



# ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

## WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

December 1, 2017

### Prayer for the 2017-18 School Year

Lord, help us to come together as a community to support one another, encourage one another and show each other kindness. Amen.

### St. Mark Mantra

Every day we treat others as we would treat Jesus Christ, with all our heart, mind and soul.

## REMINDERS

### TODAY, Friday, December 1:

-6th grade received the Vocations Chalice at today's All School Mass and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming weeks.

### Monday, December 4:

-St. Mark Spirit Day! Refer to guidelines on page 28 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#).

-8:00 AM, Room 116: Community Prayer Team Meeting

-Popcorn Sale 12/4-7 (details below)

### Tuesday, December 5:

-Feast of St. Nick: \$2 Holiday dress; \$5 photos with Santa; Christmas Wish List Drop-off (details below)



1:00-8:00 PM, BJ's Restaurant fundraiser (details below)

### Wednesday, December 6:



A National School of  
Excellence

[VISIT OUR WEBSITE](#)

Follow us and stay  
connected!



Like what you see?

"Like" and "share" on your  
social media and help us  
spread the word about our  
wonderful school!

-8:15 AM, Cafetorium: HSA General Meeting. Details below.

-Reconciliation for grades 2-8

-3:30 PM: Student Council Meeting

**Friday, December 8:**

-8:30 AM, Church: Feast of the Immaculate Conception/All School Mass presented by the Faculty. All are welcome.

-Middle School Spanish Midterm Exam

**Saturday, December 9:**

-Auction Mixer for grades 3-5, everyone welcome (details below)

**Monday, December 11:**

-Middle School Social Studies & Religion Midterm Exams

**Tuesday, December 12:**

-Middle School English and Science Midterm Exams

-2:45 PM, Cafetorium: St. Mark Band and Strings Christmas Concert

-Faculty & Staff Christmas Dinner

**Wednesday, December 13:**

-Middle School Math and Literature Midterm Exams

-2:00 PM: Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal

**Thursday, December 14:**

-Pajama Day: PK-8 students may wear PJs to school (no charge). Details below.

-No after school Band or Strings classes

-6:30 PM, Church: Christmas Pageant presented by  
Preschool-5th grade

**Friday, December 15:**

-Class Christmas Parties (only Room Parents may attend):  
11:00 AM ECE; 11:15 AM 1st-8th grades

-12:00 PM: Early Dismissal. The After School Program is available until 3:00 PM. Students will have eaten lunch at the

## QUICK LINKS

[Calendar](#)

[Lifetime Lions Alumni](#)

[Admissions](#)

[Lunch Menus](#)

[Safe Environment](#)

[Lion's Den Spirit Store](#)

[Work of Heart Nomination](#)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LIONLAND



The December Virtue is Patience. We wait patiently for the birth of Jesus during the Advent season.



### Service From the Heart

**December Project:**

Angel Tree Gift Collection - Each homeroom will collect money and purchase gifts for an adopted Angel Tree family.

**Catholic Social Teaching:**

Option for the poor and vulnerable

**Who Benefits?**

Social Outreach

**Due Date:**

Friday, December 8, 2017

(On Friday, December 15, one gift from each homeroom will be brought to the altar before the All School Mass.)

Christmas parties. You are welcome to send additional food for your ASP student if needed.



10:00 AM-11:00 PM: Half days are Cane's Days at St. Mark! Visit the Raising Cane's across the street from the school, mention St. Mark as you place your order, and a percentage is donated to Athletics.

-12:00-3:30 PM: Parents' Day Out (details below)

**Saturday, December 16:**

-9:00 AM-12:00 PM: Parents' Day Out (details below)

**Monday, December 18, 2017-Monday, January 1, 2018:**

-Christmas Break

**Tuesday, January 2, 2018:**

-School resumes

### MIDDLE SCHOOL MIDTERM SCHEDULE

Midterm exams for middle school students will take place December 8-13 according to the following schedule. Please note that the dates have been altered slightly from what is indicated on the school calendar.

