



# ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

## WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

February 15, 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.



[Click here](#) to reserve your tickets!

**We're only 2 weeks away!**

**Boot Scoot & Boogie Auction**  
**Saturday, March 2, 2019**  
**6:00 PM - 12:00 Midnight**  
**Southfork Ranch**

Dress up or dress down ... just come prepared to have a fun-filled evening with friends while we raise money for St. Mark Catholic School. 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!

## REMINDERS

### **TODAY, Friday, February 15:**

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

-Re-registration closes for current families

### **Sunday, February 17:**

-On Site Open House at St. Jude, after the 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM masses, Formation Room

-6:00 PM, Church: Children's Choir Sings at Mass

### **Monday, February 18:**

-NO SCHOOL: President's Day

### **Tuesday, February 19:**

-1:00 & 2:00 PM, Bacot Gym, Kindness Presentation by Nick Scott (everyone welcome; details below)

### **Wednesday, February 20:**

-9:00 AM: On Site Open House at Ark Adventure Preschool at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

-3:45 PM, Cafetorium: Talent Show Rehearsal

### **Thursday, February 21:**

-8:00 AM, Cafetorium: 8th Grade Graduation/Confirmation Parent Meeting

### **Friday, February 22:**

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

-Application deadline for new students

### **Sunday, February 24:**

-On Site Open House at Our Lady of Angels, after the 9:00 and 11:30 AM masses

## WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

A warm St. Mark welcome to our newest students who joined us this week: Emiliano M., 2nd grade, Ms. Eisele's class, and Esteban M., 7Y, Mr. Michniak's homebase.



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Excellence

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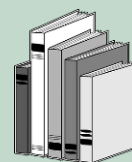
[Work of Heart Nomination](#)

## FREE TUTORING WITH ALUMNI

Three St. Mark alumni who are members of the National Honor

Society at Bishop Lynch High School are offering free tutoring to students in any subject. They

receive NHS service hours in exchange for their services. If your child would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please email [Ms. Steinkirchner](#) for the contact information.



## ST. MARK "TEACHER OF THE YEAR"

Congratulations to Mrs. Sharon Thompson who was voted "St. Mark Teacher of the Year!" Mrs. Thompson has taught at St. Mark for 20 years. She is beloved for many reasons. Here is a small sampling: "She wants the very best for her students. She loves, teaches, encourages, and pushes them to achieve, not just in kindergarten but in life." "Not only does she make learning an active experience, but she is one of those special teachers who finds out what makes a student tick and brings it out in the classroom." "She is a team player who consistently lends her time and talent to making St. Mark shine." Mrs. Thompson's dedication and commitment to teaching truly define *excellence in education* and St. Mark is truly blessed to call her one of our own. We love you, Mrs. T. -- well deserved!



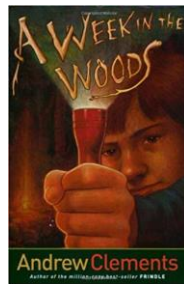
## NO YOUTH CENTER TODAY

There will be no Open Youth Center today, Friday, February 15.



## 5TH GRADE BOOK DONATIONS NEEDED

Attention all 5th grade and middle school families: Do you own a copy of the 5th grade novel, *A Week in the Woods* by Andrew Clements that you are no longer using? Would you be willing to donate it to the school? If so, please send it to Mrs. Tronzano's attention and she'll put it to good use with her future 5th grade classes.



## ST. MARK IN THE NEWS

In case you missed it ... [click here](#) to read an article about "Building Bonds, Raising Families at St. Mark" that appeared in the February 1 edition of *The Texas Catholic*. The article features Rene O'Connor and her daughter, Megan Oliver, and Eileen Bongiovanni and her daughter Mariel Bongiovanni who all found education and vocations at St. Mark!



### 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 today, 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](http://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)

## YOU'RE INVITED TO A SPECIAL EVENT!

Thanks to the very successful In-N-Out Burger fundraiser during CSW/Family Day, St. Mark is pleased to invite our families to a special community event:



**Nick Scott from Wheelchair Body Building**

**Tuesday, February 19, 2019**

**1:00-1:30 PM: Kindergarten-4th grade presentation**

**2:00-3:00 PM: 5th-8th grade presentation  
Bacot Gym**

Mr. Scott will present a "Kindness/BE GOLDEN" assembly in keeping with our #BEGOLDEN school year theme. At 16, he was in a near fatal car accident and right before impact, he prayed to Jesus to help him. He survived the crash and has dedicated his life to inspiring others to live their best lives. He has become a professional wheelchair body builder, ballroom dancer, speaker, author and entrepreneur. He will speak to our Kindergarten-4th graders about the fact that everyone is beautiful just the way they are, and to our 5th-8th graders about rising above challenges, setting goals, overcoming obstacles, and accepting others as they are - all examples of "being golden." For more information about Mr. Scott, please [click here](#). We hope you can join us for this very special event!

