



# ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

## WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

April 12, 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 SOMEONE SPECIAL



Know someone in our community who deserves to be recognized for going "above and beyond" for Catholic education? Nominate him or her for a Work of Heart Award. Nominations for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year are due Wednesday, May 8. [Please click here](#) to submit yours!

## REMINDERS

### TODAY, Friday, April 12:

-5th grade received the Vocations Chalice at All School Mass and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming weeks.

### Sunday, April 14:

-10:30 AM, Church: Children's Choir Sings at Mass

### Thursday, April 18:

-2:30 PM, Church: Living Stations of the Cross presented by 8th grade. All are welcome.



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Excellence



Named 1 of the top 3

**Friday, April 19:**

-NO SCHOOL: Good Friday

**Sunday, April 21:**

-EASTER SUNDAY

**Monday, April 22:**

-NO SCHOOL: School holiday due to inclement weather day

**Tuesday, April 23:**

-School Resumes

-2:15 PM, Bacot Gym: Spring Pep Rally. All are welcome.

-5:30-7:00 PM, ECE Bldg.: PK/K Open House for Prospective Families (details below)

**Wednesday, April 24:**

-Pirate Day (PK); Wacky Dress Day (K-8) - no charge

-Dairy Queen Spirit Night

-Progress Reports Emailed (grades 1-8)

**Thursday, April 25:**

-8:30 AM, Church: Feast of St. Mark Mass. All are welcome.

**Friday, April 26:**

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



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

St. Mark Catholic School



5:30-8:00 PM, St. Mark Campus: S.T.E.M. Fair (details below)

## SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

Welcome to Our Newest Little Lion! Congratulations to

Catholic schools in the nation  
for technology integration.

[VISIT OUR WEBSITE](#)

Follow us and stay connected!



Like what you see?

"Like" and "share"  
on your social media!

## QUICK LINKS

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[Lion's Den Spirit Store](#)

[Work of Heart Nomination](#)

**REMINDER: NO SCHOOL  
APRIL 22**



DON'T FORGET TO MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR -- MONDAY, APRIL 22  
IS NOW A SCHOOL HOLIDAY  
BECAUSE WE DID NOT USE AN  
INCLEMENT WEATHER DAY THIS  
PAST WINTER.

Nurse Townsend, her husband Zach, and their daughter Josie -- Michael James made his debut on Monday at 7:50 PM (he was eager to watch Texas Tech play in the National Championship!). All are doing well. We couldn't be more thrilled about the newest member of our St. Mark community!

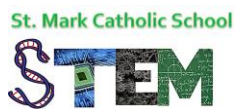


**Mrs. Mitchell's Retirement:** It's that time of year when our hearts start to break with news of non-returning staff. After teaching 7th/8th grade Social Studies at St. Mark for 13 years, **Mrs. Carole Mitchell** will be retiring. The first step will be moving to Flower Mound to be closer to her precious granddaughter, Eliza. After that, who knows, but she is looking forward to a fun and exciting new journey. Students have enjoyed learning from her for many reasons over the years, not the least of which is her ability to compare and contrast the American historical perspective to a European perspective (she hails, of course, from Manchester, England). She has also mentored countless students in the annual National Geographic Geography Bee and Quiz Bowl competitions over the years and has helped them shine! We will miss her dearly and wish her the very best in her retirement!

## INTERNET WARNING

Spring has definitely sprung, and along with the anticipation of summer and the end of the school year, we tend to start seeing some frisky behavior among our students around this time, particularly at the middle school level. In the interest of keeping parents in the loop, please be aware that we are hearing chatter on campus about "Google sex." In today's era of easily accessible technology, it's important that you're aware of this chatter so you can take measures to discuss it with your child as you see fit, and to keep him/her safe. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if we can be of assistance.

## S.T.E.M. FAIR



**Save the Date!** The 4th Annual St. Mark Catholic School STEM Fair takes place on Friday, April 26. Food trucks will be available

## FUN FACTS ABOUT THE STAFF



Did you know? Kindergarten Aide, Mrs. Shannon Congdon, was born and raised in Toledo, OH, attended St.

Theresa of the Little Flower, St. Ursula, and The University of Toledo, earning her Bachelor degree in Elementary Education, got married in 1982, and moved to Texas with her husband. She has three beautiful girls, Courtney, Caitlin (CC), & Carli, all redheads, who graduated from St. Mark and from Bishop Lynch High School. She has a grandchild, Harper Rose-Lynn, almost 2, whom she adores, and is carrying on the red-headed legacy! She enjoys cooking, gardening, and traveling, and is an Arkansas Razorback fan (where two of her girls graduated from and now live).



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

## ST. MARK SUMMER PROGRAM

starting at 5:00 PM, with the STEM Fair taking place from 5:30-8:00 PM. Admission is free and is open to all members of the St. Mark Catholic School community.

**New this year: All attendees will be required to sign a Participation Release Form prior to entering the event. The form will be sent to school families the week of the event via Renweb.**

**SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE:** Starting at 5:30 PM on stage in the Cafetorium, NASA Astronaut, Captain Kenneth S. Reightler, based in Maryland, will be here to discuss space tourism.

**SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS:** Virtual reality, Star Wars characters, robots, go-carts, a hot air balloon, a Careflite helicopter, prize drawings, goody bags, and much more will all be part of the fun!

Don't miss this family event featuring STEM-related, interactive booths sponsored by corporations, non-profit organizations, universities, and more. Kids and grown-ups alike have fun learning about the many ways that science, technology, engineering and math are used in today's businesses and in our society.