**Friday, December 8:**

Spanish

**Monday, December 11:**

Social Studies and Religion

**Tuesday, December 12:**

English and Science

**Wednesday, December 13:**

Math and Literature

### PARENTS' DAY OUT

Do you need to do a little Christmas shopping without your little ones? Maybe you just need a few hours to yourself! The 8th Grade class would like to help out. They are hosting a Parents' Day Out as part of their project to raise money to grant a child's wish through the Make-A-Wish Foundation. 8th graders will have games, a Christmas craft, and other festivities planned. Two different times are offered, and the cost is a donation. Please sign-up in advance by [clicking here](#).



### SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes from the September and October SAC meetings are now available [here](#).



**Calling All "Dads of Great Students":** [Click here](#) to learn more about our Watch D.O.G.S. volunteer program for Dads only, and to reserve your spot during the month of January. Sign-ups are due December 15. Half days and full days are available. Please remember, you must be [Safe Environment](#) trained to volunteer.

ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL



### NEWS FROM ATHLETICS

**DPL Scholarship:** The Dallas Parochial League wants to recognize the "student" in the term "Student-Athlete" by offering 4-6 separate \$500 scholarships in the 2017-18 school year. [Click here](#) for eligibility requirements and the application. The deadline is December 8, 2017.

### LIONS DEN

**Give the gift of spirit wear this Christmas!** The Lion's Den Spirit Store is open every Friday morning from 7:30-8:15 AM in the Cafeteria hallway. Can't make it in person? Shop online at [www.stmcs.net/spirit-](http://www.stmcs.net/spirit-)

**\*Friday, December 15, 12:00-3:30 PM - School Cafetorium**  
**\*Saturday, December 16, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM - School Cafetorium**

Please email Stacy Oliver with any questions:  
[stacy.oliver@stmcs.net](mailto:stacy.oliver@stmcs.net).

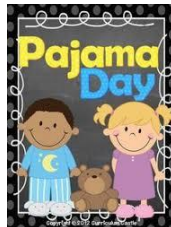
## POPCORN SALE BENEFITING YEARBOOK ELECTIVE

The Yearbook elective will be selling popcorn to all students (PK3 - 8) next week to raise money to cover the cost of printing. Popcorn orders will be taken during class time on Monday, December 4 - Thursday, December 7. Popcorn bags are \$2.00 each. Choose from Butter, White Cheddar, Salsa, or Vanilla (Christmas colors). Exact change is appreciated. Payment must be made during the order process. Please help support the yearbook and enjoy a tasty treat!



## PAJAMA DAY

**PK-8th grade students:** Let's get comfy and wear our PJs to school on Thursday, December 14! (There is no charge for this dress down day.) Pajamas should be conservative and in good taste. Closed-toe shoes are required. Shorts, nightgowns above the knee, slippers, and sandals are not permitted.



Do you know a faculty or staff member who has gone the extra mile for the education community at St. Mark? Consider nominating him or her for a Work of Heart Award through the Catholic Foundation. It's quick and easy. Award recipients are recognized at an All School Mass with a certificate and a check. [Click here](#) for details and the nomination form.

## DECEMBER SUPPER OF EXCELLENCE

December's "Supper of Excellence" is a Soup & Salad Feast compliments of some fabulous staff members: Janet Dansby, Stacy Oliver, Donna Ostermann, Beth Kyle, Toni Jobes and Patty Helm. This is one auction package that keeps on giving

[gear](#). Once an order has been submitted it will be bundled and ready for pick up on Friday. Note: Not all items available are offered online.

**Mark your calendar:**

**Spring Pep Rally:** January 31, 2018. Families welcome!



**Monsignor Smyth**

**Golf Classic:** Friday, May 4, 2018

## UPCOMING HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS



Bishop Lynch High School invites you to their **BL Sunday Open House** on Sunday, December 3 at 1:00 PM. For more information, [click here](#).

