



# ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

## WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

March 8, 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.

## 2019-20 Academic Calendar

The Diocese has approved the 2019-20 Academic calendar. Please [click here](#) for a printable copy. It is also accessible on the [school's homepage](#). The Events calendar will be available August 1.



**Congratulations to the  
6th grade D1 boys basketball team ...  
the 2019 DPL Champions!!**



## REMINDERS

### **TODAY, Friday, March 8:**

-6th grade received the Vocations Chalice at All School Mass and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming weeks.

-2019-20 Decision Letters Mailed (new students)

-2:00 PM, Make-A-Wish Reveal

### **Monday, March 11 - Friday, March 15:**

-NO SCHOOL: Spring Break

### **Monday, March 18:**

-School Resumes

### **Tuesday, March 19:**

-5:00-9:00 PM: Spring Creek BBQ Spirit Night (details below)

### **Wednesday, March 20:**

-8th grade volunteers at North Texas Food Bank

### **Friday, March 22:**

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass presented by 6th grade. All are welcome.

-3rd Quarter Ends

### **Saturday, March 23:**

2:30 PM, Cafetorium: Talent Show Rehearsal

### **Monday, March 25:**

-Fourth Quarter Begins; uniform walking shorts may be worn by students in PK-5th grade

## RETURNING LATE FROM SPRING BREAK?

If you will be returning late from Spring Break, please be sure to let your child's teacher and [Mrs. O'Connor](#) know ahead of time.



## WORK OF HEART AWARD



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## QUICK LINKS

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## ST. MARK IN THE NEWS

Check out the article in the 3/1/19 issue of *The Texas Catholic* about 8th grader, Theresa T.'s, spelling bee

Congratulations to 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Cindy Tronzano, on receiving a Work of Heart Award today! She is beloved by students, parents, faculty and staff for her warm and caring nature, her effective teaching methods, and her wonderful sense of fun. Mrs. Tronzano taught at St. Mark from 2000-2003, then from 2008-2014. She returned in 2018-19 for her 10th year at our school, and we can't think of a better way to welcome her back -- well-deserved! Awarded by the Catholic Foundation, the Work of Heart honors those in the community who go "above and beyond" for Catholic education. If you would like to nominate someone for a WOH, [please click here](#).



## LAPS FOR LEUKEMIA RESULTS

We have officially exceeded our \$20,000 Laps for Leukemia goal for the first time in our history with LLS, and in fact, **St. Mark is the first school in North Texas ever to raise \$20,000!** Thank you, thank you, St. Mark community, for your tremendous generosity. Simply amazing!



## PLAN ON SPRING CREEK BBQ FOR DINNER ON MARCH 19!

Join us at Spring Creek BBQ in Richardson on Tuesday, March 19 between 5:00-9:00 PM for a special St. Mark fundraiser!

success and the story of her family's immigration to the United States.



## WATCH D.O.G.S.

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 April. Sign-ups are due March 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



We're raising money to purchase "Stop the Bleed" kits for every classroom on campus. Spring Creek will donate 20% of the proceeds to St. Mark.

**\*Come see your teachers serving bread in the dining room!**

**\*The top three homerooms by attendance will receive a special prize from Spring Creek (t-shirt, logo cup, pen, and a \$10 gift card).**

**\*All students who attend will receive a certificate for a complimentary child's plate to be redeemed on their next visit.**

**\*To-go orders count as long as the child is with the parent when they pick up the order.**

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](#).

#### 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: April 5 and May 3. After the Prayer Walk, join us for the All School Mass at 8:30 AM in the church.

**SPRING-CREEK**  
**Spirit Night!**

Join your St. Mark Catholic School classmates and their families

*Slow Smoking Texas Barbecue for 38 Years!*

I love Spring Creek Barbeque  
I love Spring Creek Barbeque  
I love Spring Creek Barbeque  
and Sausage!

SPRING-CREEK BARBEQUE  
TICKETS \$5.00  
\$10.00

**Tuesday, March 19**  
**5-9pm**  
**Spring Creek Richardson**

- Spring Creek will donate 20% of all the evening's proceeds to Stop the Bleed kits for St. Mark Catholic School!
- Students should sign in at the front door.
- The class with the best attendance will be given a prize by Spring Creek.

*Come see your teachers serve bread in the Spring Creek dining room!*



Richardson address:  
270 N. Central Expressway 972/669-0505  
Our menu: [springcreekbarbeque.com](http://springcreekbarbeque.com)



## HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT ST. MARK!

Do you know someone interested in a St. Mark education for their PK-8th grade child? We have limited 2019-20 openings in select grade levels.

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 (PK-8th grade)

\*Tuesday, April 23, 5:30-7:00 PM (PK-Kindergarten)

### **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.

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NEWS FROM ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the following 8th grade basketball players who have been chosen to represent St. Mark at the upcoming DPL All Stars Game: Genevieve B., Skylar D., Kyle L., and Sebastian R. The All Star game date/time will be announced soon. GO LIONS!



