



# ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

## WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

May 19, 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, May 19:

-8th grade received the Vocations Chalice at Mass and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

### Monday, May 22-Thursday, May 25:

-6th/7th Grade Final Exams

### Monday, May 22:

-7:30-8:00 AM, Cafetorium: 8th Grade Memory Boards Due

### Thursday, May 25:

-7:30 AM: School Advisory Council Meeting

-8th Grade "High School Spirit Day." 8th graders may wear a shirt from their new high school with their uniform pants (boys) or uniform skirt (girls).

-12:10-1:10 PM, Cafetorium: 8th Grade Parent-Graduate Luncheon

-2:00 PM, Cafetorium: 8th Grade/2nd Grade Prayer Partner Farewell & Yearbook Signing



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**Friday, May 26:**

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass dedicated to the Class of 2017. All are welcome.

8th Grade Graduation Events:

-9:30 AM, Cafetorium: 8th Grade family breakfast; view memory boards

-10:30ish AM: 8th graders go home until evening activities begin.

-5:30 PM, School Lobby: 8th Grade individual graduate photos

-6:30 PM, Church: 8th Grade Graduation Mass and ceremony

-8:00-9:00 PM, Cafetorium: 8th Grade reception for graduates and families

-9:00-11:00 PM, Cafetorium: 8th Grade Dance (graduates only)

**Monday, May 29:**

-No School: Memorial Day Holiday

-7:00 PM, Church: Children's Choir Sings at Mass

**Wednesday, May 31:**

-Field Day (details below)



10:00 AM-11:00 PM: Raising Cane's Fundraiser. Mention St. Mark as you place your order and a percentage of proceeds benefits the St. Mark Athletics Dept.

**Thursday, June 1:**

-Last Day of School; 12:00 NOON dismissal; the After School Program is available until 3:00 PM; please pack a lunch for all ASP students.

-4th quarter ends; report cards sent home with students



10:00 AM-11:00 PM: Raising Cane's Fundraiser. Mention St. Mark as you place your order and a percentage of proceeds benefits the St. Mark Athletics Dept.

**2017-18 SCHOOL CALENDARS**

[Lion's Den Spirit Store](#)

**TWO MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO RAISE FUNDS FOR ATHLETICS!**

Raising Cane's will host two more fundraising days this school year benefitting the St. Mark Athletics Depart. --

**Wednesday, May 31 (Field Day), and Thursday, June 1 (last day of school).** Plan to

treat your children while someone else does the cooking, and a percentage of your purchase will benefit the school. It's a win-win!

**2017-18 LIMITED OPENINGS**

There are limited openings in select grade levels for the 2017-18 school year. Take advantage of our referral opportunities:

**\*School Tour Referral Incentive:** Simply send someone you know to 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!

**\*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!**

To assist with planning for the 2017-18 school year, click here for the latest versions of the 2017-18 [Academic](#) and [Events](#) calendars (please note that they are subject to change). They are also posted on the homepage of the [school website](#).

### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL REMINDER

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

**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.

### WATCH THOSE CAFETERIA ACCOUNT BALANCES

Parents, please keep a close watch on your child(ren)'s lunch account(s) to insure there are enough funds to cover lunches purchased during the last couple weeks of school. To assist you, the Cafeteria will be emailing balance notices more frequently during this time.

### FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE...

If your student is currently keeping a medication in the school nurse's office (including but not limited to Epi-Pens, inhalers, prescription medication, or over-the-counter medication), please arrange to pick up the medication by the last day of school. **Any medication that is left at school over the summer will be disposed of--NO EXCEPTIONS.**

### OUTSTANDING FEES

Parents: Please be aware that all student debts (such as library, cafeteria, school fees, textbook damage/replacement, late pick-up fee, ASP fee, etc.) need to be paid in full before a student may participate in our upcoming end-of-year events such as Field Day, Graduation, etc.

### EXTRA PK-5TH GRADE MEMORY BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

HSA has a very limited supply of extra 2017-18 Preschool-5th grade memory books available for purchase, first come first serve. The price is \$25 per book. If you would like to purchase one, either [click here](#) to pay online (use the "Miscellaneous" option and include "PK-5 memory book" in the "Comments"

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NEWS FROM ATHLETICS

#### Athletics Information for Incoming 5th Grade Families:

If your incoming 5th grader is interested in playing on a school sports team during the 2017-18 school year, please [click here](#) to view a short Powerpoint presentation about the St. Mark Athletics program.

#### Fall 2017-18 Sports Registrations Now Open (click for details):

[JV & Varsity Football](#): Deadline = June 1

[JV & Varsity Cheerleading](#): Deadline = June 1

[JV & Varsity Volleyball](#): Deadline = June 1

[JV & Varsity Cross Country](#): Deadline = August 15

#### Download Game Photos:

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

### JESUIT SUMMER ROWING CAMPS

The Jesuit College Preparatory School Crew Team is



hosting two summer rowing camps for boys and girls in 5th-8th grades (including rising freshmen). St. Mark alum **Conar Ehring '11**,

section), or send a check to the school office. Once books are delivered, they will be sent home with students.

## SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK WITH THE COMMUNITY

We continue to receive so much positive feedback from our school families about our programs and staff. As you reflect back on your year at St. Mark, we encourage you to share all of that positivity with others in the community. Here are a couple ways you can do this:

**Great Schools Website:** Please visit [www.greatschools.org](http://www.greatschools.org) and post your positive feedback. This is one way to reach others who may be considering a St. Mark education for their child.

**Work of Heart:** Nominate a teacher or staff member for a Work of Heart Award by [clicking here](#). Awarded by The Catholic Foundation, the Work of Heart honors those in Catholic education who go above and beyond for students and the community.

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Parents: Summer is the perfect time to update your annual Safe Environment Training. Simply [click here](#) for details. This will insure that all paperwork will be processed prior to the start of the 2017-18 school year and you will be cleared to volunteer at all of our wonderful school activities.

## FIELD DAY REMINDERS

**Field Day takes place on Wednesday, May 31.** This is a fun day for students in PK-7th grade where they participate in many different indoor and outdoor games and activities organized by the P.E. Department and the Field Day Committee. Examples include an egg relay race, tug-of-war, obstacle course, water balloon toss, etc.



A few reminders:

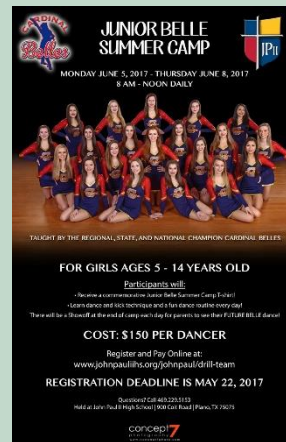
-A pizza lunch is provided to all students by the school, so there is no need to send a lunch with students on Field Day unless your child prefers not to eat pizza.

-Students should wear modest shorts, their Field Day t-shirt, and athletic shoes. Field Day shirts will be sent home with students the end of next week. Volunteer shirts will be sent home with the oldest child.

-Please send a towel to school.

former Jesuit Crew Captain and current member of the Varsity Crew team at the University of Delaware, will coach the rowing camps for the second year in a row. Session I: June 26-30; Session II: July 10-14, 8:00-11:30 AM. No experience necessary. [Click here](#) for details and registration.

## JPII JUNIOR BELLES SUMMER CAMP



## URSULINE SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

**Sports Camps:**

[Click here](#) for information about basketball, softball, crew, lacrosse, volleyball and soccer camps for girls entering grades 1-12.



**Soccer Camps:** Train with the TAPPS Division 1 State Champion soccer players at the UA Soccer Camp. [Click here](#) for details.

-We encourage you to apply sunscreen to your child before school, and we encourage your child to wear a hat.

### PARENT SURVEY REMINDER

A reminder to please complete the annual St. Mark Parent Survey using the link below. **The deadline is today, Friday, May 19.** It is vital that you provide your feedback, as we use the results of this survey to make improvements to our program and to plan for the future. Thank you for taking the time to provide your valuable input.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q2SR85X>

### ORDER YOUR ST. MARK LEGACY BRICK TODAY

This is a wonderful opportunity to leave your own personal and permanent impression at St. Mark for generations to come. For \$100, purchase a custom-designed, engraved brick with your family name, ministry, organization, your child's name and graduating class, or to honor a loved one. There are many ways to personalize your brick, with logos for all kinds of interests including religious symbols, sports, cheerleading, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, band, choir, and music, just to name a few. These bricks will become part of the entryway to St. Mark Catholic School. Simply [click here](#) to place your order.



### HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

**General Meeting:** The HSA would like to thank all of the parents who attended our 4th General Meeting this week. With your support, we passed revised by-laws. HSA appreciates your generous donations of time and support throughout the school year.

We are also pleased to announce the new Executive Board for the 2017-18 school year:

President - Jill Dourty  
Vice President - Mireya Cowen  
Treasurer - Gisella Briggie  
Secretary - Jolea Broome

**Box Tops:** You can still submit Box Tops until May 22. Please continue to use the Box Tops app for iPhone and Android. It's

### FRENCH MASS AT CISTERCIAN

Mrs. Denvir invites you to attend an upcoming French Mass at Our Lady of Cistercian Abbey on Sunday, May 21 at 10:30 AM, 3550 Cistercian Road in Irving. Follow along in French, volunteer to do a reading, and enjoy French snacks afterwards.

### SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

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

#### Bishop Burns Celebrates Mass at St. Mark:



#### Monsignor Smyth Golf Classic:



#### Orchestra Concert:



#### Newcomer Welcome:



#### Communion: First

free and easy to use! [Click here](#) for instructions. **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 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 Jobs](#) with questions.

### ST. MARK COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM

**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.



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National Quiz Bowl:



School Wide Day of Service:



Kindergarten Book Signing:



City Track Meet:



Varsity Track MVP & Female Athlete of the Year:



Volleyball Champs:



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