## 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. 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

\*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: March 1, April 5 and May 3. 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.

**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

Instant potatoes - 5th  
Pop Tarts - 6th  
Canned tuna or chicken - 7th & 8th

## 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 few ways you can help us get the word out about St. Mark:

**1. NEIGHBORING PARISH OPEN HOUSES:** New this year, we're hosting "On Site Open House" events at neighboring parishes. Stop by and say hello, and refer your friends who belong to these churches:

\*Sunday, February 17: St. Jude in Allen, after the 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM masses, Formation Room

\*Wednesday, February 20: Ark Adventure Preschool at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Plano, 9:00 AM

\*Sunday, February 24: Our Lady of Angels in Allen, after the 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM masses, upstairs in Rooms 202-203

\*Monday, February 25: Sunshine & Rainbows Preschool at St. Jude in Allen, 9:00 AM, Education Building

\*Tuesday, February 26: Sunshine & Rainbows Preschool at St. Jude in Allen, 9:00 AM, Education Building

\*Wednesday, February 27: Little Saints & Scholars Preschool at St. Anthony in Wylie, 9:00 AM

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

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

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



### St. Mark Pro Life Bingo Knight

**Presented by the Knights of Columbus Council 6065**

Saturday February 23, 2019  
Doors open at 6:00 PM  
First game at 7:00 PM  
St. Mark Cafetorium

Grand Prize: \$600 gift card

\$25 online pre-registration  
at [www.squareup.com/store/6065](http://www.squareup.com/store/6065)

[Click here](#) for complete registration and sponsor information.

**Let Us Adore** is a night of Eucharistic adoration. Join us in the church on February 21 and March 28 from 7:00-9:00 PM. Want to know more about adoration? Please [click here](#).



## PARISH BULLETIN ADS

**Have a business you'd like St. Mark parishioners to know about? Consider advertising in the St. Mark Catholic Church bulletin.** Reach thousands of parishioners weekly. For more information, contact Bill Strait at Trinity Publications: (972) 743-3864.

### **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](mailto:Debbie.Reed@stmark.org) and she'll send the information to you for posting.

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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 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



HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY

Join us for public mass at Holy Trinity Seminary on Sunday, February 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.

### **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!

#### **Valentine's Day:**



#### **Mad Keyboarding Skills:**



\*\$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.

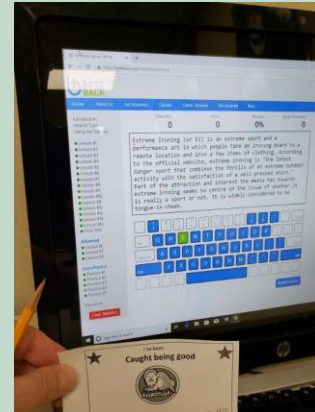


**HOME & SCHOOL  
ASSOCIATION**

Don't forget about those Box Tops -- it's the last chance for this year's official submission! 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 February 21. 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. 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)!



**JPII Play:**



**ECE Caught Being Good Lunch:**



**PK4 Dinosaur Excavation:**



**Kindergarten Iron in Cereal:**

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!

**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? PK3 teacher, Ms. Bryanna Robinson, graduated from TCU (Go Frogs!), has a B.S. degree in Child Development with an emphasis in Elementary Education, has a spoiled Dachshund and lots of beautiful Godchildren, loves cheering on the Horned Frogs, green tea, running, gerbera daisies, spending time with family, traveling, cooking, watching Dodger baseball and college football, volunteers with Special Olympics, and serves as an RCIA sponsor, high school youth group leader, and young adult group leader.

## PAW PRIDE!



Congratulations to 8th grader, Theresa T., who won 1st Place at the Dallas County Private School Spelling Bee!



**Lunch with the Principal:**



**Worm Dissection:**



**PK4 Valentine Math:**



**Join Our Mailing List**



She will now move on to the Dallas Regional Spelling Bee on March 9 at the George W. Bush Presidential Library. We are so proud!

## HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

You're invited to learn more about John Paul II High School at two upcoming events:



Fine Arts Information Night:  
Wednesday, February 20, 6:30 PM  
[Click here](#) to register.

Tuition Assistance Information Night:  
Tuesday, February 26, 6:30 PM  
[Click here](#) to register.

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Interested in Cheerleading at John Paul II High School in 2019-20? There will be a Tryout Information Meeting for parents and students on Thursday, March 28 from 6:00-7:00 PM. Clinics will be held April 8-10 from 4:30-6:30 PM. Please [click here](#) for full details.



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