



# ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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**WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN**

**April 13, 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, Thursday, April 13 - Holy Thursday:

-12:00 NOON: Early Dismissal. The After School Program is available until 3:00 PM.



10:00 AM-11:00 PM: Raising Cane's Fundraiser: Place your order, mention St. Mark, and a percentage of your purchase will be donated to the Athletics Dept.

#### Friday, April 14 - Good Friday:

-No School

#### Saturday, April 15 - Holy Saturday

#### Sunday, April 16 - Easter Sunday

#### Monday, April 17:

-No School (due to unused inclement weather day)

#### Tuesday, April 18:

-Students may pay \$2.00 and wear "Free Dress" to school. Proceeds benefit HSA. See page 25 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#) for guidelines.



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-School-wide LLS/Olive Garden Pasta Party. No need to send a lunch with your student unless he/she does not want pasta/salad/breadsticks. Lunch is free of charge.

**Tuesday, April 18-Friday, April 21:**

-Popcorn sale benefitting Middle School Yearbook (details below)

**Wednesday, April 19:**

-8th grade Day of Service

**Thursday, April 20:**

-7th grade field trip

-Student Spring Picture & Class Picture Money Due

-5:30 PM: 8th grade Confirmation Rehearsal (students and sponsors meet in Cafetorium)

**Friday, April 21:**

-Principal Appreciation Day

**Saturday, April 22:**

-10:00 AM, Church: 8th Grade Confirmation (students and sponsors meet at 9:15 AM in Cafetorium); reception immediately following in Narthex

-10:00 AM: Children's Choir sings at Mass

**Monday, April 24:**

-Spring Enrichment Clubs End

## POPCORN SALE BENEFITTING MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK

The Middle School Yearbook elective will be selling popcorn to all students (PK3-8th grade) starting next week. Orders will be taken during class time on Tuesday, April 18 through Friday, April 21. Popcorn bags are \$2.00 each. Choose from Butter, White Cheddar, Vanilla, or Salsa. Order extra bags for gifts or snacks. Exact change is appreciated. Payment must be made during the order process. The popcorn will be delivered to students during school on April 25. If your child would like to enjoy a bag of popcorn, be sure that he/she pre-



## PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

**Next Open House:** Early Childhood Education Family Picnic & Open House (PK-K): Wednesday, April 26, 5:30-7:30 PM, ECE Building. [Click here](#) for details and pre-registration.

**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](http://www.nextdoor.com), or a neighborhood Facebook page? If so, please post our Open House date (see above). If there is room for more details, simply email [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!**



orders and pays between 4/18-21. Please help support the middle school yearbook and enjoy a tasty treat!

### THANK YOU FROM THE STAFF

The faculty and staff would like to thank our wonderful 3rd and 4th grade families for the Teacher Luncheon they hosted on Wednesday. It was the perfect day for a "Spring Tea," and we enjoyed every minute of it (along with the fabulous food and fun hats)!



### SCHOOL CALENDAR UPDATES

We've been asked to clarify a few changes made to the school calendar during the year. Please be sure you have these revised dates:

**1. May 5 is an early dismissal day.** Students will be dismissed at 12:00 NOON. The After School Program will be available until 6:00 PM. Be sure to send a lunch with all ASP students.

**The 2nd Annual S.T.E.M. Fair also takes place on May 5 from 4:30-8:00 PM.**

**2. May 12 is no longer an early dismissal day. May Crowning still takes place on May 12.**

3. Since we did not use our inclement weather days this year:

**\*Monday, April 17 will be a school holiday.**

**\*Thursday, June 1 will be the last day of school, and we will have 12:00 NOON dismissal on that day. The After School Program will be available until 3:00 PM. Please send a lunch with all ASP students.**

**\*There will be no school on June 2.**

**GET READY FOR '50s DAY!**

### 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 May. Sign-ups are due April 15. Half days and full days are available. Please remember, you must be [Safe Environment](#) trained to volunteer.

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NEWS FROM ATHLETICS



**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.

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

### BE SURE YOUR PARISH DATABASE INFO. IS CURRENT

St. Mark Catholic Church is updating the parish database and they need each member to confirm their family contact information.

