

WELCOME TO THE GENERAL MEETING

January 27, 2026



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



TONIGHT'S AGENDA

- Welcome & General Update – Nikki Jennings
 - HSA Event Calendar
- School Updates:
 - Texas Education Freedom Accounts (TEFA)
- HSA Committee and Event Updates
 - PAWS
 - Prayer Team
 - Spring Service Project
 - Mother/Son Kickball Game Update
 - Ongoing Teacher Appreciation Events
 - Spring Spirit Nights
- HSA Board Elections for 26-27 School Year
- Gala Update – Theresa Bamrick & Beth Buitron
- Q&A



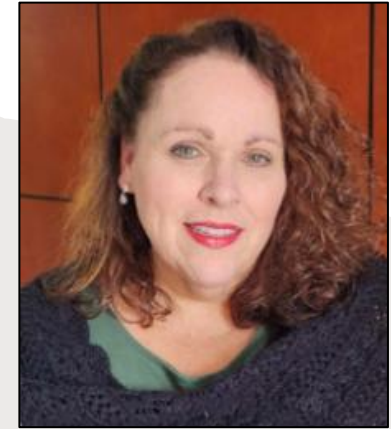
HSA BOARD 2025 - 2026



Nikki Jennings
President



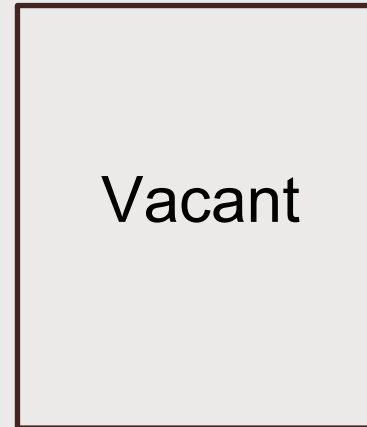
Katherine Jose
Vice President



Ginny Orlando
Secretary



Caroline Bradfield
Treasurer



Open
Historian & Community Liaison



KEY UPCOMING DATES

- ✓ CSW Lunch Treat for Students: Jan 29
- ✓ Canes Spirit Day: Jan 30
 - 12:00PM-4:00PM
- ✓ Auction: Jan 31
 - 6:00PM-11:00PM
- ✓ Lions Share Open: Feb 3 (Family Day)
 - 9:30AM – 12:00PM
- ✓ Parent Coffee Club: Feb 11
 - 8:00AM – 9:00AM
- ✓ Class Valentines Parties: Feb 13
- ✓ Lions Share Store Open: Feb 27
 - 7:30AM – 8:30AM
- ✓ Spring Creek BBQ Spirit Night: Mar 10
- ✓ Spring Break: Mar 16 - 20
- ✓ Lions Share Store Open: Mar 27
 - 3:30PM-4:30PM
- ✓ Spring Service Project: Mar 28
 - 5:00PM-6:45PM
- ✓ Parent Coffee Club: Apr 16
 - 8:00AM – 9:00AM
- ✓ Canes Spirit Day: Apr 24
 - 12:00PM-4:00PM
- ✓ Lions Share Store Open: Apr 24
 - 4:00PM – 5:00PM
- ✓ HSA Zoom Meeting: Apr 28
 - 12:00PM-4:00PM
- ✓ Mother-Son Kickball: May 2
 - Time TBD
- ✓ Handels Spirit Week: May 4-8
- ✓ Canes Spirit Day: May 8
 - 12:00PM-4:00PM
- ✓ Field Day: May 21



TEXAS EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNTS (TEFA)

- TEFA Applications will be accepted from February 4 – March 17, 2026. We are encouraging EVERYONE to apply
- Checklist with all items needed for the application - https://files.ecatholic.com/1465/documents/2026/1/English_TEFA_Checklist.pdf?t=1768490528000
- Visit the St. Mark website for information on TEFA - <https://stmcs.net/tefa>

The graphic is a checklist titled "PARENT APPLICATION CHECKLIST" for the Texas Education Freedom Accounts (TEFA) program. It features the TEFA logo at the top, which includes a red star above an open book. The text explains that the program will accept applications from February 4 through March 17, 2026, and lists the documents needed for all applicants, optional documents for prioritization, and student documents. A note at the bottom right states that funding decisions will be made after the application window closes, based on a first-come, first-serve basis, with a lottery process if there are more applicants than available funding. The graphic also includes a "CONTINUED ON BACK" arrow at the bottom right.

TEXAS EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNTS

PARENT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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.

ALL APPLICANTS NEED

- Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number for the parent.
- SSN for the child.
- Form 1040, U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, for 2024 or 2025.