BISHOP LYNCH HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL CLINIC	
Join us for a challenging and fun basketball clinic for boys at any skill level.	Date: Saturday, December 16th
Age Group: 1st - 8th grade	Age group: 6th - 8th grade
Location: Bishop Lynch HS Gym	Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Bring your ball / wear basketball shoes	Age group: 1st - 5th grade
Cost: \$40.00 / Camper (pay at the door)	Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- COACHES ARE FREE -	Questions? Contact Coach May at <a href="mailto:kyle.may@bishophlynch.org">kyle.may@bishophlynch.org</a>

BISHOP LYNCH HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL CLINIC	
Join us for a challenging and fun basketball clinic for girls at any skill level.	Date: Saturday, December 9th
Location: Bishop Lynch HS Gym	Age group: 4th - 8th grade
Bring your ball / wear basketball shoes	Time: 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Cost: \$40.00 / Camper (pay at the door)	Questions? Contact Coach Zihlman <a href="mailto:andy.zihlman@bishophlynch.org">andy.zihlman@bishophlynch.org</a>
- COACHES ARE FREE -	

all year long to the highest bidder! Thank you to our wonderful chefs.



[2018 Auction Tickets Are On Sale Now - Click Here!](#)



**Quarter Two Auction Challenge:** Each person who purchases a TAX DEDUCTIBLE teacher ticket between now and December 15 will be entered into a drawing for a free VIP Experience the night of the auction. Buy a teacher table of 10 tickets and your name is entered into the drawing 10 times. Purchase 5 teacher tickets and your name is entered into the drawing 5 times. The more you buy, the more chances of winning! What is a VIP experience? VIP's get one hour early access to the silent auction tables, free champagne, and canapés.

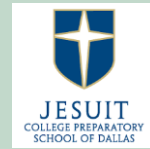


**Do you need teacher Christmas gift ideas?** Accept our "Quarter Two Auction Challenge" above and buy a teacher ticket to the auction. You have the ability to donate the ticket in a teacher's name or keep your donation anonymous. It is your choice. If you have questions, please reach out to [Rebecca Battles](#).

### Upcoming Auction Events:



Top Gun Quarterback Training will return to Jesuit for the **3rd Annual**



**Holiday Quarter-back Camp** directed by Bill Reagan, Former Notre Dame football staff, St. Joseph's College Head Coach, and Trent Dilfer's Elite 11 Camp. Camp will take place January 2, 3, 4 for grades 5-7 and 8-11. Please [click here](#) for details and registration information.



Calling all boys in grades 1st-8th who want to play spring lacrosse with the Dallas Deuces. The

**Dallas Deuces Lacrosse Organization** is the youth feeder program for the Jesuit Rangers, and are back-to-back reigning State Champions! Register now for spring. The deadline is January 9, 2018. For more information, visit [www.deuceslax.com](http://www.deuceslax.com). Questions? Contact Suzanne Moran at [suzmikemoran@att.net](mailto:suzmikemoran@att.net).



PK-6th grade girls: Join the Jesuit Rangerettes at the annual **Lil' Rangerettes Winter Dance Clinic** on Saturday, December 9 from 8:30 AM-1:00 PM at Jesuit. Cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt, snack, craft, and show-offs. [Click here](#) for complete details.

**Photos with St. Nick/Holiday Dress Day:** We are proud to bring you a professional Santa, straight from the Hilton Anatole in Downtown Dallas (see his photo above)! Santa will be at St. Mark on December 5 for an early celebration of the Feast of St. Nick. Preschool, elementary, and middle school students alike can get in on the act and take a pic with the big man! For \$7.00, your child can dress in holiday clothing and pose with Santa. Professional photos will be emailed to parents by December 12. If your student chooses not to take a photo with Santa, he/she may still pay \$2.00 and dress in holiday clothing for the day. Students also have the option of dropping their sealed "Christmas Wish List" letters to Santa Claus in a mailbox which will go straight to the North Pole. All proceeds benefit the Auction. [Click here](#) for details, or refer to the email that was sent to all families on November 27.

**Pre-Auction Mixers:** As each mixer date approaches, email invitations will be sent to families via Renweb. You will receive an invitation to your grade-level mixer. However, please keep in mind that you are welcome to attend any or all of the mixers -- we simply ask that you RSVP to each one. If you don't receive an email invitation to the mixer you wish to attend, please reach out to [Sherry Mehring](#).

