



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

April 24, 2015

IN THIS ISSUE

Reminders for Next Week
Sign Up Now For Lion Safari Summer Camp!
What's Happening in Lionland
Early Childhood Open House
Free Dress Day - April 28
Orchestra Meeting
Field Day Volunteer Meeting
Theology of the Body Dinner and Dance
Catholic High School Summer Camps
Home and School Association (HSA) News
"Alice in Wonderland" Spring Musical
News from the Athletics Department
Kidventure Full Day Summer Camps
LION PRIDE!
Don't Wait: Participate!
At St. Mark, We Serve.
Seen and Heard Around St. Mark

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Saturday, April 25
-St. Mark Feast Day

Tuesday, April 28
-Students pay \$2.00 for a free dress day (see details below); proceeds benefit St. Mark NET Team

Wednesday, April 29



**A NATIONAL SCHOOL
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.

-4:30-6:30 PM, ECE Building - Early Childhood Education Open House (see details below)

Thursday, April 30

-6:30 PM, Cafetorium: Middle School Spring Musical: Alice In Wonderland (see details below)

Friday, May 1

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

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass, presented by the 6th grade. They will perform the Call to Worship, the Mass readings, and present the Communion gifts. All are welcome.

SIGN UP NOW FOR "LION SAFARI" CAMP!



THIS SUMMER, WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO:

- BUILD AN AMUSEMENT PARK OUT OF CANDY?
- DESIGN A PIZZA PARLOR?
- WALK WITH A SCIENTIST?
- LEARN VOLLEYBALL SKILLS FROM A STATE CHAMP?

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!
SIGN-UP NOW FOR OUR "LION SAFARI" SUMMER CAMPS!

[VISIT OUR WEBSITE](#)

Follow us and stay connected!



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.



Vocations Chalice

Sixth 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.

May All-School Service Project

For the May service project, St. Mark will collect donations for the St. Vincent DePaul food pantry and for Hope's Door. Students may donate any item from the list below.

St. Vincent DePaul:

Session I - June 8-12 - 8:30-11:30 AM
Session II - June 15-19 - 8:30-11:30 AM

These camps are facilitated by St. Mark teachers and include a wide range of interesting, educational, and engaging topics. Enrollment is limited. The cost is \$80 per session. For more information and registration, [click here](#).

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY DINNER AND DANCE

The entire St. Mark community is invited to attend the annual

Theology of the Body Dinner and Dance Saturday, May 2 at 6:30 PM St. Mark Parish Center

Tickets are \$35 each, or two for \$60. Beer and wine will be provided. Please [click here](#) for more information.

The keynote speaker is Monica Ashour, who is an expert on St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body teaching, as well as a national speaker and author.

Theology of the Body teachings are incorporated into our school curriculum at an age-appropriate level from 5th-8th grades. Monica Ashour has supported our students and parents in a variety of ways. She recently served our 8th graders during their "Day of Reflection" in preparation for Confirmation. She has also lead two "Respect Life Club" meetings at St. Mark.

Theology of the Body is crucial to our children, and is authentically Catholic. Please help support this beautiful ministry. Contact [Chris Keith](#) or [Cathy Sanchez](#) with questions.

Any canned food, beans or pasta

Hope's Door:
Small toiletry items or make-up samples

Students must turn in donations to their classrooms by Thursday, May 21.

Remember, the monthly service project counts as a grade for all students.

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

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (HSA) NEWS



Spring Scrip Gift Card Sales End

Today! 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.
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.

Barnes and Noble Book Fair: April 23-26 in stores; April 23-May 1 online at:
<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/bookfairs/>

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.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION OPEN HOUSE - APRIL 29

Do you know anyone interested in Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten for their young child? St. Mark will hold an "Early Childhood Education" Open House on Wednesday, April 29 from 4:30-6:30 PM (come and go). Visitors can learn more about our programs, tour our facilities, meet our staff, and enjoy a picnic dinner. Pre-registration for the Open House is available [here](#).

