



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN: May 1, 2020

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.



Weekly Prayer & Sainly Quote

May 1, Feast of St. Joseph the Worker

Joseph Most Just, pray for us. Joseph Most Chaste, pray for us. Joseph Most Prudent, pray for us. Joseph Most Courageous, pray for us. Joseph Most Obedient, pray for us. Joseph Most Faithful, pray for us. Mirror of Patience, pray for us. Lover of Poverty, pray for us. Model of Workmen, pray for us. Glory of Domestic Life, pray for us. Guardian of Virgins, pray for us. Pillar of Families, pray for us. Comfort of Afflicted, pray for us. Hope of the Sick, pray for us. Patron of the Dying, pray for us. Terror of Demons, pray for us. Protector of the Holy Church, pray for us!

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"Knowing by experience St. Joseph's astonishing influence with God, I would wish to persuade everyone to honor him with particular devotion. I have always seen those who honored him in a special manner make progress in virtue, for this heavenly protector favors in a striking manner the spiritual advancement of souls who commend themselves to him." -St. Teresa of Avila

FRIDAY MESSAGES FROM ADMINISTRATION



THIS WEEK'S MUSIC VIDEO:



STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's that time of year when we announce with heavy hearts the faculty and staff members who are leaving us, and welcome with joy the new ones who will be joining us next year.

Kindergarten teacher, **Erin McCormick**, has decided to use her Master in Advanced Literacy degree and become a literacy specialist or dyslexia teacher. She began her career at St. Mark from 1995-2002, returning from 2009 until the present. During her 18 years here, she has become known as a kind and compassionate teacher and colleague who always goes above and beyond for everyone in her midst. Her positive outlook and gentle spirit will be greatly missed by students and staff alike. We wish her the very best of luck as she pursues this new and exciting path.

Second grade teacher, **Vicki Crider**, will also be leaving us. She has been a teacher at St. Mark since 2009, teaching both preschool and second grade during that time. She will be heading back to school to earn her Speech Language Pathologist degree and looks forward to spending more time with her family. Her sweet disposition, positive energy, and dedication to each student will be greatly missed, but we know she will shine wherever she goes. We wish her all the best in her new endeavors.

Claire Moxley stepped into a co-teacher role with Mrs. Crider in second grade this year, teaching her class on Fridays. She has been a wonderful addition to the staff, and lucky for us, she has decided to return as a substitute teacher next year. We will still see her smiling face regularly on campus, just in different classrooms, and our staff couldn't be more thrilled!

Third grade teacher, **Janet Dansby**, has decided to retire after this year. She has been a teacher at St. Mark since 2002 and has become a beloved fixture in our community during her 18 years here. She is well known for her fun and interesting science experiments and the many creative ways she engages students in all of her classroom lessons. Students and staff alike will miss her kindness, her smile and her sense of humor. We wish her the very best in her retirement where she will, no doubt, travel to her heart's content and spend precious time with family.

Sixth grade teacher, **Becky Johnson**, has decided to take time off to stay home with her two young boys. Lucky for us, she will also be a substitute teacher on our campus from time to time! Mrs. Johnson has taught at St. Mark for seven years, and for the past few years, has led the Student Council. Students and co-workers love her for her kind, easy-going manner, and her willingness to help others in any situation. Students especially appreciate her ability to make Math and Science fun. She will be greatly missed, but we are thrilled to know she will still be with us from time-to-time.

As you know, our School Nurses, **Caroline Townsend** and **Amy Anders**, are leaving to enjoy time at home raising their young children. We will miss them dearly, but are pleased to announce that **Katy Kaeding** will be joining us as the new full time School Nurse in the fall. Mrs. Kaeding earned her B.S. degree in Biology from Benedictine College and her B.S. degree in Nursing from Research College of Nursing with Rockhurst University. She has held positions as a Medical-Surgical Staff Registered Nurse, Operating Room Registered Nurse, and most recently, School Nurse at Nativity Parish School in Kansas. She and her husband, Clint, have four children who will all attend St. Mark: John (PK3), Danny (4th grade), Scarlett (4th grade), and Charlie (7th grade). The family is relocating to our area this summer and we look forward to welcoming them all to St. Mark!



