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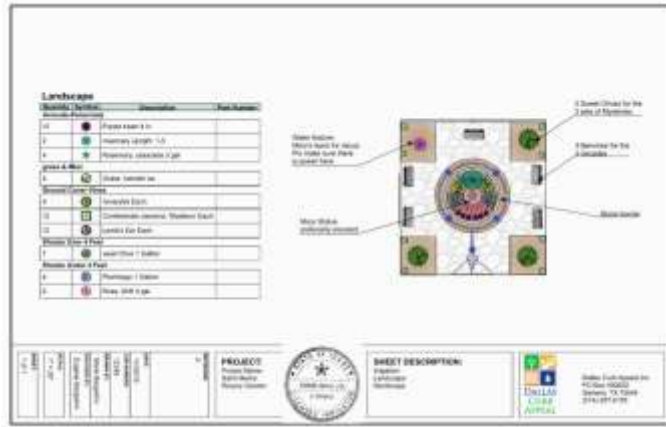
BOOTS
and
Ballgowns

February 29, 2020

Southfork Ranch
Oil Barron's Ballroom
6pm-Midnight

BUY TICKETS NOW
<https://one.bidpal.net/stmarkauction2020>

*Let's dine and
like the Exin
LIVE MUSIC
Plated Dinner
Large Casino, 1
Booth and m
more!*



Make plans to attend the only school fundraiser of the year!

Mix and mingle with the St. Mark community while raising funds for the new rosary garden (our plan pictured) and the school technology fund.

Tickets are on sale now at <https://one.bidpal.net/stmarkauction2020>.

**Want to become a sponsor?
Contact Auction Chair Casey Hendrix at caseyhendrix@gmail.com.**

Prayer for the 2019-20 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.

REMINDERS

Today, Friday, January 31:



A National School of

-7th 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.

-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 will be donated to the Athletics Department.

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

Monday, February 3:

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

Tuesday, February 4:

-6:00-7:30 PM: Open House for Prospective families; pre-registration is available [here](#).

Wednesday, February 5:

-Dress Down Day (no charge) for all students who attended any mass at any parish in uniform during Catholic Schools Week (January 25-26), or are scheduled to attend the upcoming mass in uniform at Our Lady of Angels on February 2

Thursday, February 6:

-6:30 PM, Library: HSA General Meeting

Friday, February 7:

-7:30 AM, Cafetorium: HSA General Meeting

-7:55 AM, Cross by the Narthex: Community Prayer Walk; all are welcome

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass presented by 7th grade; all are welcome

2020-21 RE-ENROLLMENT REMINDER

Registration for the 2020-21 school year began last Friday. An email from Annette Vela was sent with re-

Excellence



**Named 1 of the top 3
Catholic schools in the nation for
technology integration**

FAITH IN ACTION



FORTITUDE



SERVICE FROM THE HEART

February Project: Laps for Leukemia/Lymphoma

Description: Each student completed laps during P.E. classes this week and had the opportunity to obtain pledges to raise funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Online donations can still be made by [clicking here](#).

Social Teaching: Life and dignity of the human person

Who Benefits? Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

enrollment and 2020-21 tuition information. Please contact the school office if you cannot access your FACTS Family Portal registration account. The deadline to re-enroll (or to enroll a new sibling) without penalty is February 14.

TUITION & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM TAX RECEIPTS

Parents can obtain year-end tuition and After School Program payment receipts through the FACTS Payment Summary / Tax Receipt Feature. FACTS allows you to create a customized payment summary report. This report includes the school's tax identification number, meaning it can be utilized for FSA needs.

To access the payment summary report, [log-in to FACTS](#).

Click on FACTS (bottom left) and then click FACTS Home (bottom right).

Click on View Details in Payment Plan & Billing Section.

Click on Transactions tab.

Select Date Range, Customer/Student Name, and Account (ie tuition, extended day charges).

Click print.

Please contact the school office at 972-578-0610 or FACTS at 866-441-4637 with questions.

HELP STOCK THE SVDP FOOD PANTRY

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 27.

PK3 & PK4: canned fruit in juice

TK & Kindergarten: dry or canned beans

Due Date: February 14, 2020

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, grandpas, uncles, etc., 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



Back by popular demand, St. Mark will be hosting the "Kidventure" summer program on our campus in 2020! Dates are

June 1- July 31 (you may pick and choose your weeks). **Registration begins February 7 for ages 3 years – 5th grade.** The cost is \$240 per week. Hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-3:30 PM. Pre & post camp options are available (7:00 AM-6:00 PM). For general information, see the [Kidventure flyer](#), or [click here to visit their website](#).

