



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

February 24, 2017

Prayer for the 2016-17 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 Jesus Christ with all our hearts, mind and soul.

REMINDERS

TODAY, Friday, February 24:

-3rd grade received the Vocations Chalice at Mass and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

-2017-18 New Student Applications/Fees Due

Monday, February 27:

-Spring Enrichment Clubs Begin (details below)

Wednesday, March 1:

-7:00 AM: Catholic Math League Test (participants have been notified)

-8:30 AM, Church: Ash Wednesday Mass. All are welcome.

Friday, March 3:

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass presented by 3rd grade. All are welcome.

Monday, March 6:

-St. Mark Spirit Day (refer to page 26 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#) for guidelines)

-8:00 AM, Room 142: Community Prayer Team Meeting



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2017-18 P.E. UNIFORM CHANGE

Beginning with the 2017-18 school year, 4th graders will no longer change into P.E. uniforms. Rather, they will continue to wear their school uniform to P.E. class and only change into tennis shoes. 5th-8th grade students will continue to change into the required P.E. uniform.

Current 3rd grade parents: Please be advised that you will not need to purchase a P.E. uniform for your student next year.

This change is reflected in the 2017-18 [Parent Student Handbook](#) for your reference.

SPRING ENRICHMENT CLUBS BEGIN MONDAY

Spring Enrichment Clubs start Monday, 3:30-4:15 PM, and run through April 24. A few students got their second choice club. Those parents were notified via email on Wednesday to inform them of this occurrence. If you did not receive an email, your child got into their first choice club.

LAST CHANCE TO DONATE TO L.L.S.

Still haven't donated to our February All-School Service Project, "Laps for Leukemia" benefitting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society? There's still time for school families, friends and relatives to add to our total! Simply [click here](#) to make your donation. Let's continue the tradition of being the top fundraising school in North Texas for LLS!!

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION/GRADUATION MEETING

There will be a mandatory Confirmation/Graduation parent meeting on Tuesday, March 7 at 8:00 AM in the Cafetorium. If you are an 8th grade parent, please plan to attend. Important details will be shared about these two milestones in your student's life. Questions? Contact [Victoria James](#).

HOME GAME "WHITE OUT" THIS WEEKEND!

Let's pack the stands and support our St. Mark Basketball teams this weekend, as many will be playing their last game of the regular season!

HOME GAME WHITE OUT: Attend home games and **wear white** to show your support for our Lions! 5th grade girls green, 6th grade girls D2, 6th grade boys D2, 7th grade boys, and 8th grade boys will all play games in the Bacot Gym this weekend.

Check the [DPL website](#) for complete game schedules.



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NEWS FROM
ATHLETICS

Basketball All Stars:

Congratulations to 8th graders **Michael L.** and **Luis R.** who were selected to participate in the 2017 DPL Basketball All Stars Game played on Wednesday, and an Honorable Mention to **Sebastian R.** for being selected as an alternate. Way to go, boys!



Swimmers Excel at Meet:

Congratulations to our St. Mark Swim Team members on their performance at the recent DPL Swim Meet. **Matthew C.** placed 1st in the Varsity Boys 50 Yard Freestyle, 1st in the Varsity Boys 50 Yard Breaststroke, and 1st in the Varsity Boys 50 Yard Backstroke; **Justin B.** placed 3rd in the JV Boys 50 Yard Breaststroke, 4th in the JV Boys 50 Yard Backstroke, and 5th in the JV Boys 50 Yard Freestyle; **Paige V.** placed 3rd in the Varsity Girls 50 Yard Backstroke, 5th in the Varsity Girls 50 Yard Freestyle, and 5th in the Varsity Girls 100 Yard IM; and **Jamieson M.** placed 7th in the Varsity Girls 50 Yard Breaststroke, 9th in

MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN YOUTH HOUSE UPDATE

The Middle School Open Youth House, hosted by the NET Team, will NOT meet on Friday, March 3 due to the Dallas Catholic Youth Conference.

As a reminder, middle school students in grades 6-8 have the opportunity to participate in the St. Mark Middle School Open Youth House on Friday afternoons. Students come together to enjoy games, snacks, and fellowship with their peers. Email [Mrs. Opon](#) directly if your middle school student would like to participate.



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Field Day Volunteers: This fun, activity-filled day for students will be held on Wednesday, May 31. The Home & School Association, HSA member volunteers, and the P.E. coaches are planning many fun outdoor games for the students. Only HSA members may volunteer on Field Day. If you are interested in volunteering, please be sure your [Safe Environment](#) training is current for the 2016-17 school year. Not sure if you joined HSA? Contact [Ashley Ternan](#) to confirm your membership. More information on Field Day volunteer opportunities will be coming soon.

Box Tops: Please continue to collect Box Tops! Be sure to write the grade level on the baggies when you turn them in to the school office.

Don't forget to add the Box Tops app available for both iPhone and Android devices. It's free and easy to use! Simply load the app, pick from the offers, and scan a copy of your paper receipt. These offers can be repeated. The school is listed as **st mark catholic school** when you create your log in (note spacing). Or you can search school ID: 184443. In addition, Sam's Club has a special promo via the app for 100 bonus Box Tops (\$10!) when you purchase 3 General Mills products. This offer can also be repeated. If you have any questions, contact [Holly Lewis](#) or [Jennifer Pike](#).

