



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

May 25, 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, May 25:

-5:30 PM, School Lobby: 8th grade takes individual pictures and class group picture

-6:30 PM, Church: Graduation Mass and Ceremony

-8:00-9:00 PM, Cafetorium: Reception for 8th grade graduates and their families

-9:00-11:00 PM, Cafetorium: 8th Grade Dance

Monday, May 28:

-No School; Memorial Day Holiday

-10:00 AM, Church: Children's Choir sings at Mass

Thursday, May 31:

-4th quarter ends

-Field Day (details below)

Friday, June 1:

-Last Day of School



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QUICK LINKS

-7:50 AM, Narthex: Community Prayer Walk



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 Dismissal; report cards go home with all students; the After School Program is available until 3:00 PM. Please send a lunch with all ASP students.

Monday, June 4:

-Staff Development

SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

We are pleased to announce that Marci Mauriello will be joining the staff as a part-time Preschool Aide next fall. She and her husband, Joseph, are parents to Audrey who is currently in Kindergarten. Mrs. Mauriello earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Texas Christian University and her Master of Library Science from Texas Women's University. She has worked as a Librarian in the cities of Dallas and Carrollton, most notably as a Children's Services Librarian. We look forward to welcoming her to the St. Mark family!

Job Opening:

*Early Childhood Education/After School Program Coordinator -- please [click here](#) for complete details.

NEW LOCKER SHELF POLICY

New this year -- rather than asking students to take their locker shelves home during the summer and return them to school in August, students will simply be asked to leave their locker shelves at school. Going forward, each locker will be furnished with a locker shelf. Locker shelves will no longer be on the school supply list.

FIELD DAY REMINDERS

Field Day takes place on Wednesday, May 31. This is a fun day for students in PK-7th grade where they participate in many different indoor and outdoor games and activities organized by the P.E. Department and the Field Day Committee. Examples include an egg



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**SCHOOL
ADVISORY
COUNCIL**

[Click here](#) for the April 26, 2018 School Advisory Council meeting minutes.



**LIFETIME
LIONS**

Check out the latest alumni news in the Spring edition of the ["Lifetime Lions" alumni newsletter](#).

FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

If your student is currently keeping a medication in the school nurse's office (including but not limited to Epi-Pens, inhalers, prescription medication, or over-the-counter medication), please arrange to pick it up by the last day of school. **Any medication that is left at school over the summer will be disposed of, per school policy.**

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

relay race, tug-of-war, obstacle course, water balloon toss, etc. A few reminders:

-A pizza lunch is provided to all students by the school, so there is no need to send a lunch with students on Field Day unless your child prefers not to eat pizza.

-Students should wear modest shorts, their Field Day t-shirt, and athletic shoes. **Field Day shirts were sent home with students on Thursday, including volunteer shirts. Please check those backpacks!**

-Please send a towel to school.

-We encourage you to apply sunscreen to your child before school, and we encourage your child to wear a hat.

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS:

-Parent volunteers should arrive at 7:30 AM on the field.

-Volunteers should wear their "volunteer" Field Day shirt. This is your "ticket" to get in.

-Please note that only pre-approved parent volunteers may attend Field Day. We are unable to accommodate visitors.

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.

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!](#)

in full before a student may participate in our upcoming end-of-year events such as Field Day, Graduation, etc.

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!

Day of Service:



DPL City Track Meet:



Boy Scout Honor Society:





DPL Team Registrations Available: Registration is now open for this year's 2017-18 Golf team and the 2018-19 Cross Country team. Click the links below for details:

[Cross Country](#) - Co Ed JV/Varsity - deadline TBD

[Golf](#) - 2017-18 Co Ed JV/Varsity - deadline is June 1

FC Dallas DPL Night: Join FC Dallas as they play Montreal on Saturday, June 9 at 7:00 PM. Discounted tickets are available. [Click here](#) for full details.

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!



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. 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,

8th Grade Roughriders Game:



8th Grade Heritage Farm:



Band & Strings Concert:



Drama Kids Performances:



Father Cliff's Auction Dinner:

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.