Parents attending the auction mixers will have an opportunity to vote/rank a predetermined list of items helping determine how 2018 Auction dollars will be used. After all mixers are complete, the final decisions will be announced by Mrs. Opon. You must attend a mixer to receive a voting/ranking ballot.

Save the Dates:

- \*K-2 Mixer: January 19, 2018 @ the Herrera home in McKinney
- \*3-5 Mixer: December 9, 2017 @ the Broome home in Allen
- \*6-8 Mixer: February 9, 2018 @ the Velasquez home in Plano

**Family Fun Fundraisers: Mark your calendars now!**



Thank you to everyone who participated in a successful Chipotle fundraiser earlier this week -- we raised \$435.20 for the 2018 Auction!



Join us for an upcoming Public Mass on Sunday, December 3, 9:15 AM at Holy Trinity Seminary, 3131 Vince Hagan Drive, Irving. A brief reception with the seminarians follows.

**SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK**

A few scenes from this week. To learn the stories behind these photos, visit our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) pages!

*A Christmas Carol:*



6th Grade STEM Day:



4th Grade STEM-Marble Runs:



PK4 Apple Lifecycle:



**BJ's Pizza Fundraiser Night - A Delicious way to RAISE MONEY!**

**December 5, 1:00-8:00 PM  
1101 N. Central Expwy., Plano, TX 75075**

**You must present the flyer that will be sent home on 12/4/17.**

**20% of the proceeds will benefit the Auction.**



**HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**



**2017-18 HSA General Meetings:**

\*December 6, 8:15 AM, Cafetorium: HSA 2nd General Meeting: This meeting will take place during the morning hours, following drop-off. We will have our business portion of the meeting beginning at 8:15 AM, followed by a service project opportunity. Local volunteer-guru, Michelle Chase of WeeVolunteer, will be setting up a service project that is family-friendly for the Advent season. She will be reaching out to the The Samaritan Inn to see how our families can serve these patrons best. This is a child-friendly meeting and children are encouraged to come and help with the service project.

\*March 28, 6:30 PM, Cafetorium: HSA 3rd General Meeting

\*May 2, 8:15 AM, Cafetorium: HSA 4th General Meeting



It's Christmas shopping season! Please remember to use the Amazon link at the top right of the [school homepage](#) as you shop. The school earns extra money, so click, click, click for Christmas!

**ST. MARK COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM**



**Girl Scout Sweet Cases:**



**Preschool Gingerbread Man Hunt:**



**[Join Our Mailing List](#)**

**[Forward To A Friend](#)**

**December's prayer intention for our school:** For our volunteers to be abundant and our committees to be wise.



**Prayer Requests:** It is a blessing to be able to pray for each other. When you ask someone to pray for an intention, you bless them as much as they are blessing you with their prayers. Please don't be shy in asking for prayers. Requests can be sent to [Kathleen Frye](#) or [Liz Quarles](#). Please indicate if your prayer can be shared through the email chain and/or at our monthly meetings. If you want it kept confidential, you can place it in the Prayer Box on the school Prayer Table (hallway between the Admin. offices and cafeteria). This Prayer Box is included in the Mass intentions on Fridays and is prayed over during meetings.

**Upcoming Event:**

\*The next Community Prayer Team meeting is THIS Monday, December 4 at 8:00 AM in Room 116 (between 4th and 5th grade). The meeting typically lasts about 30 minutes and is very informal. You can arrive and leave to fit your schedule. Also, non-school age children are welcome to come with you.

**St. Mark Catholic School | 1201 Alma Drive, Plano, TX 75075**  
[www.stmcs.net](http://www.stmcs.net) | (972) 578-0610

Copyright © 2017. All Rights Reserved.

St. Mark Catholic School, 1201 Alma Drive, Plano, TX 75075

[SafeUnsubscribe™\\_debbie.reed@stmcs.net](mailto:SafeUnsubscribe™_debbie.reed@stmcs.net)

[Forward this email](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [About our service provider](#)

Sent by [debbie.reed@stmcs.net](mailto:debbie.reed@stmcs.net) in collaboration with

**Constant Contact** 

[Try it free today](#)