



# ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

## WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN: May 8, 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 & SAINTLY QUOTE:

**"THE MESSAGE OF FATIMA IS, IN ITS BASIC NUCLEUS, A CALL TO CONVERSION AND REPENTANCE, AS IN THE GOSPEL."**

**-ST. JOHN PAUL II**

**May 13: Feast Day of  
Our Lady of Fatima**

**My God, I believe, I adore, I  
hope and I love Thee! I beg pardon  
for those who do not believe, do not  
adore, do not hope and do not love  
Thee. Amen.**



## FRIDAY MESSAGES FROM ADMINISTRATION





On Wednesday, Mrs. Opon sent an update to all school families regarding the plans for reopening the school in the fall via FACTS Family Portal. If you missed it, you can [access a copy](#) of the email on our school website.

### THIS WEEK'S MUSIC VIDEO:

A specially selected song in honor of May Crowning and mothers everywhere.



### STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to announce that Resource Teacher, **Amy Garrison**, will replace Becky Johnson as a 6th grade teacher beginning next year. Mrs. Garrison has been at St. Mark since 2014 serving our resource students. She earned her Master of Education in Teacher Leadership from Lamar University, her Bachelor of Science in Education from Texas State University, and has certifications in Elementary Education, Special Education, and English as a Second Language (ESL). She will also continue to support our resource students, along with Melissa Hosea. We look forward to welcoming her to this new role on the 6th grade team!



## 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](mailto:caroline.townsend@stmcs.net)).

## REMINDERS

**Today, 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

**Thursday, May 21:**

-8:30 AM: Facebook & YouTube Live Streams - St. Mark Catholic Church Graduation Mass Celebrating the Class of 2020

**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)

## FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE



A National School of  
Excellence



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

## 2020-21 BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS



St. Mark will  
host several  
special  
events at the  
start of the 2020-21 school year:

\*Sunday, August 2: Back To School  
Sunday

\*Monday, August 10: Pop-In Meet &  
Greet

\*Wednesday, August 19: Parent  
Information Night (6-8)

\*Thursday, August 20: Parent  
Information Night (PK-5)





**Be Sure You are Current on School Fees:** Please check your FACTS account and be aware that all student debts (such as library, cafeteria, late pickup fees, ASP fees, etc.)

need to be **paid in full by May 18**. Contact [Annette Vela](#) for more information.

**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:

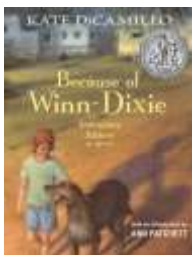
- 2018 tax return & 2019 W2
- OR 2019 tax return

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](#).

## 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

[Please click here](#) for complete details and a printable copy. It is also available on the homepage of the [school website](#).

## ANNOUNCING THE ST. MARK CHESS CLUB



St. Mark Catholic School is pleased to announce that we will

offer a **Chess Club for 1st-5th graders** beginning in the fall in partnership with Enrichment Chess, an organization dedicated to helping kids learn chess from the inside out, and apply their strategies in a manner that promotes critical thinking and analysis.

Enrichment Chess will be on campus during the "Back to School Sunday" event on August 2, and registration will open August 3. Chess Club will begin on campus on September 14 and will include 12 sessions.

We look forward to offering this exciting opportunity to our students!

return textbooks, etc. to the school (more info. to come). We appreciate your help!

## RAISING CANE'S FUNDRAISER

### VISIT TODAY AND MAY 29!

Take a break from the kitchen and let Raising Cane's do the cooking! Today, May 8, and on Friday, 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!



**St. Mark Catholic School**  
**After School Chess Program**

**Fall 2020**  
Mondays 3:45 – 5 PM  
9/14 – 12/7 (12 classes)  
No class: 11/23  
Open to 1st – 5th graders  
All skill levels  
Registration opens 8/7  
Registration Deadline 8/14 (\$248)  
\$15 off Sibling Discount  
\$15 Late fee applies on or after 8/15

**Learning chess will help your child:**  
1) Develop abstract thinking  
2) Build self confidence  
3) Think before acting  
4) Strengthen critical and analytical thinking  
5) Learn sportsmanship & have fun!

Our program has been in the area for over 35 years. Instructors are carefully selected and trained in our best practices. Safety is our priority. We also offer summer camps and tournaments. Visit our website for more about what sets our program apart.

**Tuition Includes:**  
• Chess Tournament (one student only)  
• Chess Coaching Book  
• Merchandise  
• Program (online only)

Register and pay online at [www.EnrichmentChess.com](http://www.EnrichmentChess.com)  
Questions? call 972-581-3001 or email [contactus@enrichmentchess.com](mailto:contactus@enrichmentchess.com)

## HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES



[Bishop Lynch Summer Camps](#)



[Jesuit Dallas Summer Camps](#)



[John Paul II Summer Camps](#)



[Ursuline Dallas Summer Camps](#)

## 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



## SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

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

Class of 2020 Yard Signs:



Play Dough Art:



Virtual Homework:

## NEWS FROM ATHLETICS

[The latest PLC "Friday Morning Rally" is available here.](#)

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

**PLAY LIKE  
A CHAMPION  
TODAY**

Character Education Through Sports



## 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 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 schedule a school tour by completing an [Inquiry Form](#). 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



Real Life Graphing:



Spirit Day:



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](http://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](http://www.dramakids.com) for other office locations.



PK4 Hugs:



"A" Week in PK4:

## 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](http://www.kidventure.com/dallas-summer-camp), or call (214) 303-9789.



**Teacher Appreciation Day:**



**Library Visit:**



**HOME & SCHOOL  
ASSOCIATION**

**Announcing the 2020-21 HSA Executive Board:**

Angela Coulter – President  
[angelakcoulter@icloud.com](mailto:angelakcoulter@icloud.com) - 972-310-7545

Natalie Laurent – Vice President  
[bnlaurent@hotmail.com](mailto:bnlaurent@hotmail.com) - 972-977-0409

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[maria@dallascurbappeal.com](mailto:maria@dallascurbappeal.com) - 347-538-4806

Allison Opon – Treasurer  
[alliecatzk@hotmail.com](mailto:alliecatzk@hotmail.com) - 214-236-0526

We look forward to serving the community during the 2020-21 school year! Don't hesitate to contact us about volunteer opportunities or any other questions you may have.



#### 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



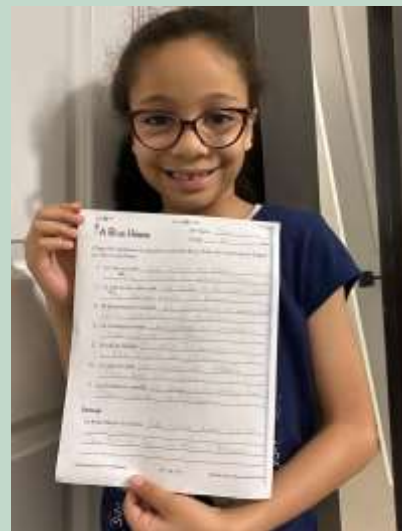
We'd love to hear about the fun and unique activities your families are engaged in during this time. Did your child create an amazing piece of artwork or engage in an interesting STEM project? Did your family make a meal together, or find something unusual on a nature walk? Send your photos to [Debbie 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](#).



School Garden:



Spanish Homework:



HSA Teacher Appreciation:



## 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.

## QUICK LINKS

[Calendar](#)  
[Lifetime Lions Alumni](#)  
[Admissions](#)  
[Lunch Menus](#)  
[Safe Environment](#)  
[Lion's Den Spirit Store](#)  
[Work of Heart Nomination](#)

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