



# ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

## Weekly Bulletin

### VIRTUAL LEARNING

St. Mark will have virtual learning on Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. Please see below for virtual learning information and updates to Catholic Schools Week.

#### Key Details:

- Virtual Learning Dates: Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>
- Click here for more information: [Virtual Day Plans | St. Mark Catholic School | Plano, TX](#)
- Reason for Transition: Inclement Weather
- Learning Platform: Virtual classes will be held on Google Classroom and teachers will provide all necessary login details and instructions or at home packets.
- Please see the Virtual Day Email for more information

#### How Parents can Prepare:

- 1.Ensure Technology Access: Please ensure that your child has access to a device (computer, tablet) and a stable internet connection.
- 2.Create a Learning Space: A quiet, comfortable space for your child to focus on their virtual lessons will help them stay engaged.
- 3.Stay Connected: Teachers will be available throughout the virtual learning times to support your child and answer any questions you may have. If you need any assistance, don't hesitate to reach out.
- 4.If power is unavailable, please email your teacher to let them know.

We understand that this temporary shift to virtual learning may require adjustments, but we believe the continuity of learning is paramount.

Thank you for your continued support and for being an integral part of our school's success.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

January 23  
Reenrollment Opens

January 26  
Virtual Learning Day

January 27  
Virtual Learning Day  
HSA Virtual Meeting 8:30 p.m.

January 29-February 4  
Updated CSW Schedule (see below)

January 31  
St. Mark Gala

February 4  
TEFA Opens

# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

**Thursday, January 29– We Love our Students.** – Student free dress, Prize patrol, HSA lunch treat, Pep Rally 2:30pm with annual 8<sup>th</sup> Grade VS Staff Volleyball Game

**Friday, January 30– We Love our Staff** – Mass 8:30am, Teacher/Student switch day, 12:00 dismissal

**Saturday, January 31–** St. Mark School Gala, Southfork Ranch

**Sunday, February 1-** Sunday Mass 8:45am, 10:30am, 12:30pm. Alumni composite will be hung after 10:30am Mass. Students are asked to attend masses in their school uniforms at St. Mark Catholic Church.

**Monday, February 2** - Free DDD (100th day or Spirit Wear)

**We Love our Priests & Deacon & Clergy**– Students will attend a special assembly called “Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future” at 2:30, parents may attend. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will preform

**Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> - We Love our Families.** – Mass 8:30am, community coffee for parents following Mass. Parents may visit classrooms, attend Art Show, eat In/Out Burgers (must be pre-ordered)

Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> - **We Love our Community.** – Multicultural Faire

## IMPORTANT NOTES

The safety of our students, staff, and visitors is a responsibility we take very seriously. As part of our ongoing commitment to providing a secure and welcoming environment, we use the Raptor Visitor Management System for all campus visitors.

- Fill out the google form for all family members attending. Please be sure to include your name as it appears on your driver’s license. Click here: [PREREGISTER](#)
- Be sure that you have used your raptor app or driver’s license to sign in for the 2025-2026 school year. If you haven’t, we ask that you stop by the front office anytime before Family Day to do so. We are open from 7am-4pm every weekday. If you aren’t sure if you are saved in the system, please email [frontoffice@stmcs.net](mailto:frontoffice@stmcs.net) and we can check for you.

# REENROLLMENT OPENS

## 2025-2026 Re-Enrollment

Enrollment for next year begins today, Friday January 23 and ends Friday, February 13. This is for currently enrolled students. Please see email from Mrs. Salvia with more information!

### Item of Note

We are offering a \$100 discount on the re-enrollment fee for forms completed AND submitted by Friday, January 30. The regular enrollment period ends Friday, February 13. Any forms submitted after that date will have a late fee of \$150 added to their re-enrollment fee.

### Referral Thank You Program

Don't forget about the new family referral program where you could be eligible for a \$750 tuition discount. Program details can be found on the "Parents" tab on the [school website](#).



## Plant your Seeds of Faith with a Catholic Education

### OPEN HOUSE

February 6th - 9:30 a.m.

- Tour our classrooms
- Meet our teachers and students
- Learn about our faith-based education



St. Mark Catholic School sets your child up for success by building foundations in faith, academics, and social development. Tour our 3x Blue Ribbon School today!



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# TEFA

The Texas Education Freedom Accounts (TEFA) program will be accepting applications from February 4 through March 17, 2026. All Texas children are eligible to apply if they live in Texas and are a United States citizen or were lawfully admitted into the U.S. To prepare for the TEFA application, parents should gather the following documents listed [HERE](#).



TEFA is accepting applications from February 4<sup>th</sup> - March 17<sup>th</sup>. While this is not a first-come, first-served timeline, we encourage you to apply sooner rather than later. We highly recommend ALL our families apply for TEFA. This will allow the government to see the need for this program and hopefully increase funds available in future years and you have a chance to be awarded this money.

To assist families with the application process, we will be offering TEFA Application Support on the following dates. Computers will be available, and staff members will be on hand to answer questions:

**February 5<sup>th</sup> – 1:30-2:45 p.m.**

**February 9<sup>th</sup> – 8:00-10:30 a.m.**

**February 20<sup>th</sup> – 1:30-2:45 p.m.**

**February 24<sup>th</sup> – 1:30-2:45 p.m.**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8:00-10:30 a.m.**

**March 10<sup>th</sup> – 8:00-10:30 a.m.**

Before attending, please ensure you have all required documents and information needed for the application. Click [HERE](#) to view the checklist.



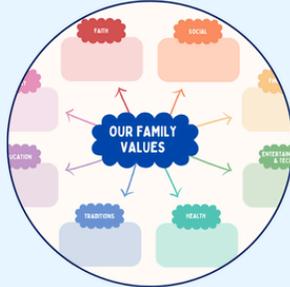
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# SMART FAMILIES



## Family Night!

What are  
**YOUR**  
Family  
Values?