1st grade: canned chicken
2nd grade: canned tuna
3rd grade: whole grain pasta
4th grade: granola bars
5th grade: soup
6th grade: low sodium canned vegetables
7th grade: brown rice
8th grade: dry or canned beans

ORDER YOUR VALENTINE GRAMS



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 Thursday, February 6 (cash or check). No late orders will be accepted. All proceeds benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

ASP WORKER NEEDED



The After School Program is hiring for the 3rd/4th grade class. The hours are Monday-Friday, 3:00-6:00 PM. The pay is \$15 per hour. Responsibilities include clocking students in via an iPad and supervision of students during snack, homework, and free play. Must be [Safe Environment trained](#). If interested, please contact Sarah Peralta at sarah.peralta@stmcs.net.

THANK YOU FROM THE STAFF

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

each other. There will be many opportunities for you to get involved this school year. Even if you are unable to participate in person, please pray for St. Mark from wherever you are.

***Prayer Walks:** We will conduct Prayer Walks on the first Friday of each month and hope you can join us. The next one will take place February 7.

***Prayer Requests:** Everyone is welcome to place prayer requests in the box on the prayer table located in the hallway between the Admin. offices and the Cafetorium. The 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, we hope you will also remember Pope Francis' monthly intentions:

February: Listen to the migrants' cries: We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.



Thanks to you, our amazing parents, each and every faculty/staff member enjoyed a complimentary In-N-Out Burger lunch on CSW Family Day! What a treat, made even more special because of your generosity. We appreciate all of you, and enjoyed every last bite!

FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE



Saturday, February 8th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

St. Mark Catholic School Cafeteria

\$30 per couple, \$10 each additional daughter

Online pre-registration & payment:
squareup.com/store/6065

Contact Aaron Baldwin for more info: ab3163@att.net



[To register, please click here.](#)

HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT ST. MARK!

The 2020-21 admission season is here! Do you know someone interested in a St. Mark education for their Preschool-8th grade child?

Invite them to [pre-register](#) for a school tour or an upcoming Open



AROUND THE PARISH



**Service Opportunity
For Grades 6-8:**

*February 1 and 2, 2020

*After each mass, our youth will collect monetary donations outside in front of the church and in the breezeway.

*For more information and to sign-up, [please click here.](#)

AROUND THE DIOCESE



HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY

HTS invites you to public mass. Each mass is followed by a reception hosted by the local Serran clubs where you can get to know the HTS seminarians.

Upcoming Mass Date: 2/2/20

Time: 9:15 AM

Location: 3131 Vince Hagan Drive,
Irving, TX



House. If they attend, you'll receive a \$10 gift certificate to the Lion's Den Spirit Store, and if they enroll, you could receive a [\\$500 tuition credit!](#)

2020 Open Houses:

February 4 - 6:00 PM

March 24 - 8:00 AM

April 7 - 9:00 AM (PK/Kindergarten)

April 21 - 5:30 PM (PK/Kindergarten)



NEWS FROM ATHLETICS



Registration for Baseball and Softball is now open. Please [click here](#) for complete details and registration. The deadline is February 17.



Mrs. Denvir invites all students and their families to attend the monthly French masses held at Our Lady of Cistercian Abbey. There is an opportunity to do the readings and to sample French snacks after each mass.

Upcoming Mass Date: 2/16/20

Time: 10:30 AM

Location: 3550 Cistercian Road, Irving, TX

PAW PRIDE



The St. Mark Quiz Bowl team competed in the TQBA Fort Worth Open II last weekend. They competed against 26 teams and made it to the Quarter Finals, eventually losing to top seed Greenhill A. Team players are: **Anthony N. (8th), Jozsi A. (8th), Max Z. (8th), Alfredo R. (7th), Pratosh R. (6th), and Nathan P. (6th).**



Registration for Track & Field is now open. Please [click here](#) for complete details and registration. The deadline is February 7.

Track Coaches Needed: If you are interested in coaching JV Track in the spring, please contact Athletic Director [Marlene Ehring](#).

SERVICE HOUR



OPPORTUNITY: Middle school students can earn service hours by working at the concession stand during home basketball games. Please [click here](#) for the schedule and contact marlene.ehring@stmcs.net to sign-up.

