



# ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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**WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN**

**April 2, 2015**

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## REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK

**Today, Thursday, April 2 (Holy Thursday)**

-10:30 AM, Church: Living Stations of the Cross presented by the 8th grade

-12:00 PM, Early Dismissal (The After School Program will be available until 3:00 PM. Please pack a lunch for all ASP students.)

**Friday, April 3 (Good Friday)**

No school for students



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OF EXCELLENCE**

St. Mark Catholic School is a two time recipient of the U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon Award, and has been nominated to apply for a rare third award in 2015.

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## Sunday, April 5 (Easter)

### Monday, April 6

-School is in session (snow day make-up)

### Tuesday, April 7

-School is in session (snow day make-up)

-Free Dress Day for \$2.00 donation (benefits Middle School Yearbook; see more details below)

### Wednesday, April 8

Scrip Gift Card Sales Begin (see more details below)

### Thursday, April 9

-6th grade field trip - Enterprise City  
-8th grade - Day of Reflection

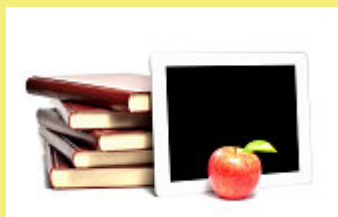
### Friday, April 10

-7:30 - 8:15 AM, Cafetorium: Lions Den Spirit Store Open

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass - All are invited to attend. This Mass will be presented by the 5th grade. They will perform the Call to Worship, the Mass readings, and present the Communion gifts.

-4th grade field trip - Perot Museum

## 4 MORE DAYS: TEMPLETON CHALLENGE!



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LIONLAND

### Virtue of the Month - Love

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

### April All-School Service Project

For the April service project, St. Mark will compete against other schools in the Diocesan-wide Food Round-Up for Catholic Charities of Dallas. Each grade will donate a particular item (see the list below). **Students may bring items to their classrooms anytime between April 1-20 (please note the early deadline).** Remember, the monthly service project counts as a grade for all students.

Preschool - Canned Beans

TK & K - Canned Meats

1st Grade - Canned Fruit

2nd Grade - Canned Soup

3rd Grade - Canned Vegetables

4th Grade - Jelly (18 o.z)

5th Grade - Cereal & Oatmeal (16-17 oz.)

6th Grade - Cooking Oil

7th Grade - Dry Beans, Rice, & Pasta

8th Grade - Peanut Butter (18 oz.)

### April All-School Service Project

**\$98,340**

**We are almost there, Lions!**

**Only \$1,660 left to raise with four days left in the challenge.**

Simply [click here](#) to make your donation by April 6 and help us to reach our \$100,000 goal.

If your company provides matching funds, please take advantage of that opportunity and triple your donation amount.



### ACADEMIC OUTFITTERS ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

Rising Kindergarten-12th grade students may apply for the 2015 Academic Outfitters Scholarship Contest by writing about faith, hope and love. The deadline is May 25, 2015. [Click here](#) for the entry form and additional details.

### CLASS PICTURE ORDERS - REMINDER

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### April Brag Board

Check out what 4th grade has been up to this month! As always, bring along your tablet or smartphone and scan the QR codes for more. The Brag Board is located in the breezeway between the Cafetorium



and the Administration Offices.

### Lion's Den Spirit Store Hours

Check in at the school office on Fridays from 7:30-8:15 AM and shop

Individual "spring" student pictures were sent home last week. To place an order for prints, please complete the paper order form enclosed with the proofs and submit it to the school office along with your payment. You can also order prints online (info. enclosed with proofs).

**Unwanted photos must be returned to school no later than April 8.**

### HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (HSA) NEWS



#### Spring Scrip Gift Cards on Sale

**April 8-24!** Purchase plastic gift cards or ScripNow eCards from participating retailers and a percentage is given back to St. Mark! Over 400 retailers participate including Target, Walmart, Walgreens, Chipotle, Friday's, Hyatt, Macy's, Dillard's, Toys R Us, Kohls, and many more. Stock up for stores and restaurants that you frequent. Use the gift cards/eCards as you would your own cash or credit cards. Tell family and friends - anyone can order and St. Mark receives a percentage from every sale!

**As a bonus, the family that places the largest purchase of gift cards will receive a gift card from HSA!**

There are two ways to shop and earn money for St. Mark:

1. Order plastic gift cards. These orders will be taken April 8-24 using a paper order form which can be accessed [here](#). Simply complete the form and return it to the school office with your payment.