**\*\*THIS MUST BE DONE IN ORDER TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THE PARISHIONER DISCOUNT ON SCHOOL TUITION, SO PLEASE BE**

On Thursday, April 27, we're *rockin' around the clock* with a school-wide **'50s Day!** Poodle skirts and saddle shoes, jeans and white t-shirts, pony tails and pompadours -- they're all part of the fun. It's free, and totally optional, but we hope all of our guys and gals will join in on this really *cool* day!

## '50s Day

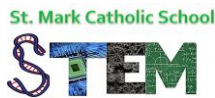
### FIELD DAY T-SHIRT ORDERS

It's time to place your order for your child(ren)'s Field Day t-shirts. The deadline is April 24. Please [click here](#) for the online order form. Note: Volunteer t-shirt orders will be taken separately at a later date.



### 2017 S.T.E.M. FAIR SHIRTS NOW AVAILABLE

Get your 2017 S.T.E.M. Fair t-shirts! Don't miss your chance to commemorate this awesome event. Shirts will be lime green with royal blue imprinting, and are \$8.00 each. Ordering is available from April 10-21. Be sure to place your order during this period to ensure you and your student get the correct sizes. Print the [order form](#) and follow the payment instructions. Your order form must be submitted to the school office regardless of how you pay.



After the event, students may continue to wear these shirts during P.E. classes and on school Spirit Days.

### YOU'RE INVITED: WORLD THINKING DAY

Calling all St. Mark Girls: Girl Scout Troops 3360 and 3380 would like to invite you to our **World Thinking Day**. Come see what Girl Scouts do as you watch our international presentations, use your passport to taste your way around the world, make a SWAP, and learn more



### SURE YOUR FAMILY'S INFORMATION IS CURRENT.\*\*

Click the following link to submit your update: <https://stmarkplano.org/2017-parish-update-form>. It only takes a minute.

### ST. MARK YOUTH MINISTRY

2017 Steubenville Lone Star - Life Teen: June 23, 24, 25; Cost \$280.00; High School Conference; Registration is open to current 8th graders and seniors. [Click here](#) for details and registration.

### SUMMER CAMPS AT AREA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

Click the links to learn more:



[Bishop Lynch High School](#) offers a variety of sports and recreational camps for K-12 students.



[Cistercian Preparatory School](#) offers academic, recreational, and sports camps for boys in grades 3-12.



[Jesuit College Preparatory School](#) offers [Sports Camps](#) for boys and girls in grades PK3-12, and a co-ed [Summer Theater Program](#) for middle school and high school students.

about Girl Scouts. The event takes place Friday, April 28 in the Old Gym (Lions' Lair) from 3:30-5:00 PM. Cost is \$15.00. Please sign-up [here](#) by today, Thursday, April 13 to secure your spot on our grand adventure. Contact [Theresa Meyers](#) or [Elena Mappus](#) for more information.

## LEGACY BRICKS

**Order your St. Mark Legacy Brick.** This is a wonderful opportunity to leave a permanent impression at St. Mark. For \$100, purchase an engraved brick with your family name, ministry, organization, your child's name and graduating class, or a loved one's name. Choose from a variety of logos: religious symbols, sports, cheerleading, scouts, music, and more. These bricks will become part of the entryway to St. Mark Catholic School. **Simply [click here](#) to place your order.**



## HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

**HSA Executive Board Nominations:** Nominations for the Executive Board will end tomorrow, April 14 (end of day). [Click here](#) to nominate yourself or someone else via Sign-Up Genius. If more than two people have signed up for an Executive Board position, voting will begin on April 19. Submissions can also be submitted to the HSA President, Ashley Ternan, at [ashleyternan@gmail.com](mailto:ashleyternan@gmail.com).

**HSA Meeting:** The 4th General HSA Meeting will be held on May 3 at 6:30 PM in the Cafeteria. Executive Board officers for the 2017-18 school year will be announced and the changes to the by-laws will be voted on.

