



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

May 4, 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 4:

-2nd grade received the Vocations Chalice at today's All School Mass and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

-3:30 PM: Last "Open Youth House" of the school year

-6:30 & 8:00 PM, Cafetorium: 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

-Welcome back from maternity leave, Nurse Townsend!

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

-First Communion Religion Bowl Begins (2nd grade)

-2:15 PM, Bacot Gym: Pep Rally



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

Tuesday, May 8:

-VIRTUS team on campus for Safe Environment video shoot

Wednesday, May 9:

-3:30 PM: Student Council Meeting

Thursday, May 10:

-Dress Down Day - Students may pay \$2.00 and wear casual clothing to school. Proceeds benefit Yearbook. See page 28 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#) for guidelines.

-8:15 AM, Cafetorium: Preschool Performance (PK3 & PK4)

Friday, May 11:

-8:30 AM, Church: May Crowning All School Mass presented by 2nd grade. All are welcome. **Students may wear "Sunday best" clothes to school and should bring one flower to present to our Mother Mary (details below, or refer to page 28 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#) for guidelines).**

-9:30 AM, Church: "Service From the Heart" Recognition Assembly. An email will be sent to each family with a student who will be recognized.



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 percent of the proceeds benefits the Athletics Dept.

12:00 PM: Early Dismissal. The After School Program is available until 6:00 PM. Please send a lunch with all ASP students.

-6:30 PM: Parent's Night Out at Metroplex (details below)

Saturday, May 12:

-10:00 AM, Church: 2nd Grade First Communion

Monday, May 14:

-8th Grade Make-A-Wish Reveal

SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

We are pleased to announce two new staff members for 2018-19:

Mr. Gregory Michniak will become our new 7th/8th grade Literature teacher. He is currently a middle school Literature,

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FAITH IN ACTION

May Virtue:
Diligence



Service from the Heart:

May Service Project:
"Day of Service"

On May 18 from 2:15-3:15 PM, each grade level will participate in caring for our school, parish and campus.

Catholic School Teaching:
Care for God's creation

Who Benefits?
St. Mark community

Due Date: May 18, 2018

MAY CROWNING

May Crowning is celebrated at All School Mass the Friday before Mother's Day. Students

Religion, and Social Studies teacher, as well as a Faith Formation Coordinator and Reading Specialist at St. Pius X Catholic School in Dallas. He has previously taught at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School and the June Shelton School in Dallas. In addition to his classroom experience, Mr. Michniak brings with him extensive experience as a Certified Academic Language Therapist and a Licensed Dyslexia Therapist, and has also taught Theater and Speech. He earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from The University of Texas at Austin, and his Master of Arts degree in Teaching from Dallas Baptist University. We look forward to welcoming him to the St. Mark family!

Ms. Mariel Bongiovanni will join the staff as the Kindergarten Aide in Mrs. McCormick's class. If the last name sounds familiar, there is a reason -- she happens to be the daughter of First Grade Teacher, Mrs. Eileen Bongiovanni, as well as a St. Mark Class of 2001 alum. Ms. Bongiovanni earned both her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Communication Studies from Texas Christian University. Her work experience includes managing campaigns and fundraising efforts for Team In Training and (near and dear to our hearts), The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. We know she will be a wonderful addition to our Kindergarten team!

As many of you know, Mrs. Agnes Denvir, our Middle School Foreign Language Teacher, uses the Senor Wooly educational videos as part of her Spanish curriculum and was recently featured in one of his Spanish videos. On Wednesday, Senor Wooly announced the release of his newest venture, Senor Wooly in French -- **Monsieur Wooly, featuring Mrs. Denvir as the official translator of his first French product.** *Le Manoir de la Dentiste* is a 114-page graphic novel that she translated for him from Spanish into French. Mrs. Denvir will be busy this summer continuing to develop all of his French resources. [Click here](#) for more information on this new book. So proud of her amazing talent!

STEM FAIR

A very special thank you to the 2018 S.T.E.M. Fair coordinators, **Allison N. '14** and her fellow John Paul II High School student, Natalie Jenkins. They have coordinated the S.T.E.M. Fair since its inception three years ago, and have done an amazing job growing it each year. Their commitment to this event has helped make it the great success it has become. They will be graduating this year and we are fortunate that two more St. Mark alums, **Julianna S. '16** and

are asked to bring one flower to present to our Mother Mary. Students have the option of wearing the school uniform or "Sunday best" attire. Clothing must be modest. No jeans, shorts, or leggings. Girls' dresses may not have spaghetti straps. Dress straps must be at least as wide as the school uniform jumper straps. It is suggested that girls bring a sweater to school should straps need to be covered. Sandals are acceptable; flip flops and tennis shoes are unacceptable. Early Childhood Education students may wear their rubber-soled school uniform shoes.