FREE DRESS DAY - APRIL 28

Tuesday, April 28: Pay \$2.00 and receive free dress. Proceeds benefit the St. Mark NET Team. Members of this team have served as great role

Event schedule:

April 23-26 - Book Fair for in-store sales

April 23- May 1 - Book Fair for online sales

*Book fair number is #11597556.

*The class with the most participation (there will be a sign-up sheet at B&N) will receive a special prize from HSA! Please note: If you make an online purchase, please email [Theresa Meyers](#) or [Ruby Librea](#) with your child's name and teacher so the class will receive credit.

Our students had a great time on Thursday at our special Barnes & Noble Book Fair events, including readings by Mrs. Opon and Ms. Steinkirchner!



PK-5 Memory Books: The deadline to order Pre-K-5th grade Memory Books has passed. If you still wish to order one, please contact [Mrs. O'Connor](#). She has started a waiting list for those who did not pre-order. However, please note that there will be a very limited number of extra books available this year. Once the books come in at the end of May, we will contact those on the waiting list and let them know if there is a book available to purchase. Not sure if

models for our students this year. Let's show them our support and give them a great send-off as they head home for the summer!

Free Dress Day

Guidelines: Students should wear modest shirts, neat jeans/pants/skirts that are free of holes, and closed-toe shoes. No shorts or sandals. Clothing should be free of inappropriate slogans and graphics.

ORCHESTRA MEETING

There will be an informational meeting on Monday, May 4 at 6:15 PM in the Cafetorium regarding next year's after-school Orchestra programs. We will offer Suzuki Orchestra to students in 1st-3rd grades, and Orchestra to students in 4th-8th grades. Meet the teacher and get all of your questions answered!

FIELD DAY VOLUNTEER MEETING

There will be a Field Day Volunteer Meeting on Thursday, May 7 at 7:50

you placed your order?

Contact bethsalava@hotmail.com or dterhaar1@hotmail.com.

Box Tops: Please turn in all Box Tops to the school office by May 1. Place them in a plastic bag and be sure your student's grade level is indicated on the bag.

Save The Date: The fourth and final HSA General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30 PM in the Cafetorium. All parents are encouraged to attend!

LION PRIDE!



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

Sarah H. Places 2nd in Spelling Bee:

Congratulations to 7th grader, Sarah H., who won second place in the Dallas County Private Schools Spelling Bee!

(photo removed)

St. Mark Dominates Robotics Competition! Our St. Mark students competed in the annual Dallas Diocese Robotics Competition held at St. Monica on Tuesday and brought home some serious hardware!

In the Arena Division: Out of 27 teams, St. Mark won 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, and one Honorable Mention.

1st place: The team of Kristian G. (8th), Maverick O. (8th), Mitchell J. (8th) and Jaibin M. (8th)

AM in the Cafetorium. This meeting is for everyone who has already signed-up to be a volunteer and is Safe Environment cleared. The meeting will conclude by 8:15 AM.

KIDVENTURE -- FULL-DAY SUMMER CAMPS

"Camp St. Mark" will take place on the St. Mark campus and will serve three-year-olds through rising 7th graders. It will begin June 8 and run through August 7. Each camp week will take place Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM, with the option of adding a 7:00 AM drop-off, and a 6:00 PM pick-up. [Click here](#) for more information and registration.

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT



NOTICE: Due to inclement weather, the Monsignor Smyth Golf

2nd place: The team of Minh-Tuan P. (8th), Minh-Khanh P. (7th), Ly H. (7th), and Jonathan D. (7th)

3rd place: The team of Jonas A. (4th), Drew A. (4th), Biya C. (4th) and Alexandra M. (5th)

Honorable Mention:

6th place: The team of George L. (4th), Paul S. (4th) and Louie T. (4th)

In the Invention Division: St. Mark won 1st place and two Honorable Mentions.