### Important Field Day Volunteer

**Information:** Parents who have paid their HSA dues will receive a link to a Sign-Up Genius to volunteer for Field Day. You must have paid your dues and be Safe Environment cleared by May 3 in order to volunteer.

If you would like to volunteer on Field Day, there is still time pay your HSA dues and become Safe Environment cleared. Please contact [Jill Dourty](#). Once you have paid, you will receive the link to volunteer.



John Paul II High School offers [Athletic Camps](#) for middle school and high school students.



Ursuline Academy of Dallas offers [Athletic Camps](#) for students in grades 1-12.

## 2017 LIL' RANGERETTES SUMMER CAMP

The Jesuit College Preparatory School Rangerettes Drill Team is hosting a summer camp for PK3-6th grade students from June 19-23, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. [Click here](#) for details and registration.

## QUARTERBACK TRAINING AT JESUIT

Bill Reagan, Elite 11 Coach and Former Notre Dame Football staff, will hold his Top Gun Quarterback Training at Jesuit's Postell Stadium on May 30, 31 and June 1 for grades 5-12. [Click here](#) for more information.

## FRENCH MASS AT CISTERCIAN

Mrs. Denvir invites you to attend an upcoming French Mass at Our Lady of Cistercian Abbey on Sunday, April 30 at 10:30 AM, 3550 Cistercian Road in Irving. Follow along in French, volunteer to do a reading, and enjoy French snacks afterwards.



You're invited to attend an upcoming Public Mass with the seminarians at 9:15 AM: April 23 & April 30.

\*\*\*If you already signed-up to volunteer for Field Day at "Back to School Night," or have contacted Tara Roman or Ashley Ternan about volunteering, please note that you will still need to go through the Sign-Up Genius to secure your volunteer spot and submit your t-shirt size.

On the Sign-Up Genius, you can choose the game you would like to volunteer for (if spots are available). If all of the volunteer slots for that game are filled, please place your name in the "to be placed" area. You will then be assigned to a game or area that needs extra help. You will also be asked to give your t-shirt size -- please be sure this section is completed.

**HSA dues payments, Safe Environment clearance, and volunteer sign-ups must all be completed by May 3.**

**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](#).



**Amazon School Rewards Program: Weddings? Graduations? Be sure to shop at Amazon for all of your gift (and everyday) needs!** St. Mark earns money when you shop through the link at the top of our [homepage](#).

**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

Holy Trinity Seminary is located at 3131 Vince Hagan Drive in Irving.



## SUMMER CAMP

Act up this summer! Join Drama Kids for a variety of drama camp themes. Half days and full days are available. Register at [www.dramakids.com/tx3](http://www.dramakids.com/tx3) or call 972-363-2369. Enroll by June 1 and receive \$20 off tuition (coupon code: **17Summers\$20**).

## SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

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

### Kids Take Over the School:



Lion Safari:



University of Michigan Survey:

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.

### ST. MARK COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM

**April's prayer intention for our school:**  
For our Confirmation candidates.

**A prayer for Holy Week:** Lord God,  
I give you thanks, for you are good, and  
your mercy is endless.  
Here I stand, during this holy week,  
This week in which your church  
remembers Jesus' passion and death.  
And I am distracted by many things.  
Turn my eyes now to the One who comes in your name  
The one who opens the gates of righteousness  
The one who answers when we call.  
I bless you, Lord, for shining your light upon me,  
And for sending your son to us, in human frailty.  
To walk the road we walk.  
Open my eyes that I may see him coming,  
And may praise him with a pure heart.  
And may walk in the way of his suffering,  
And share also in his resurrection.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and  
ever.  
Amen. (Source: lbelieve.com)



#### Upcoming Events:

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

\* Our next meeting will be Monday, May 1 at 8:00 AM, Room 142 near the Music Room.

**Wishing our entire St. Mark  
community a blessed and Happy  
Easter!**



**Boy Scouts-Order of the Arrow:**



**Track & Field City Meet:**



**4th Grade at the Perot:**



**JPII PALS:**



**PK-4 Resurrection Rolls:**



Kindergarten Soccer Stars:



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