'til you drop at the Lion's Den Spirit Store located in the Cafetorium. Can't visit in person? [Place your order online anytime!](#)

#### Calling all alumni ... Join Lifetime Lions!

St. Mark alumni are invited to join Lifetime Lions, our official alumni network. Keep up with former classmates, learn about mentoring opportunities, and volunteer for service hours. Click [here](#) for more information.

#### WALKING SHORTS MAY NOW BE WORN

The fourth grading period has begun, which means that students may now wear the optional walking shorts to school. Please keep in mind that they may not be worn on Fridays due to Mass.

#### FREE DRESS DAY APRIL 7 - \$2.00

Students may have a free dress day on Tuesday, April 7 for a \$2.00 donation. Proceeds benefit the Middle School yearbook.

#### NEWS FROM THE ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

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2. Order ScripNow eCards online. This option is available now and lasts year round. Continue purchasing and reloading cards all year long while earning money for our school. To learn how to order ScripNow eCards, please [click here](#).

If you have questions, please contact Miki Heiss at [stmarkscrip@outlook.com](mailto:stmarkscrip@outlook.com).

#### **Upcoming HSA Board Elections:**

Nominations for the elected positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary are now being accepted. So far, we have the following volunteers on the ballot: Ashley Ternan for President, Erica Rivera for Vice-President, Morgan Ashwander for Treasurer, and Danielle Terhaar for Secretary. If you are interested in placing your name on the ballot, please contact Liz Delaney at [elizabeth.ann.delaney@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.ann.delaney@gmail.com) by April 10. For information about each position, please [click here](#).

**Field Day, May 27th** : We currently have around 60 volunteers for Field Day! If you are already signed-up, you should have received an email from Tara Roman earlier this week. If you have not signed-up and would like to help on one of the "most fun days" of the year, please email Tara Roman, Field Day Chair, and let her know - [Troman0715@yahoo.com](mailto:Troman0715@yahoo.com). Please remember, volunteers must be Safe Environment trained to volunteer. [Click here](#) for more information about Safe Environment.

**Barnes and Noble Book Fair, April 23-26 (and April 23-29 online):** Please mark your calendar! A percentage of all purchases at Barnes and Noble during this week will go to St. Mark. More information coming soon.



#### **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 in Allen. This annual event, hosted by St. Mark alumni, is always a fun outing complete with a round of golf, dinner and prizes. Shotgun start at 1:00 PM. Click [here](#) for details, registration, and sponsorship opportunities!

#### **Come out and cheer on your St. Mark Lions!**

Upcoming Baseball Games:  
4/8, 7:15 PM - 5th/6th grade vs. St. Thomas @ Oran Good Field

#### **Important Dates for 2015-16 Athletes/Parents:**

-Tuesday, April 21, 6:30-8:00 PM, Cafetorium: School Sports Information Night (for incoming 5th grade students)

-Thursday, April 23, 6:30-8:00 PM, Cafetorium: Fall Volleyball Parent Information

**General Meeting:** Minutes from the HSA General Meeting held on March 25 are posted online -- you can find them [here](#). We had nearly 100 parents in attendance! Mrs. Helm's class had the highest attendance of parents and celebrated with a snack party today! The names of children whose parents were in attendance have been given to the homeroom teachers -- those students will receive a "5 points on a test" pass!

### FIELD DAY T-SHIRT ORDERS

St. Mark Field Day will be held on Wednesday, May 27. In preparation, we need t-shirt sizing information for all students in preschool - 7<sup>th</sup> grade, as well as for all parent volunteers (shirts are provided to everyone at no charge). Please [click here](#) to order your shirt(s) by Thursday, April 16.

### IN ALUMNI NEWS ...

Madison S., St. Mark Class of 2011 and current senior at Ursuline Academy, recently participated in Ursuline's delegation trip to Beijing, China. She chronicled her journey, which was featured in the most recent edition of *The Texas Catholic* newspaper. [Click here](#) to read about her adventure.

### SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

**Easter Bunny Visits During Lunch:** On Tuesday, our Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten students enjoyed a visit from the Easter Bunny, who passed out stickers to everyone!