1st place: The team of Taylor W. (6th), Zach V. (6th), Justus B. (6th), Sean W. (4th) and Alex R. (4th)

Honorable Mention:

4th place: The team of Adam B. (7th), Antonio M. (8th), Travis A. (7th), Paul K. (6th), Jason L. (4th), Dominic R. (4th)

6th place: The team of Ethan J. (8th), Avery B. (8th), Jordan B. (7th), Evan J. (4th), Alejandro D. (4th), Jacob A. (4th)

Congratulations to everyone who competed! A very special thank-you to the coaches for their commitment and dedication to our students, and to the parents for allowing their children to be a part of our amazing Robotics teams!

(photo removed)

8th Grader Makes Jesuit Rangerettes Squad:

Congratulations to Jordan V. who is a new member of the Jesuit Rangerettes drill team squad for 2015-16! Jesuit's drill team is comprised of students from Ursuline Academy, where Audrey will attend in the fall.

Tournament scheduled for today has been postponed until the fall. More details will be made available then.

Come out and cheer on your St. Mark Lions! Visit the [DPL website](#) for more information.

Upcoming Track Meets:

4/25 - Varsity @ John Paul II

5/2 - Varsity @ Jesuit

Upcoming Baseball

Games:

4/26, 7:00 PM, Varsity vs. St. Joseph @ Oran Good Field

5/3, 3:30 PM, Varsity vs. MIS @ Oran Good Field

Upcoming

Softball Games:

4/26, 12:00 PM, JV vs. Mt. St. Michael @ Oran Good Field

4/29, 5:45 PM, JV vs. St. Bernard @ Oran Good Field

5/3, 3:00 PM, JV vs. St. Thomas @ Oran Good Field

SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

Confirmation: Congratulations to all of our 8th grade students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday. It was a very special morning filled with family and faith. Auxiliary Bishop Deshotel officiated, along with Father Cliff. A very special thank-you to our teachers and staff who prepared our students well; to our 7th grade families for all of their hard work that resulted in a beautiful reception after the ceremony; and to our Art teacher, Ms. Tammy, for once again going "above and beyond" for our students. She created the beautiful dove poster and decorations that many of them stopped to have their photos taken with!

(photos removed)

7th Grade Visits the Dallas Zoo: Our 7th grade students recently took their annual field trip to the Dallas Zoo. While it was a fun day, it was also a learning experience. Students were asked to take photos showing examples of lessons learned during the school year (for example, students photographed a biome, something representing a gospel, etc.). They will also be creating interactive videos using these images to present to the class.

(photo removed)

4th Grade Visits the Perot Museum: 4th grade recently visited the Perot Museum of Science and Nature. In addition to touring the exhibits, they attended a class called "Super Hero Science" where museum instructors involved them in experiments on light, magnetism, force and speed, and related the lessons to super heroes.

(photo removed)

3rd Grade Researches International Clothing: Students were challenged to research a foreign

SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN:

Register now for the following spring sports:

Annual DPL Golf Tournament, open to 5th-8th graders. [Click here](#) for more details.

DPL Soccer Tournament, open to 7th-8th graders. [Click here](#) for more information.

REGISTRATION ALSO OPEN FOR FALL SPORTS:

Fall Volleyball
The deadline for Fall Volleyball registration is May 8. [Click here](#) for more information.

Evaluation Week: The dates for volleyball evaluations have been changed. They will now take place May 11-12. Each grade will participate in a two hour session which will be held after school in the Bacot Gym. [Click here](#) for more information about evaluations. The

country and to dress a paper doll in clothing representing that country. The paper dolls were presented to the class, along with facts about the clothing. Students did an amazing job, and some even brought in the real thing to share with the class!

(photo removed)

1st Grade National Parks: To extend their lesson on landforms, first grade students worked in groups to create their own national parks out of play dough (that their teachers made earlier this week). Good job, first grade!

(photo removed)

Kindergarten Celebrates Earth Day with Junk Art:

In honor of Earth Day, our kindergartners read a story called "Aunt Ippy's Museum of Junk" and were then asked to collect recyclable trash in order to create pieces of art for their classroom "museums." Our students made some incredible creations which are on display now in the library. Nice work, kindergarten!

