

#### Wednesday, April 11:

-9:00-10:30 AM, St. Mark Playground: Come and Play Day for prospective PK & Kindergarten families (details below)

-Teacher Luncheon, hosted by 3rd & 4th grades

#### Friday, April 13:



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social media and help us  
spread the word about our  
wonderful school!

### QUICK LINKS

[Calendar](#)  
[Lifetime Lions Alumni](#)

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass presented by the 7th grade. All are welcome.

-School Ice Cream Party, compliments of 2018 Auction Committee



## LION PRIDE!

In January 2018, St. Mark Catholic School was named one of three nationwide finalists in the *Today's Catholic Teacher* "Innovations in Catholic Education" (ICE) Awards in the category of "An Innovative Project Facilitated by Technology" for the integration of the new SmartLab into the curriculum. On April 4, at the 21st Annual ICE Awards event at the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, the school was named as a nationwide Runner-Up. St. Mark is honored to be designated a **top-three** Catholic school for technology among competitors from Catholic elementary schools, middle schools, and even high schools across the country! Be sure to take a look at our ICE Award displayed in the front office the next time you're on campus.



**REMINDER: NO SCHOOL FRIDAY, APRIL 20**

**DON'T FORGET TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR -- FRIDAY, APRIL 20 IS NOW A SCHOOL HOLIDAY BECAUSE WE DID NOT USE AN INCLEMENT WEATHER DAY THIS PAST WINTER.**



## BAKE SALE - APRIL SERVICE

On Tuesday, April 10 during all lunches, there will be a Bake Sale open to all students in grades PK-8th. For \$1.00, students can purchase the baked good of their choice and a cup of lemonade. Proceeds benefit the April service project chosen by 1st grade, Mrs. Oliver's, Mrs. Mitchell's and Mrs. Pantuso's homebases, which is Zoey's Helping Hand Scholarship.



## 8TH GRADE POPCORN SALE FOR MAKE-A-WISH

[Admissions](#)  
[Lunch Menus](#)  
[Safe Environment](#)  
[Lion's Den Spirit Store](#)  
[Work of Heart Nomination](#)



**Calling All "Dads of Great Students":** [Click here](#) to learn more about our Watch D.O.G.S. volunteer program for Dads only, and to reserve your spot during the month of May. Sign-ups are due April 15. Half days and full days are available. Please remember, you must be [Safe Environment](#) trained to volunteer.



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 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!

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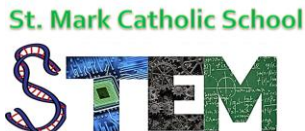
NEWS FROM ATHLETICS



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 this weekend. Popcorn is \$2.00 and comes in a variety of flavors. Please plan to stop by and help the students reach their goal!

## 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](mailto: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 today, 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:



## PLC Coach Training/Parent Workshop at Bishop Lynch:

Play Like a Champion Today Coach and Sport Parent Education Program

**PLAY LIKE A CHAMPION TODAY**  
Character Education Through Sports

**Bishop Lynch High School**  
**COACH CLINIC**  
Sunday, April 15  
Mass at 11:30am  
Lunch at Noon  
Clinic 12:30 - 4:30pm

**PARENT WORKSHOP**  
5:00 - 6:00pm

Contact Sharon Halloran with Questions & to RSVP at: [Sharon.Halloran@bplhs.net](mailto:Sharon.Halloran@bplhs.net)  
[stmcsports.com](http://stmcsports.com)

**SPORTS AS MINISTRY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

Certified by leaders in the fields of sports psychology, coaching education, Catholic theology, and moral development, *Play Like a Champion Today* is:

- Centered around the principles of justice, tolerance, respect, and solidarity
- Designed using the best athlete-centered practices supported by research into character development and faith formation through sports
- Organized at the University of Notre Dame and collaborating with concerned faculty and coaches throughout the country

*Play Like a Champion Today* deals with tough sport issues and supports schools in parenting:

- Athletics as Character-Building to Athletes and Families
- Building Teams as Moral Communities
- Champion-Certified Best Coaching Practices
- Sportsmanship
- Responsible Decision Making

Over the course of the clinic, participants will learn about:

- The Experience of Sacred Leadership
- The OSBP Approach to Athlete Education
- Adolescent Development
- The Spirituality of Sport

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**BISHOP LYNCH HIGH SCHOOL**

Working with Coaches and Sport Leaders to Shape a Positive Sports Culture for All Young People since 2006.