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 St. Mark Religion Bowl team competed in the Reverend Thomas Cloherty Religion Scholars Bowl on Tuesday. They reached the Finals, placing 5th overall out of 30 teams. Team members are **Jozsi A. (8th)**, **Laura P. (7th)**, **Diya C. (6th)** and **Marilyn P. (5th)**.

Congratulations to **Emily P.** who 2nd Place at the Catholic Diocese of Dallas Catholic Schools Week Poster Contest in the 1st/2nd grade category.

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!

Catholic Schools Week:



**Spirit Night at Metroplex Gymnastics
January 31st (Friday)**



It's an evening of indoor entertainment for the kids
while you enjoy a parent night out!

Drop-off: 6:30 PM
Pick-Up: 9:30PM (\$15 per kid)
Pick-Up: 11:00PM (\$22 per kid)
NOTE: Cheese Pizza included

Metroplex Gymnastics & Swim
205 E. Bethany in Allen

You must pre-register online @
www.metroplexgymnastics.com/pages/p-night-out

25% of the proceeds benefit St. Mark HSA Projects



3rd Annual Talent Show

HSA is excited to announce that the **3rd Annual Talent Show** will be held on Friday, April 3 from 6:30-8:00 PM!

It's going to be a fun-filled and action-packed evening, and there are opportunities for everyone to show and share their talents this year (parents & kids)! Please follow the link below for more information about the Talent Show, and to sign-up for one of our 15 talent show slots!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084EACAB28A3F85-3rdannual>



**WANT TO VOLUNTEER?
REMEMBER THAT**



YOUR SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING MUST BE CURRENT.

Preschool-2nd Grade Classroom Helpers

Needed: Please sign-up to help our teachers in the classroom with reading, paper pulling, and craft prep. All teachers have Sign-Up Geniuses with specific classroom needs. [Click here](#) for the Sign-Up Geniuses for each teacher on the school website. Questions? Contact [Liz Delaney](#) or [Brandy Pazora](#).

ECE Front Desk Volunteers Needed: Early Childhood needs volunteers to man the front desk each day, answering the door, the phone, and doing occasional craft prep. Volunteers may bring a book/work, and the desktop computer is available if needed. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30AM-2:00 PM, and Friday, 9:30AM-2:00 PM. Any amount of time is appreciated. Please [click here](#) for the Sign-Up Genius, and be sure to include the hours you can volunteer in the "comments." Questions? Contact [Liz Delaney](#)

Library volunteers are needed for Kindergarten-8th Grade! Please visit the Library [Sign-Up Genius](#) to see the schedule of available times. There are plenty of opportunities!



Helping Hands Committee

If you know any St. Mark families in need of help due to a birth, sickness, death, or any life event, please contact the [Helping Hands](#)

[Committee](#).



Keep cutting those Box Tops and submitting them online! Download the Box Tops app and scan your receipt with eligible products within 14 days of purchase. For physical Box Tops, please carefully cut out unexpired Box Tops from participating brands; 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 **today, January 31**. Each Box Top submitted



PK3 B Week:



DPL Basketball Night at SMU:



earns \$.10 for St. Mark. [Click here for details](#). For more information, contact [Melissa King](#) or [Sharon Mattis](#).



Shop at Kroger and Earn Money for

St. Mark: Enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards program and a percentage of your purchases will go to the St. Mark Home & School

Association. [Click here](#) for instructions. Be sure to re-link every 12 months.

HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES



Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas is offering many new athletic and academic camps **for boys and girls** during June and July. New this year: **CSI**

Investigation Camps where students will

do an investigation with a forensic expert; **Genetics**

Labs where students can isolate and replicate

DNA; **Ceramics classes** where students will build

exciting creations; and **Mythology** classes where students will be immersed in a world of mythology and legends.

Program details and registration will be available February 1 starting at 8:00 AM. Spots will go fast! [Click here for more information.](#)



Bishop Lynch High School invites you to the Leyden Lecture Series which brings distinguished scholars, activists and artists to the BL campus. Lectures are open to everyone and are held in the

McGonigle Theatre. For more information, visit www.bishoplynch.org/leydenlectureseries.

*2/4: Professor Hidalgo/Texas Christian University Dept. of History

*4/14: Osagie Omorowa/Human Trafficking, in conjunction with the World Affairs Council of Dallas

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