Meeting (6th-8th grade students)

-Monday, April 27 -  
Friday, May 1: Volleyball Evaluation Week (each grade will participate in a 2.25 hour session which will be held after school in the Bacot Gym; official schedule TBD)

**GO LIONS!**

### DON'T WAIT, PARTICIPATE!



**Calling all**

**Dads!** If you'd like to volunteer for a half day or a full day at school during the month of May as a Watch D.O.G.S. Dad, you must sign-up by April 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 Summer Camps:** It's not too late to register for St. Mark full-day camps through Kidventure, or part-time





**3rd Grade Makes Resurrection Eggs & Living Station Dioramas:** Each of our third grade students filled twelve "resurrection eggs" which remind us of the meaning of Easter. A special thank you to the Librea family who donated the materials. They also created "Stations of the Cross" dioramas which have been on display in the library. Students were challenged to depict a station using the materials of their choice.

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**4th Grade State Reports:** Our 4th graders recently completed their state reports. They were challenged to research a state and provide facts and illustrations on a poster. From coast to coast, they learned a lot!

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**5th Grade Hunts Vocabulary Eggs:** Our 5th grade students hunted for Easter eggs on Tuesday, but with a twist: Each egg contained a vocabulary term or definition. Students were challenged to find their matches!

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summer camps with St. Mark teachers! A variety of weeklong camp themes are available. [Click here](#) for more information and registration.

### **Kidventure Full-Day Summer Camp Info.**

**Meeting:** Join us for a special information meeting at St. Mark on Wednesday, April 15 from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Cafetorium. Come and learn all about Kidventure and the exciting full-day camps they will offer at St. Mark this summer. The Kidventure staff will be on hand to talk about the program, share a fun slide show and give out some great camp prizes! [Click here](#) for more information or follow the event on [Facebook](#).

### **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST - THE HIGHLANDS**

The Highlands School will present a production of *Beauty and the Beast* April 10-11 at the Irving Arts Center. [Click here](#) for details.

### **CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS**

Our local Catholic high schools offer summer sports camps for kids of all ages. As we receive their brochures, we will make them available

**6th Grade Has Penpals in France:** Once again this year, Mrs. Denvir has arranged for our 6th grade Language Arts classes to correspond with students at the renowned Notre Dame de Mongre Catholic school in Villefranche sur Saone, France (near Lyon). Students are encouraged to write about themselves and ask questions of their penpals using the "friendly letter" format that they learned in Mrs. Salvia's class.

**Seminarian Sends Video Message to Middle School Rosary Elective:** Several middle school students were inspired by Ivan T., the Holy Trinity Seminarian who made rosaries for our middle school students this year. They are taking a rosary-making elective with Mrs. Denvir and will make rosaries for family, friends, or anyone else who needs one. Ivan sent a beautiful video message to the students with his thoughts on rosary-making. Click here to see it.

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**8th Grade Living Stations:** Thank you to our 8th grade class for a beautiful and moving presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross this morning. Special thanks to our parent volunteers Claudine Humphries, Dana Gilbert, Ruby Librea, Claire Morgan and Cathy Sanchez for their help and support, and to Mrs. Corsi for the beautiful music. What a meaningful way to end our school week in anticipation of Easter.

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in the school lobby, or you can click below to learn more:

[Bishop Lynch](#)

[Jesuit College Prep](#)

[John Paul II High School](#)

[Ursuline Academy of Dallas](#)

### AT ST. MARK, WE SERVE.

4th grader, Jessie C., helped to deliver the February All-School Service Project goody bags to the Baylor Plano cancer center, which will be distributed to patients. She is pictured below with two nurses from the center.

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Ethan J. enjoys sharing his love of math with others. He has been offering his services as a tutor this year. He has found that incorporating fun activities and games can help to reinforce basic math skills for those who may need a little extra practice. Nice job, Ethan!

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### LION PRIDE!



Just some of the many reasons we're so



**proud to be St. Mark Lions**

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**PSIA:** St. Mark placed third overall out of thirteen participating schools at the Private Schools Interscholastic Association academic competition held on March 21. In addition, ten St. Mark competitors qualified to move on to the state competition which will be held on April 25 at TCU.

**7th Graders to Compete in Soccer Cup:** Gabby G. and Carissa T. will be playing in the Dallas International Girls Cup this week. They will compete with girls from all over the world in the most competitive international youth girls' tournament in the USA. Good luck, girls!

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**We wish our entire St. Mark family  
a happy and blessed Easter.**

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