



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

May 26, 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 26:

8th Grade Graduation Events:

-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

-10:00 AM, Church: Children's Choir Sings at Mass (note time change)

Wednesday, May 31:

-Field Day (details below)



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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



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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.

S.T.E.M. FAIR FIELD TRIP WINNERS

Congratulations to the 5th grade who won the field trip to Texas Instruments at this year's S.T.E.M. Fair! They had the highest percentage of students in attendance. They will take the field trip next fall (as 6th graders). With total attendance at more than 600 strong, it was another successful event, and one that we will look forward to again next year!



THANK YOU FOR RESPONDING TO THE PARENT SURVEY

Thank you to all the parents who took the time to respond to our annual school survey. Your feedback will be analyzed and used to drive our campus improvement plan for next year.

THANK YOU TO CHITO'S RESTAURANT

A special thank you to Chito's Mexican restaurant for catering the 8th grade Parent-Graduate Luncheon on Thursday. They extended a special discount to St. Mark on an incredible spread of delicious homemade Mexican food, and for that, we are most

[Lion's Den Spirit Store](#)

CAFETERIA MENU FOR MAY 30

On Tuesday, May 30, the cafeteria menu indicates "Chef's Choice." The entrée served that day will be chicken nuggets, the sandwich will be sun butter and jelly, and the salad bar will be unavailable.



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The minutes from the April 27, 2017 School Advisory Council meeting are now available [here](#).

USED UNIFORM DONATIONS

We are now accepting gently used uniform donations. Please drop them off in the school office. Donations will be accepted between now and the end of June (during summer office hours).

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 Dept. -- **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

grateful. Chito's is owned and operated by the Correa family who are St. Mark parishioners.

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 week 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 2016-17 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" 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 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

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!

ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL



NEWS FROM
ATHLETICS

17th Annual DPL Golf Classic Student

Tournament: This tournament is scheduled for Monday, June 5 at Brookhaven Country Club. Please [click here](#) for details and registration. Deadline is 12:00 NOON on May 26.

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 have been sent home with students, including volunteer shirts. Please check those backpacks!**

-Please send a towel to school.

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

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



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 links 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

*When registering your athlete, do not type in their present grade level. Rather, please type in the grade level he/she will be during the 2017-18 school year. Once registration has been submitted, more information and details regarding the specific sport will be sent to your email address indicated on the registration form.

[Download Game Photos:](#)

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

Catholic School. Simply [click here](#) to place your order.



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Graduation Chairs/Committee: Thank you to our Graduation Committee Chair, and to everyone who helped with the recent 8th grade graduation events. Our 8th grade students and their families will forever have lasting memories because of your efforts!



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 Jobes](#) with questions.

ST. MARK COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM

May's prayer intention for our school: For our First Communion Candidates and Graduates.

A prayer for our Graduates: Dear Lord, May this graduation day be a celebration of your life within us. We give you all the learning, the skills and the hard work of these years. We pour out our gifts into your hands. May we hold this memory in our heart as we continue on our adventure! Father, may we live a life that reveals your hope and be guided in everything we do by your everlasting truth. Amen. Source: <http://www.living-prayers.com/>



CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS

Click the links to learn more:

SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

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

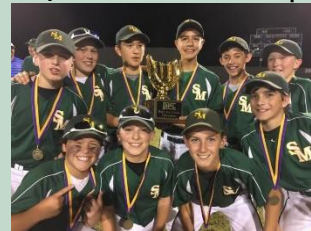
Justus B. Selected for US Navy Summer Program:



Duke TIP State Ceremony:



2017 DPL Baseball Champs:



Skydiving with the Staff:



8th Grade Memory Boards:



8th Grade Science Fun:



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 of Dallas 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.



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.

JPII JUNIOR BELLES SUMMER CAMP



Prayer Partner Farewell:



Parent-Graduate Luncheon:



SmartLab Construction Begins:



2nd Grade STEAM:



1st Grade Beach Blanket Reading:



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