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

2018-19 Volunteer Opportunities: The Home & School Association cannot be successful without amazing volunteers to help in our school. There are many ways you can share your time and talents in the new school year (2018-19). Below is a link to the 2018-19 sign-up genius. All positions are available on a first come, first served basis. While Room Parent Team Leaders are available on this sign up, Room Parent sign-ups will be available on August 6. Electronic communications with that sign-up link will be sent to families registered in Renweb in August. There will be three (3) Room Parents per class PLUS one (1) Team Lead for each grade level (PK3-5th). Extra Room Parent positions will be added to the Middle School Room Parent team allowing for up to 15 Room Parents.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084eacab28a3f85-201819>

Junior Achievement: Thank you to all the HSA volunteers and teachers that made Junior Achievement successful this year. With the support and generosity of our teachers and volunteers, every classroom, K-5, got to experience Junior Achievement during the spring semester. The volunteers enjoyed the opportunity to teach in the classroom. The students enjoyed learning some valuable life lessons about money and entrepreneurship. Junior Achievement 2018 is a wrap!

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



6th Grade Auction Lunch:



ECE Dads and Donuts:



PK4 National Outdoor Day:

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](#).



May's prayer intention for our school: For our First Communion Candidates and Graduates.

This Week's Prayer: A prayer for our Graduates: Dear Lord, May this graduation day be a celebration of your life within us. We give you all the learning, the skills and the hard work of these years. We pour out our gifts into your hands. May we hold this memory in our heart as we continue on our adventure! Father, may we live a life that reveals your hope and be guided in everything we do by your everlasting truth. Amen. Source: <http://www.living-prayers.com/>

Upcoming Events:

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

LION PRIDE!

Duke TIP: The Duke University Talent Identification Program is dedicated to being a global leader in identifying academically talented students and providing innovative programs to support the development of their optimal educational potential. Many of our students qualified for their 7th Grade Talent Search this year through standardized testing and were able to take advantage of their above-level SAT or ACT college entrance exam sessions. Of the students who opted to take the exams, five scored high enough to be invited to the State Recognition Ceremony held this past weekend at The University of North Texas in Denton: **Jeremiah B., Biya C., Renil G., George L., and Theresa T.** (Renil, Biya, and Theresa are pictured below). Students qualified by earning scores that are approximately equal to the 50th national percentile rank for college-bound seniors taking the tests. About 35% of Duke TIP students meet that criteria.



Vocal All State Winner:



Karate Champ:



After School Slime:



New Safety Gate, Logo Rugs, & Video Monitors:



In addition, two students qualified to be invited to the Grand Recognition Ceremony at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina: **Renil G.** and **Biya C.** These students qualified by earning scores equal to the 90th national percentile rank for college-bound seniors taking the tests. That includes about 4% of Duke TIP students.

Congratulations to these high scorers!

HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

High School Summer Camps: Our area Catholic high schools offer academic, athletic, and fine arts summer camp opportunities for a variety of age groups. Click the links below to learn more.



[Bishop Lynch High School Summer Camps](#)



[Cistercian Preparatory School Summer Camps](#)



[Jesuit College Prep Summer Camps](#)



[John Paul II High School Summer Camps](#)



PK4 Summer Countdown:



2nd Grade Kazoos:



8th Grade Final Fiesta:



[Ursuline Academy of Dallas Summer Camps](#)

Top Gun Quarterback Mini Camp:

[Click here](#) for information and the registration form for this quarterback-only camp that will take place at Jesuit on May 30, 31 and June 1 for grades 5-8 and 9-12.



The Ultimate Basketball Training

Experience: Calling girls in grades 6-8 -- JP II is hosting a basketball camp 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 JP II. Please [click here](#) for complete details.



The Running Cardinals Program is a series of pathways and workouts that will help any individual from any sport/background develop their athletic ability further. It provides resources for individuals to get plugged in to camps, clinics, clubs, and/or programs. If you have a goal in mind, we have a pathway/plan to help you reach that goal. Learn more [here](#).

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8th/2nd Prayer Partner Farewell:



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