(photo removed)

Kindergarten Art Classes Sculpt With Clay: Our kindergarten students got messy this week sculpting with clay. And as we all know, messy=fun!

(photo removed)

Special Thank-Yous: Thank you to St. Mark parent, Krishna Penney, who graciously redesigned our school mission statements that are displayed in our classrooms and offices. Same mission statement -- updated look!

schedule by grade level:

Monday, May 11, 4:00-6:00 PM - rising 5th graders

Monday, May 11, 6:00-8:00 PM - rising 7th graders

Tuesday, May 12, 4:00-6:00 PM - rising 6th graders

Tuesday, May 12, 6:00-8:00 PM - rising 8th graders

Fall Football

The deadline for Fall Football registration is May 20. [Click here for more details.](#)

[Important St. Mark Football Program meeting for Varsity and JV:](#) Wednesday, May 6, 6:30- 7:45 PM, Bacot Gym. [Click here for more details.](#)

Fall Cross Country

The deadline for Fall Cross Country registration is May 20. [Click here for more details.](#)

Fall Cheerleading

The deadline for Fall Cheerleading registration is May



And thanks to our middle school "Hodge Podge Art" elective that created a Van Gogh "Starry Night" mural out of recycled bottle caps. It was hung in the second/third grade hall just in time for Earth Day!

Technology Celebration: Our students celebrated our technology fundraiser success today with a free dress day and ice cream at lunch. It was a fun day, topped only by the knowledge that their student iPads are coming soon!

(photo removed)

20. [Click here for more details.](#)

Cheer teams will be based on football team sign-ups.

Each sport has a dedicated page on our [school website](#). Please visit them for more details, as well as registration information.

GO LIONS!

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

[Bishop Lynch](#)

[Cistercian](#)

[Jesuit College Prep](#)

[John Paul II High School](#)

[Ursuline Academy of Dallas](#)

**DON'T WAIT,
PARTICIPATE!**

Parish Fall Festival

Planning Meeting: It is time to begin planning the 2015 Parish Fall Festival & Raffle. Help is needed in all areas including: Graphics, Solicitations, Raffle, Food, Games, Entertainment, Volunteers, Safe Environment, and Set-Up. All are welcome to participate!

Event Date: October 31, 2015

Planning

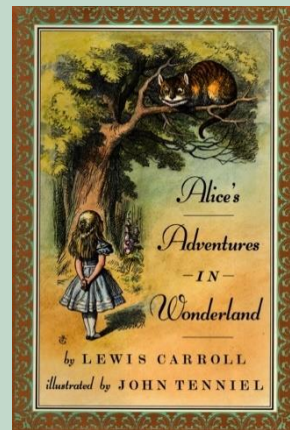
Meeting: Monday, April 27 at 7:00 PM, Smyth Pastoral Building, West Wing, Rm. 209.

Please contact [Claudine Humphries](#) for more information.

"ALICE IN WONDERLAND" SPRING MUSICAL

Join the middle school "Spring Musical" elective on Thursday, April 30 at 6:30 PM in the Cafetorium for their production of "Alice in Wonderland." Tickets are \$5.00 at the door and all proceeds benefit our Fine Arts Department. You won't want to miss

our wonderful performers, the staging and design by Father Cliff, and musical direction by our own Patty Corsi! [Click here](#) to see a recent story about the production that appeared in the *Dallas Morning News'* "NeighborsGo Plano."



AT ST. MARK, WE SERVE.

Thank you to all of our students who brought in donations for the Catholic Charities Food Round-Up. They were picked up Monday morning, but not before we snapped a photo of some students sitting in the middle of the "sea" of food we collected for this worthy cause!

(photo removed)

St. Mark placed second among all of the Catholic schools that participated by donating 1,256 pounds of food! This will provide 1,047 meals for people in our community.

[Join Our Mailing List](#)

[Forward To A Friend](#)

St. Mark Catholic School | 1201 Alma Drive, Plano, TX 75075
www.stmcs.net | (972) 578-0610