What are your family values?  
Do you have them written down?

Enjoy an evening with dinner, guided conversation, and time to create your own family code with all members of your family.

Registration is requested so that we can have enough food and supplies for everyone who attends.

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#) by Wednesday February 4th.

St. Mark's Catholic School  
Saturday, February 7th at 6:00pm

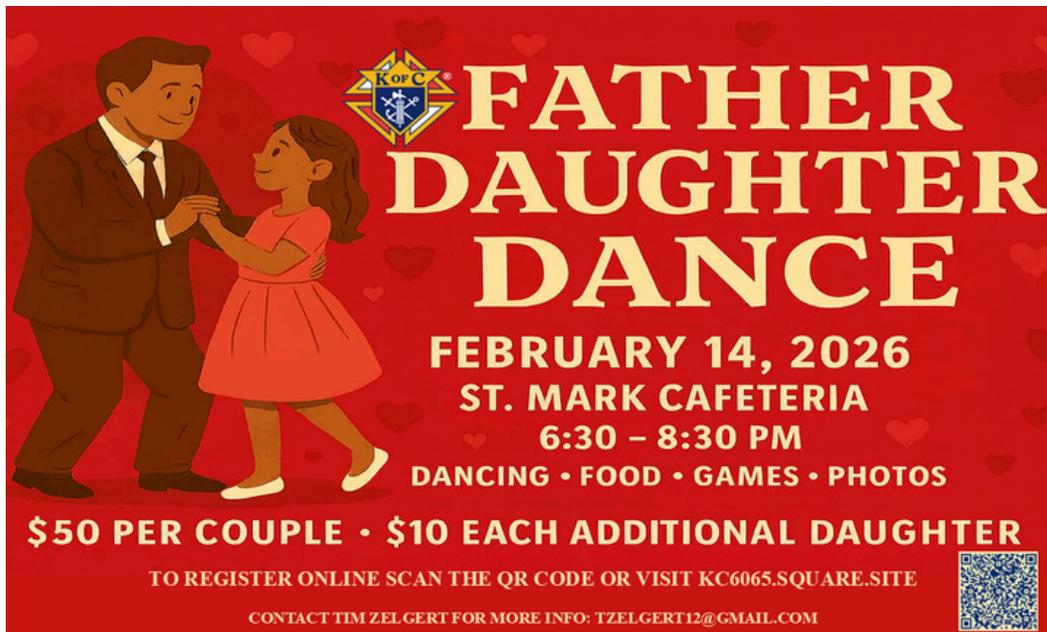


Family Code Dinner: is a 60-minute experience designed for parents and students to attend together. Families share a meal while being guided through meaningful, structured conversation prompts that help them talk about values and expectations in a positive, non-lecture setting. Every family will have an opportunity to write their own “Family code” and some of the students may share with the community.

Click [HERE](#) to RSVP for this special St. Mark Event.



## SAVE THE DATE



**FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE**

**FEBRUARY 14, 2026**  
**ST. MARK CAFETERIA**  
**6:30 – 8:30 PM**  
**DANCING • FOOD • GAMES • PHOTOS**

**\$50 PER COUPLE • \$10 EACH ADDITIONAL DAUGHTER**

TO REGISTER ONLINE SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT [KC6065.SQUARE.SITE](http://KC6065.SQUARE.SITE)

CONTACT TIM ZELGERT FOR MORE INFO: [TZELGERT12@GMAIL.COM](mailto:TZELGERT12@GMAIL.COM)



Join us for a special Valentine's event from 6:30–8:30 PM in the St. Mark Cafeteria. Enjoy a night of dancing, food, games, and photos. Tickets are \$50 per couple and \$10 for each additional daughter.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

## SAVE THE DATE



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**4/24/2026**  
**4:00-7:00 P.M.**

**STEAM FAIR**

**ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL**



We're excited to announce our STEAM Fair happening on Friday, April 24th, 2026!

Families interested in participating are invited to let Mr. Michniak or Ms. Benavides know.

This is a great opportunity to showcase creativity, innovation, and teamwork in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math.

Stay tuned for more details—we can't wait to see your amazing activities on display.



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## HSA

**Save the Date:** The next **HSA meeting is on Tuesday, January 27th at 8:30 PM on Zoom.** Be sure to get this on your calendar so you can get updates on the school year! Please click on this link to join the meeting: [HSA Meeting](#)

**Raising Cane's Spirit Day on January 30th from 12- 4 PM.** Help us raise some money by heading over to Cane's across from school on the half day! Mention the fundraiser at the restaurant or use the code for online ordering. The school will receive 15% of the net sales.



**The Lions Share Store** will be open on Family Day from 9:30-12:00.

## PARISH NEWS

*Becoming Women of the Word,  
From Eve to Mary*

**ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT**

*March 7, 2026*

Featuring Sarah Christmyer, a dynamic Catholic author and speaker. For more information visit Sarah's website at [www.comeintotheword.com](http://www.comeintotheword.com)

**St. Jude Catholic Church**  
1515 N. Greenville Ave.  
Allen, TX 75002

Cost: \$45 (after Feb. 6th the cost is \$50)  
NOTE: Registration closes Feb. 27th 2026  
and tickets are not available at the door.  
*All sales final*

Check in 8:15-9:15 am; Retreat  
9:30am-3:30pm  
Optional Mass 8:30am  
Breakfast snack and lunch included



Scan QR code  
to register

For more information visit  
<https://www.osvhub.com/stjudeparish/forms/annual-womens-retreat>  
Additional questions email: [5womensretreat@gmail.com](mailto:5womensretreat@gmail.com)



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# WEEK IN THE LIFE:

