



# ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

## WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

February 2, 2018

### 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

### Sunday, February 4:

-10:00 AM-12:00 PM, Lion's Lair Gym: Used Uniform Sale (details below)

### Monday, February 5:

-Spirit Day! See guidelines on page 28 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#).

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

### Tuesday, February 6:

-6:00-7:30 PM, School Library: Open House for prospective families (details below)

### Wednesday, February 7:

-Dress Down Day for all students who attended any Mass at any parish in uniform on January 27-28

### Thursday, February 8:

-RESCHEDULED: Catholic Schools Week "Student Appreciation Day" (details below)



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wonderful school!

### Friday, February 9:

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

-RESCHEDULED: Catholic Schools Week "Teacher Appreciation Day" (details below)

-1:30 PM, Cafetorium: John Paul II Play (K-5)

-2:45 PM: Texas Instruments Presentation (6-8)

-6:30 PM, Cafetorium: HSA Middle School Movie Night (details below)

-Auction Mixer (grades 6-8; details below)

### Sunday, February 11:

-6:00 PM, Church: Children's Choir Sings at Mass

## RESCHEDULED CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK EVENTS

The following Catholic Schools Week events have been rescheduled. Please plan accordingly. [Click here](#) for complete details.

### **February 8: Student Appreciation Day**

Buck-A-Jean, Buck-A-Tennie Day; Student-Teacher Switch Day; Kona Ice snow cones following all lunches, compliments of HSA; Spring Pep Rally @ 2:15 PM; 8th grade vs. Staff Volleyball Game.

**Please note that Student-Teacher Switch Day will take place on February 8. This is a change from the memo that was sent to parents on Tuesday. 8th grade students will wear business-appropriate attire to school for Student-Teacher Switch Day. If they are a member of a sports team being recognized at the Pep Rally, they may wear their team jersey over their clothes during the Pep Rally. They may also change into gym clothes/tennis shoes for the volleyball game if desired. Due to the schedule change, 8th graders will not take part in "Buck-A-Jean, Buck-A-Tennie" Day.**

### **February 9: Teacher Appreciation Day**

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon; Teacher Caught Being Good Drawings

### **March 29: Community & World Appreciation Day**

International Tasting Faire

## QUICK LINKS

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## WELCOME NEW STUDENT

A warm St. Mark welcome to our newest student, **Simba C.** in Mrs. Coursey's PK4 class.

## FAITH IN ACTION



### February Virtue: Cheerfulness



### Service From the Heart:

**February Service Project-Laps for Leukemia:** Each student will walk laps during P.E. class. Students may obtain sponsors who can either pledge money based on the number of laps walked, or make an online donation. Proceeds benefit LLS. Use the [Pledge Form](#) for sponsors, or visit the [St. Mark online donor page](#).

**Catholic School Teaching:** Life and dignity of the human person.

## HELP WITH EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

**Declan W. '17**, a freshman at John Paul II High School, is a Boy Scout in St. Mark's Troop 285, and he would like your help with his Eagle Scout Project. Declan is organizing a drive for the Samaritan Inn to collect urgently needed **small storage capacity USB drives and tub/shower cleaning supplies**. Please send one or more items to school with your student to help support Declan's Eagle Scout project and more importantly, the Samaritan Inn, the only homeless shelter in Collin County. Collection bins will be located in the school's main lobby just inside the school entrance from February 5-19. *"Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me." Matthew 25:40*



## HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT ST. MARK!

2018-19 admission season is here! Do you know someone interested in a St. Mark education for their PK-8th grade child? Here are some ways you can help us spread the word about St. Mark:



**1. REFERRALS:** Encourage prospective families to register for an upcoming **Open House**, our new **Come and Play Days**, or a **private tour** at [www.stmcs.net/open-house-tours](http://www.stmcs.net/open-house-tours). If they attend, you'll receive a \$10 gift certificate for the Lion's Den Spirit Store, and if they enroll, you could receive a [\\$500 tuition credit!](#)

### 2018 Open Houses:

Tuesday, February 6, 6:00-7:30 PM, School Library  
Tuesday, March 27, 8:00-9:00 AM, School Library  
Tuesday, April 24, 5:30-7:00 PM, Early Childhood Bldg. (for PK/K families)

### 2018 Come and Play Days:

Families with preschool/kindergarten children are encouraged to play on our playground, enjoy a snack, and get a sneak peek inside our ECE classrooms. Open to individuals and playgroups.