**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:

### **March: Evangelization-Christian Communities**

That Christian communities, especially those that are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

## FUN FACTS ABOUT THE STAFF



Did you know? School Nurse, Caroline Townsend, has a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Texas Tech

University (WRECK EM!!), is a Certified CPR Instructor for the American Heart Association, married her high school sweetheart, has a baby girl, Josie, and a fur baby, Bonnie, and likes cooking, reading, and yoga.

## AROUND THE PARISH

**Attention 6th, 7th and 8th grade families:** St. Mark Youth Ministry



# **BASKETBALL** **3 on 3 Tournament**

March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Game times start  
22nd at 5:00  
23rd at 2:00

St. Rita Catholic School  
8 ½ Courts Available for Play  
Grades 4th-8<sup>th</sup>  
Boys and Girls Divisions  
4 game minimum  
Officials for each game  
\$125 per team  
Online Registration Only  
Open to all Schools  
To register visit  
[www.quickscores.com/strita](http://www.quickscores.com/strita)

## 24<sup>TH</sup> 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](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

will host their annual Middle School Lock-In at Group Dynamix on April 12-13. [Click here](#) for complete details. If you would like to register your child, please [click here](#).

Volunteer at the Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry (grades 6-12). [Click here](#) for the sign-up.

**2019 SERVICE OPPORTUNITY**  
**2019 LENTEN FISH FRY**  
SPONSORED BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
Grades 6-12

WHEN: FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH, 2019  
FRIDAY, MARCH 22nd, 2018  
FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH, 2018  
TIME: 5:00PM TO 7:00PM  
WHERE: ST. MARK'S CAFETERIUM  
COME HELP SERVE DRINKS & CLEAN TABLES

LIMIT 15 VOLUNTEERS FOR EACH DAY  
**SIGN-UP & PAPERWORK IS A MUST!**  
If you are missing any paperwork someone from St. Mark Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office will contact you.

To Sign-up visit:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F48ABA62BA1F49-2019>  
CRISTINA MUJARES  
[CMUJARES@STMARKPLANO.ORG](mailto:CMUJARES@STMARKPLANO.ORG)  
972-578-9583



The St. Mark Mom's Group is hosting a "Theology of the Body" expert, author and national speaker Monica Ashour, on Tuesday, March 19 from 10:00 - 11:30 AM in the Lower West Wing of the Parish Center. Please [click here](#) for complete information. RSVP to Teresa Knode by Tuesday, March 12 at [teresaknode@yahoo.com](mailto:teresaknode@yahoo.com).

Let Us Adore is a night of Eucharistic adoration. Join us in the church on March 28 from 7:00-9:00 PM. Want to know more



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

Please continue to collect and submit Box Tops! 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 May 17. 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.

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.

## PAW PRIDE!

about adoration? Please [click here](#).



HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY

Join us for public mass at Holy Trinity Seminary on Sunday, March 17 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, March 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!

### Make-A-Wish Send-Off Event:



Ash Wednesday:

Congratulations to Nathan P. who qualified for the National Geographic State Geography Bee!



## HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES



Join John Paul II High School for their upcoming special events and opportunities:

**Monthly Information Night:** Designed to introduce you to the John Paul II High School community. The evening begins with a short presentation followed by an extensive tour of campus. Tours are led by JPIIHS administrative members, teachers, and students. To register for this event, [click here](#).

**8th Grade Cardinal Connection Day:** An afternoon of community building before making your final decision on where to attend high school. Friday, March 22, 2:30-4:00 PM. To register for this event, [click here](#).

**8th Grade/JPII Shadow Day:** Specific days have been set aside for all students with current applications on file to shadow a JPII student for the morning. Applicants will have the opportunity to attend two classes and have lunch. Contact the Office of Admissions at 469-229-5220 to schedule a shadow day.

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.



Mothers of current 8th grade boys: Are you looking for a way to enhance your relationship with your son while giving back to the community? Join the Cardinal



**Boot Scoot & Boogie Auction:**



**ECE Mardi Gras Parade:**



**Prayer Walk:**



**PK4 STEM:**



Chapter of the Young Men's Service League! The YMSL is a non-profit organization that initiates, encourages and exposes young men to philanthropic activities. If your son is entering the 9th grade, the Cardinal Chapter wants you as part of their community. Join us on Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 PM in the JP II Freshman Presentation Hall for an informational meeting. Please RSVP by March 4 to Rebeca Gutierrez, VP Membership at [villegasrebec@gmail.com](mailto:villegasrebec@gmail.com). She can also answer any questions you may have.

## HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS:



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[Cistercian Preparatory School](#)



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4th Grade Play:



PK4 Phonics Bootcamp:



2nd Grade STEM:



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