The annual "Service From the Heart" assembly that was scheduled for today, had to be canceled. However, we would like to recognize all of our students who participated in every monthly All-School Service Project during the year. We thank them for their dedication to serving others, and hope this commitment stays with them throughout their lives.



DISTANCE LEARNING

The St. Mark Catholic School building is closed through the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. Distance learning is in effect. Please continue to check the "Lesson Plans" tab in [FACTS Family Portal](#) for student assignments. The grades from these lessons are entered into the grade book



Parents: If you are having any issues accessing the distance learning lessons or any technical difficulties, please notify the teacher immediately. We do not want students receiving "zeros" because teachers are unaware of these issues. Thank you for your continued feedback and support.

In addition, we are required by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to take attendance during distance learning. As long as your child is turning in his/her assignments by the posted due dates, he/she will be counted present for each school day that week. Should your child become ill and/or unable to meet assignment due dates, please contact your child's teacher, and include the school nurse if ill (caroline.townsend@stmcs.net).

REMINDERS

Monday, May 4:

-St. Mark "Virtual" Spirit Day (details below)

Friday, May 8:

-10:00 AM-11:00 PM: Raising Cane's Fundraiser (details below)

Thursday, May 14-Monday, May 18:

-8th grade final exams have been canceled

Wednesday, May 20-Thursday, May 21:

-6th & 7th grade final exams have been canceled

Friday, May 22:

-Last day of school for 8th grade

Monday, May 25:

-NO SCHOOL: Memorial Day

Thursday, May 28:

-4th quarter ends

-7:30 AM, School Advisory Council Meeting

Friday, May 29:

-Last Day of School

-10:00 AM - 11:00 PM: Raising Cane's Fundraiser (details below)

VIRTUAL SPIRIT DAY!



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Catholic schools in the nation for
technology integration

FAITH IN ACTION



RESPONSIBILITY

HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

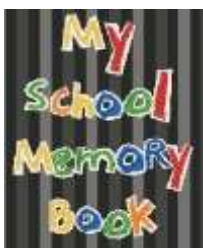


[Bishop Lynch Summer
Camps](#)



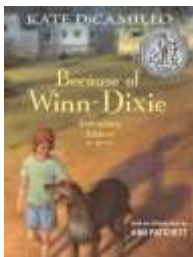
Show us your **LION** pride! Send a photo of your student wearing any St. Mark shirt on Monday, May 4 to debbie.reed@stmcs.net, and we'll post it on our social media.

2019-20 YEARBOOK UPDATE



Yearbook verification emails were sent out on Monday. If you did not receive an email but think you ordered a yearbook, please email [Stacy Oliver](mailto:Stacy.Oliver) so that she can double-check her records. 8th grade parents were not notified via email unless they purchased a yearbook for a younger sibling. All 8th grade students receive a complimentary copy of the yearbook. If you did not order a yearbook but wish to put your name on a waiting list, please email [Stacy Oliver](mailto:Stacy.Oliver). If there are more people on the waiting list than copies available, then we will hold a lottery drawing for them. The cost is \$40. Those on the waiting list will be notified as soon as we verify that we have extra copies available. We expect them to arrive by the end of May.

DO YOU HAVE AN EXTRA COPY OF "BECAUSE OF WINN DIXIE?"



Do you have a copy of *Because of Winn-Dixie* that you no longer need? If so, the 4th grade teachers can use it. If you're willing to donate it, please plan to bring it on your assigned day and time to return textbooks, etc. to the school (more info. to come). We appreciate your help!



[Jesuit Dallas Summer Camps](#)



[John Paul II Summer Camps](#)



[Ursuline Dallas Summer Camps](#)

SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

A few scenes from recent weeks. To learn the stories behind these photos, visit our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) pages!

