



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

February 1, 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.



[Nominate a faculty or staff member today.](#)

St. Mark continues to receive such positive comments about our amazing faculty and staff members. Keep them coming! Did you know that there is an additional way to recognize them within the Catholic community?

Nominate him or her for a Work of Heart Award.

Presented by The Catholic Foundation, this award recognizes those in our community who go "above and beyond" for Catholic education.

Simply click the link above, complete the online nomination form, and submit it.

Winners receive a check and a special certificate at an All School Mass.

It's a wonderful way to recognize all of the wonderful "hearts" in our community!

REMINDERS

TODAY, Friday, February 1:

-3rd grade received the Vocations Chalice at All School Mass and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

-12:00 PM, Early Dismissal: The After School Program is available until 6:00 PM. 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.

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

Monday, February 4:

-St. Mark Spirit Day! See page 27 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#) for guidelines.

-8:15 AM, Cafetorium: HSA General Meeting #3

Tuesday, February 5:

-6:00 PM, Library: Open House for Prospective Families

Wednesday, February 6:

-Dress Down Day for all students who attended any mass at any parish in uniform on January 26 or 27 (Catholic Schools Week). Refer to page 27 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#) for guidelines.

Friday, February 8:

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass presented by 3rd grade. All are welcome.

-1:30 PM, Cafetorium: John Paul II High School Play (grades K-4)

STOCK THE SVDP FOOD PANTRY SHELVES

The Archangels of Catholic Charities have made a special request for food donations during the month of February in an effort to stock the St.



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FAITH IN ACTION



HONESTY



SERVICE FROM THE HEART:

Vincent de Paul food pantry shelves. Donations will be matched by North Texas Food Bank. St. Mark has agreed to help, and has assigned each grade level a specific food item to donate (see below). If you would like to participate, please send in your donation to your child's teacher by February 28.

Canned tuna - PK3
Canned chicken - PK4
Pasta - K
Canned fruit - 1st
Canned soup - 2nd
Canned pasta (spaghetti O"s) - 3rd
Pasta sauce - 4th
Instant potatoes - 5th
Pop Tarts - 6th
Canned tuna or chicken - 7th & 8th

2019-20 RE-REGISTRATION FOR CURRENT FAMILIES

Registration for the 2019-20 school year began last Friday. An email from Annette Vela was sent with re-enrollment and 2019-20 tuition information. Please contact the school office if you cannot access your Renweb registration account. The deadline to re-enroll (or to enroll a new sibling) is February 15.

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!

February Project:

Laps for Leukemia: Each student will complete laps during P.E. class the week of January 28 and may obtain pledges to raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Social Teaching: Life and dignity of the human person

Who Benefits? Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

Due Date: February 15, 2019



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 March. Sign-ups are due February 15. Half days and full days are available. Please remember, you must be [Safe Environment](#) trained to serve.

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



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 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, 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!



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](#).

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 Walks: Community Prayer Walks are held on the first Friday of each month at 7:55 AM at the cross outside the St. Mark Catholic Church Narthex. After the Prayer Walk, join us for the All School Mass at 8:30 AM in the church.

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.

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.



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

Registration is also open for JV and Varsity 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)

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:

February: Universal-Victims:

For a generous welcome to the victims of human trafficking, enforced prostitution, and violence.

AROUND THE PARISH



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
8:00PM

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 will 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.



St. Mark Catholic Church presents

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

Questions? Contact 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. 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



The 3rd HSA General Meeting will be held on Monday, February 4 at 8:15 AM in the Cafetorium. Join us to discuss HSA's plans for the remainder of the school year.



St. Mark Catholic School Spirit Night

25% of profits go to St. Mark



Join us for Kid's Night Out February 1st
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



Be sure to reserve your spot in advance on the website shown above. Or, you may drop-in

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 Deacon Henry and Donelle Wiechman, as well as Arnold and Vicky Picon. 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!



50 YEARS

HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY

Join us for public mass at Holy Trinity Seminary on Sunday, February 3, 17, and 24 at 9:15 AM at 3131 Vince Hagan Drive in Irving. A reception sponsored by the local Serran Clubs follows each mass. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about HTS and to meet the seminarians.

FRENCH MASS AT CISTERCIAN

Mrs. Denvir extends an invitation to all students and their families to attend the monthly French Masses at Our Lady of Dallas Cistercian Abbey, 3550 Cistercian Road, Irving. There is an opportunity to do the readings and to sample French snacks at the end of every Mass. Next Mass: Sunday, February 17 at 10:30 AM.

LIVING FOR ZACHARY HEALTH FAIR

**without a reservation and complete the necessary paperwork.
Either way, join us for a great Kids Night Out!**

(Please note that the Kids Night Out event date was previously published incorrectly as February 2.)

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)!



The first rehearsal will take place Saturday, February 9 at 10:00 AM.

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

Please continue to send your "Golden Volunteer" nominations to [Adriana Mora](#) or [Gisella Briggie](#). They are welcome any time of the month. Stay tuned for the next "Golden Volunteer" to be announced soon!

#BEGOLDEN



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

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 Quiz Bowl Team that won 3rd place in the Fort Worth Open tournament last Saturday against 20 well-seasoned teams. Our team won every game up until they were defeated in the semi-finals. So impressive! Team members are: Anthony N. (Captain), Sebastian R., Paul S., and Jon N.



Special congratulations to Logan and Julia V.'s mother, father, and older sister -- they became U.S. citizens on Tuesday and the whole family was able to attend the ceremony together.



SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE STAFF



A photograph of two children, a boy and a girl, standing behind a table covered with a red cloth. The boy, on the left, is wearing a grey shirt and blue pants. The girl, on the right, is wearing a dark sweater over a white collared shirt and a plaid skirt. They are both holding a white sign that reads "ST MARK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL" and features a small circular logo. In the background, there is a display case labeled "GIFT SHOP" and a poster for "ST MARK'S FOLLOWING MOTHERS" featuring a woman's portrait. The setting appears to be a school hallway or a dedicated gift shop area.

A group of four students, three young women and one young man, are standing in a classroom and holding gold trophies. They are all smiling. The student on the far left is a young woman with curly red hair, wearing a black sweater and blue jeans with a red stripe. The student next to her is a young woman with blonde hair, wearing a white turtleneck sweater and dark pants. The student in the center is a young woman with brown hair, wearing a brown jacket over an orange shirt. The student on the far right is a young woman with long dark hair, wearing a teal jacket over a grey shirt. In the background, there are windows with blinds, a desk, and some framed artwork on the wall.

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.

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.



New Tether Ball:



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