You can help the school win 5,000 Bonus Box tops by going to www.boxtops4education.com/earn/sweepstakes daily. It expires on 3/12/17.



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the Varsity Girls 100 Yard IM, and 10th in the Varsity Girls 50 Yard Backstroke.



It's interesting to note that St. Mark alum, **Andrew T. '06**, still holds the DPL record for the Varsity Boys 50 Yard Breaststroke.



Monsignor Smyth Golf Classic - Registration Now Available:

This annual event, hosted by the Class of 2002, is scheduled for May 19, 2017. [Click here](#) for information, registration, and sponsorship opportunities. Please email [Marlene Ehring](#) for more information.

Registration is Open for Spring Sports: Final days to register for Baseball/Softball and Track & Field. The deadline is February 28. [Click Baseball/Softball](#) or [Track & Field](#) for further details.

Download Game Photos:

Check out the [Dallas Parochial League Smug Mug photo site](#). View and purchase photos from recent events.

Coach Safe Environment Training:

All volunteer

"a" logo at the very top of the homepage, next to the social media links:



Earn Money for St. Mark by Grocery Shopping: Link your Tom Thumb and Kroger shopper cards to St. Mark today by [clicking here](#) and earn money for our school simply by shopping for groceries. Kroger cards must be relinked each year.

Safe Environment: A reminder that you must be [Safe Environment](#) cleared to volunteer in any capacity at school. Contact [Toni Jobes](#) with questions. **The next Safe Environment class is March 2, 6:00 PM, in McGivney Hall at the Parish Center.**

30TH ANNUAL GALA & AUCTION

The 2017 Gala & Auction was a great success! The committee, faculty, staff, and students thank each person for their donation of time and/or treasure to the event. Stay tuned for details on how much we raised for the SmartLab!



Pick Up Your Winnings: If you did not claim the auction item(s) that you won after the event, or the item(s) you won during the extended sale, you can pick up your winnings starting today at 1:00 PM in Mrs. O'Connor's office.

Download Auction Photos: We had a professional photographer taking photos at the auction. As a thank you to our attendees, we are making the photos available for downloading. Simply [click here](#) and download any pictures you like at no charge. The password is **stmark17**. Enjoy!



Post-Event Survey & 2018 Auction: There will be a post-event survey sent out soon. We want everyone's opinion on how to make 2018 even better. [Rebecca Battles](#) is the Chairperson for 2018 and she is looking for volunteers for next year's committee. If you are interested on ANY level, please reach out to her directly. Specifically, the committee needs help with the following:

1. Auction website management
2. Business solicitation
3. Alumni communication

coaches for Baseball, Softball, and Track must submit their [Safe Environment](#) certification to [Marlene Ehring](#) as soon as possible.

JESUIT/JAB BASKETBALL: SPRING BREAK SKILLS CAMP & UPCOMING SPRING SEASON

Jesuit College Preparatory School is hosting the annual JAB Spring Break Basketball Skills Camp for boys and girls in grades 1-8 from March 13-15. Fundamentals, competitions and games are part of the fun. [Click here](#) for details.

In addition, the spring season for JAB will be kicking-off the week of March 20 including the 3v3 Academy, team practices, individual skill development workouts, and league games. For further information, contact [Jonathan Alexander](#).

SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

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

JPII Presents Annie:



4. In-kind donation solicitation
5. Event set-up

There are other needs. If you have a talent you would like to donate, we can find a place to use your talents.

ST. MARK COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM

February's prayer intention for our school: For other schools in the diocese, the high school our children will attend, as well as those they may never enter.



Please join our students in praying our school prayer: *Lord, help us to come together as a community to support one another, encourage one another and show each other kindness. Amen.*

Upcoming Events:

*Join us every Monday at 2:30 PM in the Church Cry Room to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for our school and country.

*The next Community Prayer Team meeting will take place on March 6 at 8:00 AM in Room 142.

KEEP UP THOSE REFERRALS

Next Open House: Early Childhood Education (PK-K): Wednesday, April 26, 5:30-7:30 PM, ECE Building

School Tour Referral Incentive: Simply send someone you know to visit an upcoming Open House or take a school tour. Once they attend in person and indicate you as a referral, we'll send you a \$10.00 gift certificate to the Lion's Den Spirit Store...it's that easy!

Do you participate in a **neighborhood blog or website** such as www.nextdoor.com, or a neighborhood Facebook page? If so, please post our Open House dates (see above)! If there is room for more details, simply email [Debbie Reed](mailto:Debbie.Reed) and she'll send them to you for posting.

***And don't forget our Referral Thank You Program:** Refer a new family to St. Mark and you could receive a \$500 tuition credit. [Click here](#) for details.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

Destination Imagination:



Visioneering Team:



1st Grade Basketball Stars:



4th Grade Basketball Stars:



Girls Scouts Service:



1st Grade Carbonization:



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