



# ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

## WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

January 18, 2019

### Prayer for the 2018-19 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, January 18:

-4th grade received the Vocations Chalice at All School Mass and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

### Saturday, January 19:

-Pre-Auction Mixers (details below)

### Monday, January 21:

-NO SCHOOL: Martin Luther King Day

### Wednesday, January 23:

-Teacher Luncheon, hosted by TK, K & 6th grades

### Friday, January 25:

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass presented by 4th grade. All are welcome.

-2019-20 Re-registration Opens for Current Families

Saturday, January 26 & Sunday, January 27:



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on your social media!

QUICK LINKS

-Students attend St. Mark and other parish masses in uniform for Catholic Schools Week (details below)

**Monday, January 28-Friday, February 1:**

-Catholic Schools Week celebrations (details below)

**ORDER YOUR VALENTINE GRAMS TODAY!**

Send some love to a St. Mark student this Valentine's Day! Student Council presents -- Valentine Lollipop Grams! Parents may purchase Valentine Grams for their PK-8th child(ren). PK-8th students may purchase them for their friends. They will be distributed on Valentine's Day, February 14. Each Valentine Lollipop Gram is \$1.00. To order, [click here](#), print and complete the order form, and return it to the school office with payment by Tuesday, February 5 (cash or check). No late orders will be accepted. All proceeds benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation.



**OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS DUE TO THE SCHOOL?**

Now is the time to make sure all accounts are current. This includes (but is not limited to): library fines, cafeteria, after school care, late pick-up, athletic fees, prefect fee, lost/missing textbooks, and tuition. Registration for the 2019-20 school year begins on Friday, January 25. Anyone with outstanding invoices will be blocked. Please contact the school office if you are unsure about your account status.

**FACTS PAYMENT SUMMARY FEATURE**

With tax season upon us, FACTS Management would like to call your attention to a feature that enables you to quickly and easily create a payment summary. By simply clicking "View Printable Payments Summary" on your Payments tab, you can retrieve and print a summary of payments for the year or any other specified timeframe. Each payment summary is compiled by student or customer, term, subaccount, and includes your school's Federal Tax ID number. If you have any questions regarding the payment summary feature, please contact your FACTS customer service at 866.441.4637.

**RECOGNIZE A GOLDEN STAFF MEMBER**

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**ST. MARK SUMMER PROGRAM**

We are proud to announce that Kidventure Summer Camp will be at St. Mark Catholic School for the summer of 2019.



Called "Camp St. Mark," Kidventure will offer 9 weeks of active and rewarding summer camp for all children (ages 3-12). The theme is "Summer Bash." Families have the opportunity to register for any of the camp weeks, but each is designed to be a unique adventure, providing your child with outstanding opportunities for athletic, educational and personal growth.

**Kidventure's "Camp St. Mark"**

**\*Discovers:** Ages 3-5

**\*Explorers:** Entering 1st Grade-Age 12

\*Each week is Monday-Friday

\*9:00 AM-3:30 PM (options for 7:00 AM-6:00 PM)

\*All Adult Camp Team and Low Ratios

\*Flexible Registration and Payment Plans

**Registration begins January 25, 2019 at 9:00 AM.**

A reminder that students may continue to recognize faculty/staff members who do something very kind or helpful by visiting Mrs. Opon and telling her about it. She will then give the student a gold coin to present to that staff member. Staffers can collect these coins and trade them in for something special at the end of the year. This is a wonderful way to recognize our amazing staff, and a way to teach our students how to appreciate what others do for them and to show their gratitude. For those students in Preschool through 2nd grade who may not understand how to implement this opportunity as well as our older students, we have added a twist. If you as a parent hear of something special that someone did for your child, you may contact [Mrs. Opon](#) directly (feel free to send an email or a handwritten note). She will make sure your child is given a gold coin to present. We hope this encourages our students to express their gratitude and, of course, brings a smile to our staffers' faces! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Opon.

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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

**Catholic Schools Week, the national celebration of Catholic education, is fast approaching -- January 26-February 1! This year's theme is:**

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You'll want to stay informed about all the important dates and events so that you and your child are prepared each day. Details were sent to families via email last week and are always available on the [school website](#). We look forward to celebrating the 2019 Catholic Schools Week with our entire community.

## HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT ST. MARK!

The 2019-20 admissions season is here! Do you know someone interested in a St. Mark education for their PK-8th grade child?