Circuits:



PK4 Special Delivery:

LIFETIME LIONS NEWSLETTER



LIFETIME LIONS

newsletter.

See the latest alumni news in the [Spring edition](#) of the "Lifetime Lions"

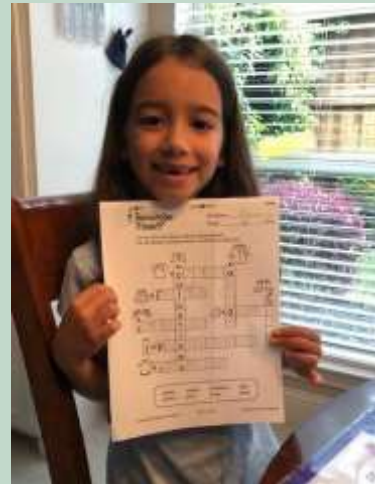
RAISING CANE'S FUNDRAISER

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MAY 8 AND MAY 29!

Take a break from the kitchen and let Raising Cane's do the cooking! On May 8 and May 29, visit the drive-thru at the location across the street from the school. Mention St. Mark during the order process and **a percentage of the proceeds will help purchase supplies for the 2020 All School Service Projects!**



Spanish Class:



Outdoor Fun:



Library Contest:

JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER AT RAISING CANE'S!

Mention the fundraiser at the register
and Cane's will donate **15%** of sales to:

St. Mark

DATE & TIME:

May 8th from 10 am - 11 pm

LOCATION:

1000 W. 15th Street Plano, TX 75075
DRIVE THRU ONLY AVAILABLE



Dinosaur Art:



Brothers Working Together:



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

Financial Aid: We continue to accept and review financial aid applications. Please visit the [school website](#) for complete information. Please note that the school will cover the \$35 financial aid application fee for the next few months.

Required documents:

- 2018 tax return & 2019 W2
- OR 2019 tax return

If you think you may have a need for financial aid next year, we strongly encourage you to apply for it now.

FACTS Tuition Payments: We need all families to read their emails from FACTS about upcoming transactions and to email [Annette Vela](#) if adjustments are needed. Please pay special attention to payment dates, and remember that there is a cut-off period of 2 business days.

If you have any questions, please contact [Annette Vela](#).

NEWS FROM ATHLETICS

[The latest PLC "Coach Note" is available here.](#)

The two Youtube videos in the body of the note can be accessed through the following links:

[Cue Words and Positive Self-Talk](#)
[Golf Example of Cue Words](#)

For more, [visit their website](#).



CANCELED/POSTPONED EVENTS & COVID 19 UPDATES



All school-related activities and events for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year have been canceled or postponed. Please continue to check the school's COVID 19 web page. It is updated regularly

Food Drive:



3rd Grade Sea in a Jar:



2nd Grade Social Studies via Zoom:



Sisters at Work:

with cancelations and postponements, as well as pertinent communications and useful resources.

REFERRAL REWARDS

Do you know someone interested in a St. Mark education for their Preschool-8th grade child?



Invite them to complete an [Inquiry Form](#). We'll reach out now to answer any questions, and put interested families on a contact list for tours once the school reopens. 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](#)!

DRAMA KIDS ONLINE



PK3 Celebrates Earth Day:



8th Grade Circuits:



PK4 Insects:



Drama Kids Online is the perfect way for students grades K-12 to develop public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and think creatively from the comfort of their own home. Drama Kids Online classes focus on individual achievement while fostering a collaborative, social team atmosphere. Drama Kids are encouraged to think fast, get creative, and use their imaginations to their fullest potential.



DRAMA KIDS ONLINE PARENT TESTIMONIALS

"I have always been impressed by the quality of your classes, but seeing the teachers in action online, pouring such love and attention into the kids, has blown me away."

"...The teacher was so amazing walking the kids through how to use the different features of Zoom and making sure to engage all of the kids during the class."