*\*Tip: Let someone else do the cooking on the 26th! Students have early dismissal at 12:00 NOON, which means it's a Raising Cane's fundraiser day. Treat everyone to lunch at Cane's across the street and the Athletics Dept. receives a percentage of the proceeds. Then head back to campus for the STEM Fair and pick up dinner from the on-site food trucks!*

**DON'T MISS THE 2019 SPRING MUSICAL!**

## 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)**

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

**\*Flexible Registration and Payment Plans**

Learn more by visiting Kidventure's [website](http://www.kidventure.com) 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



# St. Mark Catholic School Theatre Production II

Presents



A Musical Based on the Story of L. Frank Baum  
By Tim Kelly - Music and Lyrics by Bill Francoeur

Produced by special arrangement with  
Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Englewood, Colorado

Produced & Designed by C. G. Smith  
Stage Direction by Gregory Michniak Musical Direction by Patty Corsi

**May 8, 2019**

6:30 pm

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. The next one is 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 remember Pope Francis' monthly intentions:

**April: Universal-Workers in War Zones:** For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

## AROUND THE PARISH





## GET READY FOR FIELD DAY!



### Field Day T-Shirts:

Place your order now for your child's Field Day t-shirt by [clicking here](#). Shirts are provided to everyone at no charge. Orders are due April 19.

### Volunteers:

Thank you to all who have volunteered for Field Day this year! Watch your email for important volunteer information.

## 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** 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 House:

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

ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL



NEWS FROM ATHLETICS



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.

## 24TH ANNUAL MONSIGNOR SMYTH GOLF CLASSIC

Father Cliff will be retiring at the end of June, and the parish is hosting a special Farewell Potluck Dinner in his honor. There are two ways to get involved:

1. Please join us on May 17 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center Great Hall for a Farewell Potluck Dinner. Bring a dish to share and wish Father Cliff well in his retirement. [Sign-up here](#).
2. Teens (grades 7-12) can earn service hours by volunteering at the Farewell Potluck Dinner from 6:00-9:00 PM in the Parish Center Great Hall. [Sign-up here](#).



You may be familiar with the high school youth conferences called *Steubenville*, created by Franciscan University in Steubenville, OH. These conferences bring inspiring Catholic speakers and worship leaders together with hundreds of teens to experience the Catholic faith. Now *Steubenville* has designed a conference experience called *Encounter* for the whole family with speakers, music and opportunities to deepen your faith. It's being held at the Gaylord Texan in Grapevine from August 16-18 (Friday evening-Sunday midday). Options for childcare are available (The Pines is organizing childcare for kids 7-17 and Kidventure for kids 6 and under). You can add a hotel stay to your reservation. For more information, as well as \$20 off each adult registration, [please click here](#), or visit their website at [www.encountertx.com](http://www.encountertx.com).

**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).



**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](#).



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.



Join us for public mass at Holy Trinity Seminary on Sunday, April 14 and 28 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.

**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!

**St. Mark Talent Show:**



**BOGO Book Fair:**



**Principal/AP/Teacher for a Day:**

## PAW PRIDE!



Congratulations to the following students who qualified and have chosen to attend the summer

Senior DECATS program: Austin A., Jackson D., Adrienne F., Heidi K., Peter K., Timothy K., Nicholas K., George L., Amelia M., Gabriela M., Kevin M., Nataly M., Avery Q., Paul S., Nadia S., Chase T., Cody T., and Max Z.

The DeBusk Enrichment Center for Academically Talented Students serves to develop young minds through a 3-week intensive summer program that emphasizes hands-on, exploratory learning. To qualify, a student must have an Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) result of 97% in two or more major subject areas with an accompanying Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) composite total of 115 minimum.

## SUPPER OF EXCELLENCE

The Lewis family is this month's lucky recipient of a "Tea Party" themed Supper of Excellence that they won at last year's Auction. Special thanks to our chefs: Janet Dansby, Emily Jackson, Sharon Thompson, Carolyn Eisele, Alison Hughes, and Debbie Reed. They prepared delicious tea sandwiches, salads, scones, and dessert worthy of a proper English tea!



## DRAMA KIDS SUMMER CAMPS



### Principal Appreciation Day:



### Holocaust Speaker:



### School Library Month:



### Kindergarten Circuits:





## HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

**High School Scholarship:** The Catholic Daughters Court #2100 is offering their annual Josephine Ames Scholarship in the amount of \$500 to an 8th grade student entering a Catholic high school in the area in the fall of 2019. For more information and the scholarship application, please [click here](#) to be taken to the scholarship information page on the school website. Hard copies are also available in the school office.



Bishop Lynch High School invites K-7 families to come and see where your child can truly bloom next at

**SPRING  
PREVIEW**

their **Spring Preview** on **Thursday, April 25** from 9:00-11:00 AM on the BL campus. This event provides insight into the BL experience from administration and current Friar families, guided campus tours and an overview of the admissions process. All prospective families are invited to enjoy breakfast and beverages while learning about life as a Friar. It's never too early to plant the seeds for the next phase of your child's educational journey! Please [RSVP](#) for Spring Preview by Thursday, April 18. You can learn more at [www.bishoplynch.org](http://www.bishoplynch.org).



6th Grade Stations of the Cross:



PK Wacky Wednesday:



PK Peeps Taste Test:

The Highlands School High School Theater Company is excited to bring you a 75-year old musical, **OKLAHOMA!**, by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II the **weekend of April 12-14** at the Irving Arts Center. **All families are welcome!** [Purchase tickets here.](#)

## HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS:



[Bishop Lynch High School](#)



[Cistercian Preparatory School](#)



[Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas](#)



[John Paul II High School](#)



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