BOXES NEEDED

Do you have any spare boxes? The school will need lots of them as we pack up the building for summer construction. If you can donate to the cause, please drop them off at the school office.

DO YOU HAVE A FOG MACHINE OR BLACK LIGHT?

The 8th grade is in need of these items for the upcoming Make-A-Wish "send off" event planned for May 14 (see details below). If you have one to loan (to make the "Bat Cave" come to life), please contact stacy.oliver@stmcs.net.

ART DISPLAY SHELF

Do you have carpentry skills you might like to share with St. Mark? The school is in need of a "shadow box" type shelf for the front lobby to display our

Matthew M. '16 will be taking over, along with fellow John Paul II High School student, Claire S. The tradition continues!



St. Mark Catholic School



students' ceramic and sculpture projects. The school will provide the materials if you can provide the labor. Please contact patricia.opon@stmcs.net if you can help.

PRESS COVERAGE

In case you missed it -- *The Texas Catholic* covered St. Mark's recent ICE Award in the April 27, 2018 issue.



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.

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

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR SPONSORS

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



HSA MOVIE NIGHT

Due to the rain, we have moved both of tonight's movies indoors:

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.

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.

ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL LIONS 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, Football, or Cross Country teams during the 2018-19 school year. Registration for this year's 2017-18 Golf team is also now open. Click the links below for details:

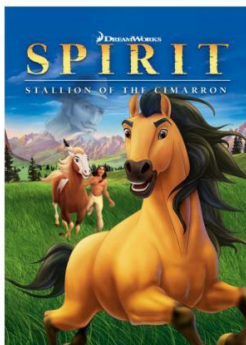
[Volleyball](#) - Girls JV/Varsity, Boys Varsity (boys team is 7th & 8th only) - deadline is May 13

STMCS FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

All families are invited to bring a blanket and a meal and join us for a special DOUBLE FEATURE! A concession truck will be outside for movie snacks/drinks.

First Feature Film
6:30 pm : Cafetorium
Spirit Stallion of the
Cimarron (Rated G)

A wild stallion is captured by humans and slowly loses the will to resist training. Yet throughout his struggles for freedom, the stallion refuses to let go of the hope of one day returning home to his herd.



Second Feature Film
8:00 pm : Cafetorium
Star Wars A New Hope (Rated PG)

Luke Skywalker joins forces with a Jedi Knight, a cocky pilot, a Wookiee and two droids to save the galaxy from the Empire's world-destroying battle-station while also attempting to rescue Princess Leia from the evil Darth Vader.



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!](#)



Upcoming Event Benefiting the Auction:

[Cheer](#) - Girls JV/Varsity -
deadline is May 13

[Football](#) - Boys JV/Varsity -
deadline is May 18

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

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



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

Evaluations for the 2018-19 St. Mark DPL Volleyball teams will take place May 17-18. To prepare for team evaluations, St. Mark is also offering Volleyball Open Gym Sessions 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



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.metroplexgymnastics.com
972-727-9095



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

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

scheduled for today, 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-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"

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:

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of the Eucharist You left us the outstanding manifestation of your limitless love for us. Thank You for giving these children the opportunity to experience this love in receiving the Sacrament for the first time. May your Eucharist presence keep them ever free from sin, fortified in faith, pervaded by love for God and neighbor, and fruitful in virtue, that they may continue to receive You throughout life and attain final union with You at death. Amen.

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

LION PRIDE!

Earlier this year, 8th grade took on the challenge of raising \$10,000 to sponsor a child through the Make-A-Wish Foundation and we are so proud to announce that they have reached their goal! They will sponsor a 4-year-old boy, Abel, who wishes to go to Disney World. On May 14, the school will host a special "super hero" send-off event for Abel and his family. The building will be transformed into "Gotham City" and "Super Hero Abel" will travel from class to class saving 8th graders from being captured by the "bad guys." It will culminate in the Library where he will be greeted by the 8th grade class and presented with his Disney vacation. Students, staff and families are all coming together to make this event special. We are so proud of the 8th grade



on the online order form, and specify the amount where indicated.

NOTRE DAME CHOIR COMING TO ST. MARK



FRENCH MASS

Mrs. Denvir invites St. Mark French students and any students/families interested, to attend French Mass at 10:30 AM on May 13 at Our Lady of Cistercian Abbey, 3550 Cistercian Road in Irving. There is an opportunity to do the readings and to sample French snacks after Mass.

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!

class for taking on this challenge and for making a child's wish come true!

Congratulations to the following students who placed in the **Private Schools Interscholastic Association (PSIA) State Competition**:

Renil G., 2nd Place, Science
Alina S., 3rd Place, Vocabulary
Donte T., 3rd Place, Mathematics
Paul S., 4th Place, Music Memory
Ethan S., 4th Place, Spelling
Theresa T., 5th Place, Number Sense; 6th Place, Mathematics
Ann T., 6th Place, Modern Oratory
Bernadette C., 7th Place, On-Site Drawing
Courtney K., 7th Place, Ready Writing



Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding performance on the **2017-18 Catholic Math League** tests:

Algebra I

Tiffany T., St. Mark Catholic School First Place
Rebecca L., St. Mark Catholic School Second Place
Jingyao G., St. Mark Catholic School Third Place

Pre Algebra

London C., St. Mark Catholic School First Place

Seventh Grade

Renil G., Catholic Math 7 League Division 1 First Place; St. Mark Catholic School First Place
Austin G., Catholic Math 7 League Division 1 Third Place; St. Mark Catholic School Second Place
Biya C., St. Mark Catholic School Third Place

S.T.E.M. Fair:



Androcles and the Lion:



Recorder Concert:



ECE Moms & Muffins:



**Distinguished Educator
Banquet:**

Sixth Grade

Max Z., Catholic Math League Division 2 Third Place; St. Mark Catholic School First Place
Gabby L., St. Mark Catholic School Second Place
Gabriela M., St. Mark Catholic School Third Place

Fifth Grade

Donte T., National Math 5 First Place; Catholic Math League Division 2 First Place, St. Mark Catholic School First Place
Jackson D., St. Mark Catholic School Second Place
Sophie K., St. Mark Catholic School Third Place

Fourth Grade

Tyler Y., National Math 4 Third Place, Catholic Math League Division 2 First Place, St. Mark Catholic School First Place
Ethan S., St. Mark Catholic School Second Place
Quyendi T., St. Mark Catholic School Third Place

Third Grade

Marilyn P., St. Mark Catholic School First Place
Cooper D., St. Mark Catholic School Second Place
Hudson W., St. Mark Catholic School Third Place

In addition, St. Mark received Math 7 Division 1 Championship First Place, Math 5 Division 2 Championship First Place, and Math 5 National Championship First Place. Thank you to all the participants this year.



Congratulations to the recently elected **2018-19 Student Council** officers pictured below with Mrs. Opon and the outgoing officers:

President: Aoife P.
Vice President: Biya C.
Secretary: Claire O.
Treasurer: Camille S.



Kindergarten Book Signing:



Brownie Achievement:



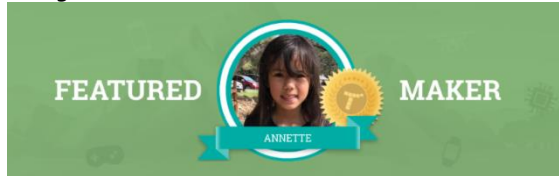
3rd Grade Studies Speed:



HSA Volunteer Appreciation:



Tynker is a coding website utilized by the 3rd grade. Recently, 2nd grade tried it out and one student in particular, **Annette W.**, has really taken to it. She asked her mother to use it at home and has been coding and creating ever since, so much so that Tynker highlighted her and her creations in their online blog as a "Featured Maker." [Click here](#) for her story.



HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

High School Scholarships:

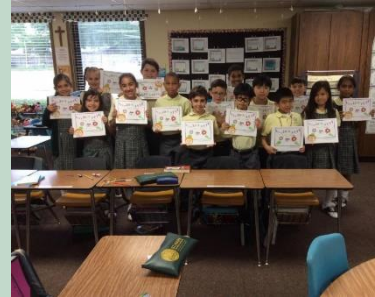
Knights of Columbus Ron Fossler Memorial

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 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.



3rd Grade Meet the Author:



PK4 Weather:



6th Grade @ Enterprise City:



1st Place Piano:

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 -- JP11 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 JP11. 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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