In Drama Kids Online classes, students will

- Learn dynamic **public speaking** techniques
- Utilize body language and non-verbal communication through **creative movement**
- Develop **teamwork** skills while crafting original scenes
- Express themselves during in-class **performances**
- Develop **literary analysis** skills when working with scripts
- **Have fun** jumping into our expert-developed curriculum

REGISTER FOR DRAMA KIDS ONLINE TODAY

Visit dramakids.com/TX3 or call (972) 363-2369

We are only accepting students who reside in NE Dallas, Rockwall, South Collin and Denton Counties. Please visit www.dramakids.com for other office locations.



1st Grade Seesaw Homework:



8th Grade COVID 19 Talk:



Raising Cane's Fundraiser:

ST. MARK SUMMER PROGRAM



Join Kidventure for Summer Camp! *

We continue to pray for an end to the coronavirus. Should we be blessed enough to return to our normal routines in the coming months, we anticipate that parents may need an extra hand as they begin the rebuilding process. We hope that offering the Kidventure

program can go a long way towards helping ease the burden on parents over the summer.

Kidventure continues to actively monitor the coronavirus situation in conjunction with local and federal health authorities. As always, the safety of campers, staff, and families remains the top priority. Kidventure will act out of an abundance of caution to protect everyone's health and well being. A web page has been set up with updates, key messages, frequently asked questions, and other important resources: <https://kidventure.com/coronavirus-health-alerts/>. Should you have specific questions about COVID-19 and Kidventure, please contact them directly.

*Registration is now available for Summer 2020.

*Families may pick and choose camp weeks.

*Hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM.

*Pre & post camp options are available (7:00AM - 6:00PM).

KIDVENTURE: Camp St. Mark (St. Mark Campus)

Ages 3 years–rising 5th grade, June 1-July 31, 2020, \$240 per week

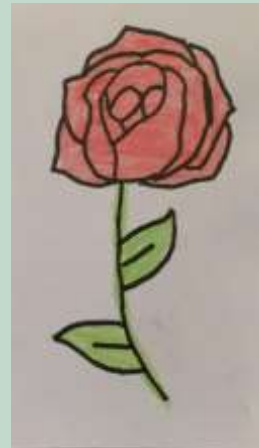
LEADS TEEN SUMMER CAMP: Camp Frisco (Frisco Athletic Center)

Rising 6th-9th grade, June 1-August 7, 2020, \$275 per week

For more, check out the **Kidventure digital brochure**, visit www.kidventure.com/dallas-summer-camp, or call (214) 303-9789.



4th/5th Grade Art:



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



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 SHARING YOUR PHOTOS WITH US



We'd love to hear about the fun and unique activities your families are engaged in during this time. Did your child create an amazing piece of artwork or engage in an interesting STEM project? Did your family make a meal together, or find something unusual on a nature walk? Send your photos to [Debbie Reed](#) and we'll post them. It'll be a fun way to keep in touch and to share activity ideas with the community! Check them out in the Weekly School Bulletins and on our [Facebook page](#).

AROUND THE PARISH



ST. MARK
THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Mark Catholic Church live streams Masses each week:

[Facebook:](#)

Sunday 9:00 AM English; 10:30 AM Spanish

Monday-Saturday 12:00 PM English

Wednesday 12:30 PM Spanish

YouTube:

[Click here](#) to access Masses.

AROUND THE DIOCESE



CATHOLIC DIOCESE
OF DALLAS

Bishop Burns and Bishop Kelly celebrate Mass at a different parish each Sunday:

-English: **KDFW Fox 4** at 11:00 AM and **KDFI 27** at 12:00 PM

-Spanish: Transmitida por Televisión - **Univision 23**, 10:00 AM

You can also watch online. [Please click here](#) for complete information.

* This activity is organized and operated by a third party and is not sponsored by, endorsed by, or affiliated with St. Mark Catholic School or Church in any way. Participation in the activity is completely voluntary, and information regarding the activity is provided only as a convenience to parents. Parents should conduct their own research regarding any activity before allowing students to participate. Neither St. Mark Catholic School or Church receive any consideration or compensation as a result of student or parent participation in this activity.

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