



**St. Mark Catholic School  
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**Virtue of the Month – Respect**

Teachers discuss the Virtue of the Month with students by using either stories or activities to engage them into seeing the virtue in action. Ask your child what he/she is learning about "Respect" this month.

**Vocations Chalice**

5<sup>th</sup> grade was presented with the Vocations Chalice at the conclusion of today's All-School Mass. They will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

**Reminders for the Next Two Weeks**

**Lion's Den Spirit Store: Open Fridays, 7:30–8:15 AM; between Bacot Gym & the cafeteria**

Check in at the school office and stop by for all of your St. Mark spirit gear needs! Can't come in person? Online ordering is available [here](#).

**February Brag Board – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Check out what 3<sup>rd</sup> grade has been doing! Their work will be displayed all month long in the hallway between the Administration offices and the Cafetorium. Look for the QR codes on the Valentine hearts and scan them to see more!



**Monday, February 9**

-Re-registration for current families begins (February 9-20); more details to come in a separate email

**Wednesday, February 11**

-Teacher Luncheon hosted by Pre-K and 5<sup>th</sup> grades

**Thursday, February 12**

-11:00 AM – 10:00 PM, St. Mark/Chipotle Day benefitting Leukemia/Lymphoma Society – see details below

**Friday, February 13**

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass - Our All-School Mass will be held at 8:30 AM in the church. All are invited to attend. This Mass will be presented by the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. They will perform the Call to Worship, the Mass readings, and present the Communion gifts.

-Laps For Leukemia/Lymphoma pledge forms and donation money due – see details below.

-Early Dismissal, 12:00 NOON – The After School Program will be available until 6:00 PM. Please send a lunch with all After School Program students.

**Monday, February 16**

-President's Day: No School for Students

**Tuesday, February 17**

-Staff Development for Teachers: No School for Students

**Wednesday, February 18**

**8:30 AM, Church: Ash Wednesday Mass**

**Don't Wait: Participate!**



**Calling all Dads!** If you'd like to volunteer for a day at school during the month of March as a Watch D.O.G.S. Dad, you must sign-up by February 15! For more information and the sign up calendar, [click here](#). You will need to be Safe Environment cleared before you can serve. [Click here](#) for more information on Safe Environment Training.



**Registration Going On Now For St. Mark Full-Day Summer Camps:** Register now for St. Mark full-day summer camps with Kidventure! A variety of weeklong camp themes are available. [Click here](#) for more information and a link to the registration site.

### **St. Mark "Teacher of the Year"**

Each year, the schools within the Diocese of Dallas nominate their own "Teacher of the Year." Nominees must have been a teacher in a Catholic elementary school(s) for at least ten years, have a clear, integrated philosophy of Catholic education, and held in high regard by peers, students and parents. Congratulations to second grade teacher, Carolyn Eisele, who was voted St. Mark's "Teacher of the Year!" It is safe to say that this dedicated educator fits all of these criteria, and more! Mrs. Eisele's name will be submitted to the Diocese, along with the other schools' "Teachers of the Year," and one of those nominees will be selected as the Diocesan Teacher of the Year.

### **Drama/Orchestra Survey Results**

Thank you to everyone who responded to our Fine Arts survey. Your input allows us to stay current with the needs of our school community. Based on your responses, we are pleased to announce that, beginning in the fall of 2015, St. Mark will be offering after-school orchestra on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:40 to 4:25 PM for students in grades 3-8, and we will also be offering "Drama Kids" after school on Tuesdays from 3:40-4:40 PM. Both will require additional fees (paid directly to the service providers). More details will follow soon. We are very excited to add these wonderful programs to our extra-curricular line-up, providing even more ways for our students to learn, grow, and express themselves.

### **Laps For Leukemia/Lymphoma Pledges Due**

A reminder to please turn in one Laps For Leukemia/Lymphoma pledge sheet per student, as well as all donation money, to your child's teacher, or to the school office, by Friday, February 13. A copy of the pledge sheet is attached.