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## 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-gear](http://www.stmcs.net/spirit-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.

### 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](mailto: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 Day**, or a **private tour** at [www.stmcs.net/open-house-tours](http://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](#)!

**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.

**Wednesday, April 11, 9:00-10:30 AM**

**2. NEIGHBORHOOD BLOG/WEBSITE:** Do you participate in a neighborhood website such as [www.nextdoor.com](http://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 information to you for posting.



Thank you, St. Mark community! We met our Auction ticket sales goal, so the entire school is being treated to an ice cream party on April 13 compliments of the Auction Committee. Love when we can include our students in the Auction excitement!



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**AUCTION ATTENDEE REMINDERS:**

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:**

**Monsignor Smyth**  
**Golf Classic:**

Friday, May 4,  
2018



**HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES**

**High 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.

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**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 JP II to become a member. Enrollment runs from March 5-April 15, 2018. For more information about

1. Check-in online and add your credit card prior to 6:00 PM on Saturday.
  2. Bring your cell phone and charging cable. Charging stations will be available.
  3. If you pre-purchased parking, you will receive a text message at 3:00 PM on Saturday with instructions.
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#### What time does the auction begin?

6:00 PM - General Registration/[Silent Auction](#) begins

\*Complimentary beer/wine will be served

\*Complimentary non-alcoholic beverages will be offered from 6:00-11:45 PM for all designated drivers.

\*Wine Pull/Gift Card Games/Tuition Raffle tickets will all go on sale at 6:00 PM.

7:00 PM - Dinner/Live Auction

\*Cash/credit card/hotel room Charge Bar is open from 7:00-11:00 PM

\*TUPPS Beer is sponsoring the event with free beer from 6:00-11:00 PM

9:30 PM - [Silent Auction](#) Ends

9:00-11:30 PM - Live music and dancing

**Do I need a credit card?**

the organization, [click here](#). Those interested in joining may contact [Maria Ligad](#) (mother of Nicholas Ligad '15).

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**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](#).

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#### **BL Spring Preview:**

Parents of K-8 students can gain insight into the Bishop Lynch High School experience, take a tour and enjoy breakfast. [Click here](#) for details and registration.



**Future Friar Nights:** Parents and students in grades K-8 can attend a BL event for free with door prizes and giveaways. [Click here](#) for details.

**\*April 12, 4:30 PM: Lady Friar Softball**

**\*April 20, 7:00 PM: Friar Baseball**

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Yes. You need to add a credit card and check-in online before the event.

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

VIPs were sent a Paperless Post invitation with details pertaining to their special event on Tuesday of this week.

**I did not buy a ticket but want to bid on items. Can I?**

No, only those who have purchased a ticket will be allowed to bid on Live and Silent Auction items.

**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?**

No, hotel rooms blocked for this event are full. You will be paying regular room rates and should contact the hotel directly.

We look forward to seeing everyone TOMORROW. Please stay close to your email and phone as text messages will be coming with more details. If you have questions, please reach out to [Auction@stmcs.net](mailto:Auction@stmcs.net).



## HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

**April Teacher Luncheon:** 3rd and 4th grade families will host the April Teacher Luncheon on Wednesday, April 11. Families in those grade levels, please refer to the Sign Up Genius sent via email earlier this week to volunteer or donate.

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**Field Day:**

T-Shirts: Place your order now for your child's Field Day t-shirt by [clicking here](#). Field Day t-shirts 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. 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 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.

**April's prayer intention for our school:** For our Confirmation candidates

**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](mailto: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



**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 today, April 6. Please click here for more information and registration.



Join us for Mass with the seminarians on Sunday, April 8 and April 15 at 9:15 AM at Holy Trinity Seminary, 3131 Vince Hagan Drive, Irving. Mass is followed by a reception with the seminarians.

#### **FRENCH MASS AT CISTERCIAN**

Come to French mass at Cistercian Abbey on Sunday, April 15 at 10:30 AM, 3550 Cistercian Road, Irving. There is an opportunity to do a reading in French and to enjoy French snacks afterwards.

#### **SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK**

A few scenes from this week. To learn the stories behind these photos, visit our

hallway between the Administration offices and the cafeteria). We will pray over these intentions during our meeting.



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](#).

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ICE Award:



5th Grade Wins Laps for  
Leukemia Pasta Lunch:



3rd Grade Pioneer Unit:



PK4 Digs for Bugs:



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