TEXAS RESIDENCY DOCUMENTS

- Texas Driver's license number or state ID number.

*If your driver's license or state ID number cannot be verified, proof of residency can be established by uploading **one** of the following:*

- utility bill;
- lease agreement;
- mortgage statement; or
- voter registration certificate.

STUDENT DOCUMENTS

*If your child's SSN cannot be verified, proof of lawful status can be established by uploading **one** of the following:*

- birth certificate;
- report of birth abroad;
- certificate of naturalization;
- certificate of citizenship; or
- other official documentation affirming lawful admission.

OPTIONAL DOCUMENTS

For Prioritization Purposes:

- TEFA Disability Certification Form approved by the Comptroller (only required if the student requires special needs services and the student does not have an official individualized education program (IEP) on file with TEA). This form will be available in January 2026 on our website;
- Full and Individual Initial Evaluation; or
- Texas IEP or out of state IEP.

For Additional Funding and Prioritization:

- Texas IEP.

Your IEP will be verified using the child's Texas unique student identification number (this can be provided by the student's school district). This number exists if the student has ever been enrolled in a public school or charter school within the state of Texas OR if the student has a registered IEP with the TEA. For the additional funding, an IEP must be on file with TEA by the end of the application period. If you need an IEP, please start that process as soon as possible.

Funding decisions will be made after the close of the application window to allow for priority determinations and will not be made on a first-come, first-serve basis. Note: all eligible children are not guaranteed funding; participation will be determined via a lottery process if eligible applicants exceed available program funding. For more information, visit educationfreedom.texas.gov.

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TEXAS EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNTS (TEFA)

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:

Date	Start Time	End Time
February 5	1:30 p.m.	2:45 p.m.
February 9	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
February 20	1:30 p.m.	2:45 p.m.
February 24	1:30 p.m.	2:45 p.m.
March 2	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
March 10	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.



P.A.W.S.



- **Plenty of Spots are open to sign up.** 
- **Notifications/Changes**
- **Last day to volunteer for the 2025-2026 school year is May 15th!!!**



PRAYER TEAM

- Reminder that the St. Mark Prayer Team meets every Friday just before 8:00 a.m. by the cross outside of church to pray the rosary while we walk around the school grounds

We'd love to have you join us!





LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT COMING THIS SPRING!

DETAILS

- Saturday, March 28
- 5:00 – 6:45 pm
- Feed My Starving Children
- Sign-up details will be distributed in February.
- Volunteers must be 5 years or older
- Mark your calendars and come Join Us!!





MOTHER-SON KICKBALL GAME

Grab your sneakers and your best game face — it's time for the first ever **Mother & Son Kickball Game** on **May 2nd!** This isn't your average school event — it's bragging rights, epic plays, and a whole lot of laughs.

Moms, bring your A-game. Sons, show off those kicks. We'll have music, snacks, and tons of energy on the field. Whether you're out there making the big plays or cheering from the sidelines, this is one event you don't wanna miss.





ONGOING HSA INITIATIVES TO SUPPORT OUR STAFF

Month	Type
August	Treats
September	Luncheon
October	Treats
November	Treats
December	Staff Party
January	Breakfast
February	Luncheon
March	Treats
April	Luncheon
May	TBD

St. Mark Spirit Nights



Spring Creek BBQ Night

Tuesday, March 10 | 5–9 PM

Spring Creek BBQ – Richardson

270 N Central Expy, Richardson, TX 75080

👉 *If 15% of St. Mark students attend, we earn **20% of TOTAL sales** for the night!*

Handel's Ice Cream Spirit Week

May 4–May 8 (All Week!)

Handel's Homemade Ice Cream

4200 Legacy Drive, Plano

👉 *A portion of sales will be donated back to support St. Mark School!*

💛 *Bring family & friends — every visit helps support our school!*

Thank you for supporting our students and our school community!



HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN HSA DURING 26-27

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER (March Election)

- Attends periodic board planning meetings
- Available for major events (i.e. Family Fun Day, Cookies with Santa, Staff Christmas Party)
- Assists on General Meetings
- Performs duties specific to the board position

COORDINATOR (April Sign-ups)