### **St. Mark Chipotle Day Benefitting Leukemia/Lymphoma Society**

As part of our "Laps For Leukemia" fundraiser for the month of February, St. Mark has teamed up with Chipotle and the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society for a "Chipotle Day." Plan to visit the Chipotle restaurant near St. Mark (1009 N. Central Expressway in Plano) anytime between 11:00 AM and 10:00 PM on Thursday, February 12. **Present the attached flyer (print version, on your mobile device, or simply mention St. Mark/LLS), and 50% of your total check will be donated to LLS. We'll raise even more money to help fight blood cancers, and bring St. Mark closer to a school-wide pasta party!** This would be a great day to pick up lunch and bring it to school to enjoy with your student, or to grab dinner on the way home!

## News from the Athletics Department

**Basketball Schedules:** Full schedules can be found by [clicking here](#). This weekend's basketball games:

### Saturday, February 7

5<sup>th</sup> grade boys Gold vs. St. Paul @ St. Paul, 9:00 AM  
5<sup>th</sup> grade boys Green vs. All Saints @ All Saints, 9:00 AM  
6<sup>th</sup> grade boys D2 vs. St. Augustine @ St. Augustine, 10:00 AM  
7<sup>th</sup> grade boys D2 Gold vs. St. Rita @ St. Rita, 6:00 PM  
7<sup>th</sup> grade boys D2 Green vs. SPX @ SPX, 12:00 PM  
8<sup>th</sup> grade boys D1 vs. St. Patrick @ St. Patrick, 3:00 PM  
8<sup>th</sup> grade boys D2 vs. St. Rita @ St. Rita, 4:00 PM  
8<sup>th</sup> grade girls D2 vs. St. Patrick @ St. Patrick, 12:00 PM

### Sunday, February 8

5<sup>th</sup> grade boys Gold vs. All Saints @ St. Mark, 5:00 PM  
5<sup>th</sup> grade girls Gold vs. St. Rita @ St. Mark, 12:00 PM  
6<sup>th</sup> grade boys D2 vs. IC @ St. Mark, 6:00 PM  
7<sup>th</sup> grade boys D2 Green vs. POP @ POP, 5:00 PM  
7<sup>th</sup> grade boys D2 White vs. St. Patrick @ St. Patrick, 2:00 PM  
8<sup>th</sup> grade boys D3 vs. IC @ St. Mark, 7:00 PM

Remember to visit our fully-stocked Concession Stand during home games, as well as the Lion's Den spirit store!

**Track & Field, Baseball and Softball Are Open For Registration:** The deadline to register is February 20 by 3:00 PM. Please see below for details about each sport.

Track & Field – The registration fee is \$60. Click [here](#) for details and payment information. Many volunteers are needed for Track & Field (practice and meet coaches, timers, shot put and jump pit assistants, etc.), so please indicate your desire to volunteer on the registration form.

Baseball/Softball – The registration fee is \$100. Click [here](#) for details and payment information.

Uniform Deposits - A \$100 uniform deposit will be due for each sport (submit a check made out to "St. Mark Catholic School" to the school office; indicate your athlete's name and sport on the memo line). We cannot accept rollover uniform deposit checks from previous sports seasons.

Coaches are needed! Please indicate your desire to coach on the registration form. All coaches must have Safe Environment clearance for the 2014-15 school year. New coaches, click [here](#) for information.

**Letterman Jackets Are In:** If you ordered a Letterman jacket, they are in! Payment must be made before pick-up. All pick-ups take place on Fridays at the Lion's Den store between 7:30-8:15 AM.



**Monsignor Smyth Golf Tournament:** Get your foursomes together and mark your calendars for the 2015 Monsignor Smyth Golf Tournament – Friday, April 24, 2015 at The Courses at Watters Creek. This annual event, hosted by St. Mark alumni, is always a fun outing complete with a round of golf, dinner and prizes. More details to come!

**GO LIONS!**

### In Alumni News...

**John Paul II Students Succeed at Academic Decathlon:** Congratulations to Kaitlyn R. (St. Mark Class of 2011) and Eric N. (St. Mark Class of 2012) who are both members of the John Paul II Academic Decathlon team. Kaitlyn recently placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the Academic Decathlon Scholastic Category, and both students will go on to the state competition later this month in San Antonio.