Here are three ways you can help us spread the word about St. Mark:

**1. CSW MASS VOLUNTEER:** Volunteer to distribute St. Mark brochures after a neighboring parish mass on January 26 or 27 for Catholic Schools Week. [Click here](#) to sign-up. All



Learn more by visiting Kidventure's [website](#) or watching their [video](#).

## OPEN YOUTH CENTER RESUMES

Open Youth Center is an event hosted by the St. Mark Youth Ministry Department. It is an opportunity for youth in 6th-12th grades to come together to play games and make friends in a fun and safe environment. Activities include a pool table, ping-pong, foosball, video games, board games, outdoor activity, and organized fun. Come kick-off the weekend on Fridays any time from 3:30-6:30 PM! Bringing a snack to share is encouraged. For your child to attend, please complete the two forms below. Once the forms have been submitted, this grants your permission for your child to attend Open Youth Center on Fridays during the school year. Any time your child is going to Youth Center, email [Mrs. Opon](#) by Friday at 12:00 NOON of the week your child will be attending. If they are going to attend regularly, then let Mrs. Opon know that as well, and you will only have to email her if your child is NOT attending. You may pick up your child from the Youth Center anytime between 3:30-6:30 PM. Parents and teens must fill out a Youth Ministry Annual Form to attend:



Adult Permission Form:  
<https://permission.click/ve6E/us>

Youth Annual Form:  
<https://permission.click/ekPA/us>

students who attend in uniform with their parents will enjoy a Dress Down Day on February 6. Middle school students receive a service hour.

**2. REFERRALS:** Encourage prospective families to register for an upcoming **Open House**, the **ECE 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](#)!

**2019 Open Houses:**

Tuesday, January 29, 9:00-10:00 AM

Tuesday, February 5, 6:00-7:30 PM

Tuesday, March 26, 8:00-9:00 AM

Tuesday, April 23, 5:30-7:00 PM (for prospective PK/K families)

**2019 Come and Play Day:**

Tuesday, April 9, 9:00-10:30 AM

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.

**3. NEIGHBORHOOD BLOG/WEBSITE:** Do you participate in a neighborhood blog or 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.

## AUCTION 2019

**St. Mark Catholic School  
"Boot Scoot & Boogie" Auction**

Saturday, March 2, 2019

6:00 PM - 12:00 Midnight

Southfork Ranch

Enjoy a BBQ buffet, cash bar, armadillo races, mechanical bull, games of chance, strolling magician, line dancing lessons, and of course, a wide variety of silent and live auction items to bid on, as we raise funds benefiting the St. Mark Catholic School community. Stay tuned for ticket information.



**Pre-Auction Mixers**

## COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM

Welcome to the St. Mark Community Prayer Team. It is our goal to bring the St. Mark community closer to Christ and to each other. There will be numerous opportunities for you to get involved this school year. Even if you are unable to participate in person, we invite you to join in from where you are. For more information about the Community Prayer Team, please [click here](#).



**Prayer Requests:** The school has a Prayer Table available to anyone visiting campus (family members, etc.) which is located in the hallway between the Administration offices and the Cafetorium. Everyone is welcome to place prayer requests in the box on the table. These intentions will be taken to Mass on Fridays as part of the offering.

**Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer**

**Intention:** In addition to your prayers for our St. Mark community of students, families, teachers, staff and religious, we hope you will also remember Pope Francis' monthly intentions:

**January: Evangelization - Young**

**People:** That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Saturday, January 19, 2019  
ECE-2nd Grade: Happy Hour at the Hoke's  
3rd-8th Grade: Mixer at the Delaney's

\*Pre-Auction Mixer guests are encouraged to bring a gift card worth \$25 or more to the mixers. These cards will be used as part of the auction events.  
\*Evites were emailed to all families in December.  
\*Students whose parents attend a mixer will receive a Dress Down Day on Tuesday, January 22!

Stay tuned to the Weekly School Bulletin and the [Auction web page](#) for more information about tickets sales.

Questions? Email [andy.crider@live.com](mailto:andy.crider@live.com).



Registration for the 2019 St. Mark Baseball and Softball teams is now available. Please [click here](#) for details. The deadline to register is February 23.

Parents interested in coaching a St. Mark baseball, softball or track team in 2019 who have not completed the "Play Like A Champion" course, please [click here](#) for details and registration information. Two class dates will be offered in January.

## 24TH ANNUAL MONSIGNOR SMYTH GOLF CLASSIC

Register now for this event benefiting the St. Mark Athletics Program!

