



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

January 25, 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.



Catholic Schools Week 2019

Catholic Schools Week, the national celebration of Catholic education, kicks-off this weekend and continues through next week! A few reminders:

1. You'll want to stay informed about all the important dates and events so that you and your child are prepared each day. Details are always available on the [school website](#) including the Calendar of Events, Family Day information, In-N-Out Burger pick-up instructions, Buck-A-Jean/Buck-A-Tennie, Tasting Faire details, and the Laps for Leukemia Pledge form.
2. Represent the school in uniform at a St. Mark or other parish mass this Saturday or Sunday. Students who participate receive a Dress Down Day on February 6!

3. At this weekend's St. Mark masses, be sure to check out the posters that our students made thanking our parishioners for their support of St. Mark Catholic School.

We look forward to celebrating the 2019 Catholic Schools Week with our entire community!

REMINDERS

TODAY, Friday, January 25:

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

-Re-registration opens for current families (details below)

Saturday, January 26:

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

Sunday, January 27:

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-10:00 AM-12:00 PM, Lion's Lair Gym: Used Uniform Sale (details below)

Monday, January 28-Friday, February 1:

-Catholic Schools Week celebrations

Tuesday, January 29:

-Religion Scholars Bowl (students who qualified will attend)

Wednesday, January 30:

-6:30 PM, Cafetorium: HSA General Meeting

Friday, February 1:

-7:55 AM, Cross by Narthex: Community Prayer Walk (details below)

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass presented by 2nd-8th grades. All are welcome.

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



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SAFETY UPDATE

A lock down drill was conducted on Friday, January 18. Students, staff and visitors did a wonderful job locking down quickly,



students. Students will participate in a fun "Classroom Feud" game.



1/2 days are Cane's Days at St. Mark! Visit the location across the street from the school between 10:00 AM and 11:00 PM, mention St. Mark as you place your order, and a percentage of the proceeds benefits the St. Mark Athletics program.

Saturday, February 2:

-6:30 PM, Metroplex Gymnastics: Kids Night Out (details below)

2019-20 RE-REGISTRATION FOR CURRENT FAMILIES

Registration for the 2019-20 school year begins today. You will receive a separate email from Annette Vela with re-enrollment and 2019-20 tuition information. Please contact the school office if you cannot access your Renweb registration account.

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.



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 a couple of ways you can help us get the word out about St. Mark:

1. REFERRALS: Encourage prospective families to register for an upcoming **Open House**, the **ECE Come**

successfully, and without incident.

ST. MARK SUMMER PROGRAM

REGISTRATION IS NOW

OPEN: www.kidventure.com/dallas-summer-camp!

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

***Dates:** June 3-August 2, 2019

***Each week is Monday-Friday**

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

***All Adult Camp Team; Low Ratios**

***Flexible Registration and Payment Plans**

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



and Play Day, or 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!](#)

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.

2. NEIGHBORHOOD BLOG/WEBSITE: Do you participate in a neighborhood blog or website such as 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, Parker, TX

It is time once again for the Annual St. Mark Auction benefiting St. Mark Catholic School!

Dress up or dress down ... just come prepared to have a fun-filled evening with friends. Take a spin on the mechanical bull, bet on the fastest armadillo, try your hand at craps or the roulette wheel, or dance your boots off! There will be a BBQ buffet and a cash bar to quench your thirst!

Ticket sales are open now! [Click here](#) for full details.



Congratulations to Resource Teacher, Amy Garrison, and Facility Manager, Jose Arteaga, on their Work of Heart Awards presented by The Catholic Foundation at today's All School Mass! Mrs. Garrison lovingly works with our students who need extra support. You will see her smiling face all over campus as she provides the additional services students need to be successful. Mr. Arteaga is literally everywhere, overseeing building maintenance for both the church and school. No matter the job, he will get it done right with a smile on his face. Both are so deserving of this award, and were presented with a check and a special certificate of recognition.



If you'd like to nominate a faculty or staff member who you feel has gone "above and beyond" for Catholic education, please [click here](#) for details. It's quick and easy, and it's a wonderful way to recognize the special people in our community.

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



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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NEWS FROM ATHLETICS



Registration for the 2019 St. Mark Baseball and Softball teams is now available. Please [click here](#) for details. The deadline to register for Baseball/Softball has been extended through March 1.

Registration is also open for JV Track. The deadline to register is February 28. Please [click here](#) for details.

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

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.