**Alumnus is Named "Scholar Athlete of the Week" by Channel 8:** Congratulations to Luke C. (St. Mark Class of 2011 and current senior at Bishop Lynch High School) who was recently named "Scholar Athlete of the Week" by Channel 8's Dale Hansen.

### Daddy-Daughter Sweetheart Dinner-Dance

The Girl Scouts are hosting a "Daddy-Daughter Sweetheart Dinner-Dance" on Friday, February 13 from 7:00-9:00 PM in the St. Mark Cafetorium. Girl Scouts and all others are welcome. The cost is \$35 per couple, plus \$15 for each additional daughter. Event highlights: Dinner from Olive Garden, a dance and dance contest, a fun patch and balloon corsage, photographer, nail art, and a raffle for the American Girl doll of the year. For more information, see the attached flyer, or contact Krista Volkmar at [kpvolkmar@yahoo.com](mailto:kpvolkmar@yahoo.com) or Camille Semprun at [semp3@hotmail.com](mailto:semp3@hotmail.com).

### Catholic Schools Night At A Dallas Mavericks Game

The Dallas Mavericks invite you to join them for their annual Catholic Night as they take on the Brooklyn Nets on Saturday, February 28 at 7:30 PM at the American Airlines Center. Discount tickets are available and also grant access to the Dallas Parochial League 8<sup>th</sup> Grade All-Star Game that afternoon beginning at 1:00 PM at the American Airlines Center. [Click here](#) for more information and to order your tickets.

## You're Invited to St. Mark's "Celebration of Love" Valentine's Day Event

Join us on Saturday, February 14 for a Valentine's Date Night! Renew your marriage vows at the 5:30 PM Mass, followed by an evening of love, laughter, dinner, wine and dancing at the St. Mark Catholic Church Parish Center. Our own school families Aaron and Angela Baldwin, Todd and Jocelyn Bartz, and Claire and Neil Morgan are on the organizing committee. The cost is \$30 per couple. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

## Seen & Heard Around St. Mark

**Good Times At The Auction!** Thank you to everyone who attended the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Mark Catholic School Mardi Gras Dinner & Auction and made it a success! We had a packed house Saturday evening as attendees enjoyed a fabulous dinner, dancing, and some competitive bidding on live and silent auction items. We had a great time celebrating with friends and family, all while raising funds for our school technology initiative. See the photo at the top of the bulletin (our very own Mark and Kristie Hoops, who added to the New Orleans/Mardi Gras atmosphere by coming as street performers/human statues!).

Special thanks to our auction co-chairs Raju Kattady and Beth Lipscomb, to the entire auction committee, and to all of our sponsors for making it an evening to remember -- we couldn't have done it without you. Our students will soon reap the benefits!



### Lion Pride!

Just some of the many reasons we're so proud to be St. Mark Lions....!

**Texas Quiz Bowl:** The Texas Quiz Bowl tournament was held at Greenhill School on Saturday, January 31. This competition entails teams of four facing-off to answer academic questions. Our St. Mark teams competed against teams from Greenhill, St Monica, Cistercian, St. Mark's School of Texas, and a team from Frisco. The competition was fierce! The 7<sup>th</sup> grade team (Antonio M., Tia T. and Minh-Khanh P.) made it to the semi-finals, but were ultimately defeated by Cistercian. However, they qualified for the National competition to be held in May in Arlington. A second team consisting of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders (Ian S., Sarah H., Jaibin M. and Minh-Tuan P.) won five and lost one in the preliminary rounds and made it to the quarter finals. Congratulations to all of our competitors!

**Geography Bee:** Congratulations to Avery B. who won first place and to Joann N. who placed second at the school-level competition in the National Geographic Bee. Avery will now attempt to qualify for a spot at the state-level competition. [Click here](#) for more details.

**History Bee:** Congratulations to Antonio M., Joann N., Ian S., Minh-Tuan P., and Minh-Khanh P. who qualified for the Regional Finals of the History Bee which will be held at Holy Trinity School on Saturday, February 28!