Friday, May 3, 2019  
The Courses at Watters Creek  
7201 Chase Oaks, Plano, Texas

Shotgun Start at 1:00 PM; Reception Follows



## ROE MEMORIAL MASS AND NORTH TEXAS MARCH FOR LIFE

You're invited to attend the Roe Memorial Mass and North Texas March for Life on Saturday, January 19. Please [click here](#) for complete details and a schedule of events. For more information, visit [www.prolifedallas.org/roe](http://www.prolifedallas.org/roe).

## AROUND THE PARISH

### 8th Annual Knights of Columbus Father-Daughter Dance

Join us for food, dancing, games and pictures!

Saturday, January 26, 2019  
7:00-9:00 PM  
School Cafeteria

\$30/couple  
(\$10 each additional daughter)

To pay, visit  
<https://squareup.com/store/6065/>.

For more information, contact  
[krumholtz1@verizon.net](mailto:krumholtz1@verizon.net).

Format and Cost:

\*4 Person Scramble

\*\$125 Per Person (includes dinner, beverage tickets, gift bags, door prizes and a raffle)

For registration and sponsorship information, please [click here](#). All registration forms must be submitted by May 1, 2019.

Questions? Contact [marlene.ehring@stmcs.net](mailto:marlene.ehring@stmcs.net).



Shop the Lion's Den Spirit Store for all of your spirit wear needs! It is open every Friday morning that school is in session from 7:30-8:15 AM in the Cafetorium. 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.



**HOME & SCHOOL  
ASSOCIATION**



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**Congratulations to our Golden Volunteer of the Month, Kim Tran!** Kim was nominated by both teachers and school families for always going above and beyond for St. Mark. She has devoted many hours serving as our Prefect Monitor, in addition to countless other volunteer efforts over the years. She jumps in and helps with whatever is asked of her. Her kindness and cheerful smile warm the hearts of all she encounters, including students, parents and staff members. St. Mark would simply not be the



Service Opportunity

After all Masses the Weekend of February 2-3

Collect donations for St. Vincent De Paul!

We will meet in Bethany Narthex 15 minutes before mass.

**Sign-up/Paperwork is a must!**

Should you have any paperwork missing someone from Youth & Young Adult Ministry will contact you!

**To sign-up visit:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F48ABA62BA1F49-20184>

Youth (grade 6-12) please help at one of the masses:

Saturday, February 2nd, 2019:

5:30PM Mass

7:00PM Mass-Spanish

Sunday, February 3rd, 2019

English Masses:

7:30AM

9:00AM

10:30AM

4:30PM

6:00PM

Sunday, February 3rd, 2019

Spanish Masses:

12:00 NOON

1:30PM

3:00PM

St. Mark Youth & Young Adult Ministry 972-578-9583

**Service Opportunity:** On February 2-3, St. Mark will participate in the annual "Souper Bowl of Caring" after all masses. Teens can hold "soup pots" and signs with the Souper Bowl logo on them and accept donations from parishioners after every mass. Donations will go to St. Vincent de Paul to feed the hungry. See the flyer above for details. [Click here](#) to register.

The St. Mark Women's Study Group will be starting a new women's study for the spring

on Wednesday, January 23. It is from Ascension Press and is called *Walking Toward Eternity-Daring to Walk the Walk* by Jeff Cavins. In this study, he shows you how to put our Catholic faith into practice through prayer and action. Real, often profound change is possible as we begin living as God intended us to. This study looks at seven key virtues and outlines practical steps for living them out in daily life. You only need to purchase the workbook. Meetings take place on





same without her. She is truly GOLDEN. Thank you, Mrs. Tran, for all you do for St. Mark!

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Don't forget about those Box Tops! Let's continue to collect so we can make our goal of \$1,500 for the school this year! Submit your collected Box Tops by January 31. Please carefully cut out unexpired Box Tops from participating brands (expiration date must be visible); place in a Ziploc (which conveniently has Box Tops!) or envelope; clearly write your child's grade/teacher on it; and turn them in to your child's teacher by January 31. Box Tops submitted without grade/teacher on them will count towards our overall goal but we will not be able to keep track of them for the competition. Each Box Top submitted earns \$.10 for St. Mark. [Click here for details](#). For more information, please contact [Melissa King](#) or [Sharon Mattis](#).



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### Get ready for the 2nd Annual St. Mark Talent Show!

The Talent Show will take place Saturday, April 6. More details will be coming soon!



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**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.

\*[Click here](#) for a link to the Sign-Up Genius for HSA Committees/Events. All positions are available on a first come, first serve basis.

\*Want to volunteer in your child's classroom? [Click here](#) to access individual classroom sign-up links for grades PK-2nd.