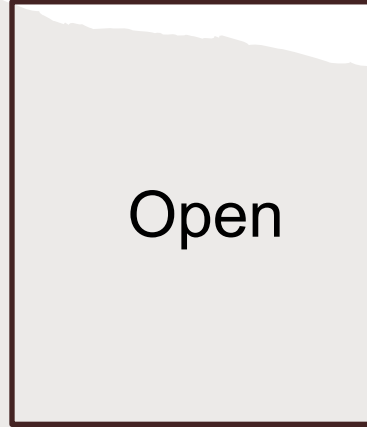
- Oversee a project-driven initiative



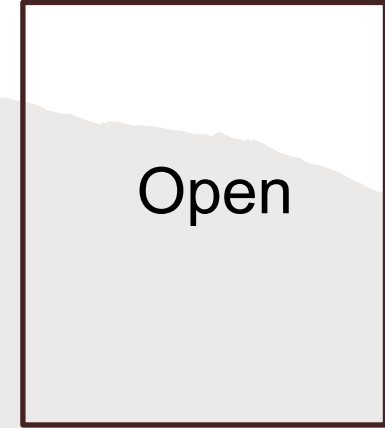
OPEN BOARD POSITIONS IN 26-27



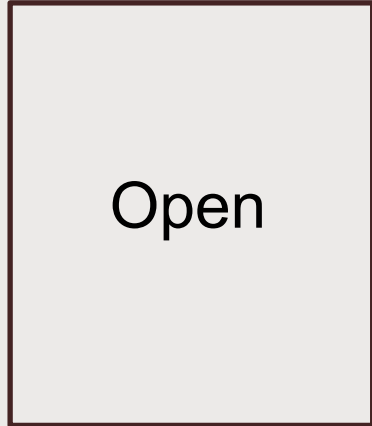
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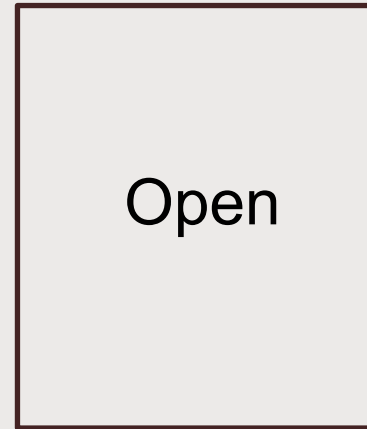
Vice President



Secretary



Treasurer



Historian & Community Liaison

OPEN BOARD POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

Vice President - Coordinate HSA events such as back-to-school events and faculty/staff holiday party and act as a liaison between the Executive Board and the designated committees. In the absence of or in the case of resignation of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of that office.

Secretary – Keep record of all meetings. Coordinate publication of events in the weekly school newsletter.

Community Liaison - Facilitate communications between HSA and the parent and parish communities. Manage all social media on behalf of HSA.

Treasurer - The Treasurer will become familiar with the HSA budget and will coordinate with the school to track spending against the budget throughout the course of the year.



BOARD ELECTION PROCESS

- Send an email to HSASTMCS@gmail.com to express interest or to request more information
- The current Board will reach out to you to share information about the roles
- If you would like to run for an office, we will place your name on the ballot
- Elections will start in approximately one month, with the ballot remaining open until mid-March.



COORDINATOR ROLES

- **Bookfair**
- **Family Fun Day**
- **Field Day**
- **Eighth Grade Graduation Events**
- **Helping Hands**
- **Junior Achievement**
- **PAWS**
- **Merchant Rewards**
- **Prayer Team**
- **Spirit Nights**
- **Lions Share Uniform Store**
- **Room Parent Leads**
- **Mentor Family**

Coordinator roles are open for sign-up after election of Board members in April



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GALA 2026

SEE YOU SATURDAY!
Theresa Bamrick & Beth Buitron
2026 Gala co-chairs
JANUARY 31, 2026

BETH & THERESA



WELCOME TO

ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL
UNDER THE BIG TOP
THIS IS THE GREATEST SCHOOL



January 31, 2026
6 - 11 pm



Southfork Ranch
Cocktail attire



RAFFLE BASKETS: \$5 PER CHANCE

All raffle tickets will be purchased virtually through the auction website - making it easier than ever to join the fun! Hop online, browse the baskets, and specify which baskets you want to win! We have an incredible lineup of baskets from each grade to support The Greatest School! Each child is encouraged to sell 10 tickets. All raffle proceeds go toward the gala fundraising goals.





Q&A AND FINAL REMINDERS

Reminders

- **Canes Spirit Day** this Friday, January 30 from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- **Auction** this Saturday from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- **Contact HSASTMCS@GMAIL.COM** to inquire about open HSA Board Positions – we need you!!
- Next **HSA General Meeting** scheduled for Tuesday, April 28th at 8:30PM
- Complete **Attendance Form** to receive credit (Ginny shared the link in the chat)
 - All parents who attend will earn a “Jeans Pass” or a “Treasure Box Pass” for their student.