LIONS DEN

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. Once an order has been submitted it will be

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 Walks: Community Prayer Walks will now be held monthly instead of quarterly, beginning in February. Walks will be held on the first Friday of each month. Please join us for our next Prayer Walk on Friday, February 1 at 7:55 AM at the cross outside the St. Mark Catholic Church Narthex. As we walk around the school and church buildings, we will pray the rosary for St. Mark students, families, faculty, staff, religious, and any personal intentions. After the Prayer Walk, parents are invited to join the school community for the All School Mass at 8:30 AM in the church. If you are not able to attend, please keep St. Mark Catholic School in your personal prayers. Thank you, and God bless!

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

bundled and ready for pick up on Friday. Note: Not all items available are offered online.



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



St. Mark Catholic School Spirit Night



25% of profits go to St. Mark



Join us for Kid's Night Out February 2nd
6:30-9:30 p.m. \$15 or 6:30-11p.m. \$22 (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



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](#).



The 2nd Annual St. Mark Talent Show will take place on Saturday, April 6, from 2:00 - 5:30 PM! It's going to be a fun-filled and action-packed afternoon and there are opportunities for everyone to show and share their talents this year (parents & kids)!!



Please [click here](#) for all information regarding sign-up opportunities, guidelines, and rehearsals.

the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

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.



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



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.

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.

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE STAFF

Did you know? Kindergarten Aide, Mrs. Pyryt, is a native Texan, was born in Houston, grew up in Friendswood, graduated from Southwest Texas State (now Texas State) University with a B.S. in Elementary Education and a minor in Health, taught 5th grade math/science at St. Patrick Catholic School from 1988-1996, substituted from 2000-2011, married Chris in 1988, has two children Annie and William (Annie is a graduate of Texas A&M and William is attending Oklahoma State), has two dogs and a cat, and likes swimming, going out to eat, cruising, and walking/playing with her dogs.



HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

The Jesuit Rugby team takes on Houston St. Thomas for the Bishop's

Cup on Saturday, January 26 at 2:00 PM at Christ the King Catholic School in Dallas. They invite everyone to attend, especially students interested in rugby. [Click here](#) for details.



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 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](#).



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.

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)



WHEN: Sunday, January 27,
3:00 PM
WHERE: JPIIHS Small Gym



[Click here to register.](#)

Join us for a Parents' Club-sponsored presentation on how to help your kids deal with a variety of daily stressors on Tuesday, February 5 from 6:00-8:00 PM in the Assembly Room. The speaker, Cara Strickland, will address depression and anxiety in children, how to guide them if a friend needs help, how social media impacts their self esteem and much more. Childcare for children 3-years-old and up is available upon request @ parentsclub@thehighlandsschool.org.



Join Bishop Lynch High School in celebrating Catholic Schools Week by attending a very special parent presentation at Tuesday, January 29 at 7:00 PM in the McGonigle Theatre on the BL campus. Nationally-renowned Catholic leader, Father Nathan Cromly, will address ways to bridge the gap between raising kids to be great and raising them to be great saints. This presentation is free and open to the Bishop



50 YEARS
HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY

January Service:



PK₃ Penguins:

Lynch community, both current and prospective families. [Click here](#) for details.

Make a Difference at BL MobilePack '19: BL MobilePack '19, benefiting Feed My Starving Children, will be held Saturday, February 2 on the BL campus. Hundreds of BL students, staff, faculty, alumni, and friends will assemble thousands of nutritionally complete meals for malnourished children around the world. There are a limited number of volunteer spots still available! [Register online here](#). **Be sure to use registration code BLHS19 (all caps) to access the online form.**

Questions? Email BLMobilePack@bishoplynch.org.

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.



PAW PRIDE!

Congratulations to the following students who won the St. Mark "Catholic Schools Week Poster Contest" for their grade levels. Their posters are being sent to Bishop Lynch and will be judged along with submissions from the other Catholic schools in the diocese -- good luck to all of our contestants!



Olivia S. - 1st/2nd grade
Julie Z. - 3rd/4th grade
Diya C. - 5th/6th grade
Bridget M. - 7th/8th grade

THANK YOU HSA!

A huge thank you to the Home & School Association and all of its members for the amazing new playground equipment installed last week! The main playground got tether ball, and ECE got a whole new playground in their "backyard" including three lily pads, a zigzag balance



MLK Day Activities:



6th Grade Google Drive:



Mass Vestments & Vessels:



Preschool Phonics Bootcamp:

beam, and a ball toss/catcher. Come check it out next time you're on campus!



THANK YOU FROM THE STAFF

A sincere thank you to our TK, K and 6th grade families who hosted the January Teacher Luncheon on Wednesday. Lunch from Cafe Max is always a hit with the staff and as you can see, this one was no different -- YUM! We LOVE our school families!!



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