



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN February 14, 2020



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February 29, 2020

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more!*



Let's party like the Ewings
while raising funds for the
new rosary garden
(example shown at left) and
the school technology fund.

Join us for the only school-
wide fundraiser of the year!

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 & Sainly Quote of the Week

The Month of February is Dedicated to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, make our family one with you.
Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love,
strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the
weaknesses and trials through which our families
sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center
of our hearts and homes until we are all one family,
happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.





A Quote From St. Catherine of Siena:

**"For perfected souls, every place is to them an oratory,
every moment a time for prayer."**

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, February 14:

-4th grade received the Vocations Chalice at All School Mass today and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

-Re-Enrollment Deadline for Current Families (without penalty; details at right)

Saturday, February 15:

-5:30 PM, Church: Children's Choir Sings at Mass

Monday, February 17:

-NO SCHOOL: President's Day

Thursday, February 20:

-Preschool Sport-A-Thon

-K-5 Career Days

Friday, February 21:

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass presented by 4th grade. All are welcome.



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technology integration**

**RE-ENROLLMENT
DEADLINE = TODAY**

The deadline
to re-enroll (or
to enroll a new
sibling) for the



-K-5 Career Days

-Deadline for 2020-21 New Student Applications

K-5 CAREER DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Kindergarten-5th Grade

Parents: Our students want to learn about your

career!

We need parents to volunteer to spend 20 minutes with students on Thursday, 2/20 or Friday, 2/21 and provide a fun, interactive presentation about your job.

Let's get our kids thinking about what they want to be when they grow up! [Click here for the Sign-Up Genius.](#)

ANNUAL PARENT SURVEY



The Catholic Diocese of Dallas has once again partnered with the

Oklahoma Center for Education Policy to produce annual capacity reports for the Catholic Schools. These surveys are sent to principals, faculty, students and families. You are invited to participate in this study which asks your opinion regarding aspects of the school that your child(ren) attend(s), such as the quality of the school environment, student learning, and interaction with teachers and school administration. All responses will be completely confidential and anonymous.

St. Mark will send you the link to the electronic survey by email. The survey window opens 2/19/20 and will close on 3/11/20. Please check both your inbox and spam/junk folders for an email from the school with the link to complete this survey. If you do not receive

2020-21 school year without penalty is today, February 14. [Click here for complete instructions.](#)

Please contact the school office if you cannot access your FACTS Family Portal registration account.

ALUMNI NEWS



Check out the latest alumni news by following this [link](#).

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.

HELP STOCK THE SVDP FOOD PANTRY

one, please let us know. Thank you for taking the time to contribute to this important endeavor to improve the Dallas Catholic Schools.

IMPACT TESTING



We are currently offering ImPACT concussion baseline testing for our students ages 11 & up. We *strongly encourage* every student athlete to take this important health screening.

If interested, you can sign up [here](#). **NOTE: If your student has already taken the test within the last two years, their test is still good and they do NOT have to re-take it.** Feel free to contact our school nurses for more information.

PYTHON CODING CLASS

Middle School Parents: School parent, Mr. Cantu, will be offering a class in Python programming on Fridays from 3:30-4:30 PM in Mr. Sedge's computer lab beginning March 20. If your middle school student is interested, please send an email to [Mrs. Benavides](#) or to [Mr. Cantu](#).

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](#)



Want to donate to the SVDP food pantry? Donations will

be matched by North Texas Food Bank. Send your donation to your child's teacher by **2/27/20**.

PK3 & PK4: canned fruit; TK/Kinder: dry or canned beans; 1st: canned chicken; 2nd: canned tuna; 3rd: whole grain pasta; 4th: granola bars; 5th: soup; 6th: low sodium canned veggies; 7th: brown rice; 8th: dry/canned beans

AROUND THE PARISH



Saturday, February 22, 2020
St. Mark Cafetorium

6:00 PM Doors Open/Registration
7:00 PM Bingo Starts
Must be 21 years old.

\$25 pre-register online
at www.squareup.com/store/6065
OR \$30 at the door

GRAND PRIZE: \$600 GIFT CARD

Proceeds benefit Pro-Life Charities
and other K of C projects

Bring new baby shower gifts for
ONE FREE additional bingo card for
Grand Prize.

[trained](#). If interested, please contact Sarah Peralta at sarah.peralta@stmcs.net.

REFERRAL REWARDS

The 2020-21 admission season is in full swing! 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 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:

March 24 - 8:00 AM

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

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



ST. MARK SUMMER PROGRAM



Service Opportunity for Students in Grades 6-8

WHAT: Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry
(help serve food, beverages, and clean tables)

WHEN: Friday, 2/28/20; Friday, 3/13/20; or Friday 3/27/20

TIME: 5:00-7:00 PM

WHERE: St. Mark Cafetorium

INFO. & SIGN UP: [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: 2/23/20

Time: 9:15 AM

Location: 3131 Vince Hagan Drive, Irving, TX





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 is available now 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](#). *

NEWS FROM ATHLETICS



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



The registration deadline for Track & Field has been extended until February 17. Please [click here](#) for details and registration.

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

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.ehrling@stmcs.net to sign-up.

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

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!

Community Prayer Walk:



Girl Scouts Engineering:

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



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At this week's HSA General Meetings,

all of the 2020 Bylaw Changes communicated to school families earlier this week were approved and adopted.

The office of HSA President is up for election for the 2020-21 school year. If you are interested in running, please contact [Angela Coulter](#) by March 6.



We are in the final stretch! The last official Box Tops submission of the school year is at the end of this month. Don't forget to download the Box Tops app and scan your receipt with eligible products within

14 days of purchase OR gather your unexpired Box Tops from participating brands (expiration date must be visible); place in a Ziploc (which conveniently has Box Tops) or envelope; write your child's grade/teacher on it; and turn in to your child's teacher by **February 21**. Each Box Top submitted earns \$.10 for St. Mark. **Click here for details.** Contact [Sharon Mattis](#) or [Melissa King](#) with questions.



PK4 Valentine Centers:



Valentine's Day:



VOLUNTEER



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](#).



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](#).

HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

Ties & Tiaras
Daddy-Daughter Luncheon

Sunday, March 22, 2020
4:00pm - 6:00pm
Hosted by the JPH Cardinal Belles



\$25 per Daddy/Daughter Couple
\$5 per Additional Daughter

Register Online:
<https://jphihs.wufoo.com/forms/m1421xv31839df/>

QUICK LINKS

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