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**Earn Money for St. Mark by Simply Shopping at Kroger:** Enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards program and a percentage of your purchases will go directly to the St. Mark Catholic School Home & School Association. [Click here](#) for complete instructions. Kroger cards must be relinked to St. Mark every 12 months.

Wednesdays from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM in the Upper Room in the Smyth Pastoral Center. [Click here](#) to register. Questions? Contact [Chris Keith](#).

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**St. Mark Catholic Church  
presents**

**Celebration of Love --  
An Evening of Love & Laughter,  
Dinner & Dancing**

Saturday February 16, 2019  
Doors open at 6:45 PM  
St. Mark Parish Center Great Room  
\$40 per couple  
[Click here](#) to register by 2/11/19.

Marriage enrichment presented by Vince Lujan on "Marriage and Family: A Community of God's Love." There will be a special blessing for the couples. Consider attending 5:30 PM Mass before the celebration.

**Make it your Valentine's  
date night!**



Join us for Mass with the Seminarians followed by a reception hosted by the local Serran Clubs on Sunday, January 27 at 9:15 AM at Holy Trinity Seminary, 3131 Vince Hagan Drive in Irving.

## PAW PRIDE!

Congratulations to 5th grader, Nathan P., who won the St. Mark Geography Bee! He will now have the opportunity to advance to the state and national competitions of the National Geographic Bee. Additional congratulations to all of our students who qualified to participate.



## FUN FACTS ABOUT THE STAFF

**Did you know?** PK4 teacher, Mrs. D., was born in Anaheim, California; played college basketball and went to the NJCAA Finals in Maryland placing 4th in the nation (Fighting Artichokes!); moved to Texas and finished college at The University of North Texas earning a Bachelor Degree in Gerontology Studies and a Master Degree in Healthcare Administration; just celebrated 20 years of marriage; has three children: Lucy-8th grade, Leah-5th grade, and Luke-1st grade; has a dog-Josie and a cat-Atticus; was an Administrator for Assisted Living/Alzheimer's Communities; loves to serve God and help others; and has hobbies including coaching her kids in sports, anything near the water, arts/crafts, and taking naps!



## SUPPER OF EXCELLENCE

The Carver family will enjoy a tasty tailgate this weekend thanks to

## 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!

### 2nd Grade is GOLDEN:



### PK Winter Olympics:



### PK Throws "Snowballs":



### 8th Grade Interviews:



### Plano PD Assembly:



our staff members who contributed some great "football watching" munchies to this month's Auction package -- Tiffany



Duncan, Barbara Ehnis, Amy Garrison, Beth Kyle, Carole Mitchell, Claire Moxley, Stacy Oliver, and Donna Ostermann. Watch for your chance to bid on this package at the 2019 Auction on March 2 -- see event details above!

## HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

John Paul II High School invites St. Mark basketball players and all students to their remaining home basketball games. Come and enjoy a whole new Cardinal basketball experience!

January 18 - Girls v Prestonwood, 6:00 PM;  
Boys, 7:30 PM  
January 29- Boys v Bishop Dunne, 7:30 PM  
February 1 - Girls v Bishop Lynch, 6:00 PM;  
Boys 7:30 PM  
February 8- Girls v Parish, 6:00 PM; Boys,  
7:30 PM (Senior Night)  
February 12- Girls v Ursuline 6:00 PM (Ladies Night)



## LIVING FOR ZACHARY HEALTH FAIR

Living for Zachary, the organization that donated our school's AEDs, is having a "HeartBeats Health Fair" event on Saturday, February 2 from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM at Baylor Scott & White The Heart Hospital Plano. They are offering free heart screenings for youth ages 12-22, as well as health tests, CPR/AED demonstrations, learning opportunities for the kids, and free food. These heart screenings can normally cost hundreds of dollars! Please [click here](#) for full details.



## MOTHER/SON DANCE

*Please Be Our Guest*

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mother/Son Dance



PK PJ Day:



Pottery Wheels:



Prayer Walk:



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Friday, January 25, 2019  
6:30-8:00 PM in the Cafeteria

Dinner, Dancing, and Disney-Themed Fun  
\$30 per couple/\$10 each additional child

Costumes and/or theme wear encouraged  
Please RSVP by Wednesday, January 23, 2019

To ensure availability, remit payment to  
Mrs. O'Connor's office, or [paypal.me/TDuncan1974](https://www.paypal.me/TDuncan1974).

Please include name of attendees and ages of children.

\*Proceeds go to Troop 6585 to support the  
*Together We Rise Foundation* for children in foster care.

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