Tuesday, March 20, 9:00-10:30 AM  
Wednesday, April 11, 9:00-10:30 AM

**2. NEIGHBORHOOD BLOG/WEBSITE:** Do you participate in a neighborhood blog or website such as [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com), or a neighborhood Facebook page?

### Who Benefits?

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

### Due Date:

Pledges are due February 16.

## USED UNIFORM SALE

**REMINDER:** The Home & School Association will be hosting a Used Uniform Sale this Sunday, February 4 from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM in the Lion's Lair Gym. Stock up on pieces to get your student through the rest of the year!

## VALENTINE GRAMS

Send some love to a St. Mark student this Valentine's



**Day!** Student Council presents -- Valentine Grams! Parents may purchase Valentine Grams for their child(ren) in grades PK3-8. Middle school students may purchase them for their friends. They will be distributed on Valentine's Day, February 14. Pricing:

**Valentine Pencil Gram (grades 1-8): \$1.00**

**Valentine Sticker Gram (grades PK3-K): \$1.00**

To order, [click here](#), print and complete the order form, and return it to the school office with payment by Tuesday, February 7 (cash or check). No late orders will be accepted. All proceeds benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

If so, please take a moment to post our Open House and "Come and Play Day" dates (see above). If there is room for a detailed description, simply email [Debbie Reed](mailto:Debbie.Reed@stmcs.net) and she'll send the information to you for posting.



## RESCHEDULED



May 11, 2018 - MetroPlex Parent Night Out  
25% of proceeds go to the school.

Pricing: 6:30-9:30 PM \$13; 6:30-11:00 PM \$22  
Ages 3-12 and younger kids need to be potty trained.



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



### New Challenges

Challenge 1: All tickets purchased between 1/1 and 2/14 (Early Bird Sale Ends) will be entered into a drawing for a free hotel room night stay. Buy two tickets, get put in the drawing twice!

Challenge 2: All teacher tickets purchased between 1/1 and 2/1 will go into a drawing for either a free VIP experience (\$75 value), or a free hotel room stay. Each ticket is only valid for entry into one drawing.

Challenge 3: All teacher tables purchased from now 1/1-3/1 will get 2 VIP experiences and a bottle of wine on the night of the event

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NEWS FROM ATHLETICS

## LIONS DEN

The Lion's Den Spirit Store is open every Friday morning that school is in session from 7:30-8:15 AM in the Cafeteria hallway. Can't make it in person? Shop online at [www.stmcs.net/spirit-gear](http://www.stmcs.net/spirit-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:

**Basketball Season:** [Click here](#) for game schedules and plan to come out and cheer on your LIONS teams. Don't forget to visit the Lion's Den Spirit Store during all home games!

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



**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 March. Sign-ups are due February 15. Half days and full days are available.

## Catholic Schools Week Family Day Thank You



Thank you to the families who supported St. Mark Catholic School through your Kendra Scott Jewelry purchases on Family Day. We raised \$515!



Thank you to the families who supported St. Mark Catholic School through the fun Mirror Mirror photo booth on Family Day. We raised over \$100!

### How You Can Help the Auction:

1. Buy your tickets: Simply purchasing a ticket is a donation to the school.
2. Buy a teacher ticket: We have a large need for parents/ organizations to sponsor teacher tickets. This is a tax deductible donation and can be purchased on our [Auction website](#).
3. Auction Sponsorship: Do you own a small business that would help support St. Mark Catholic School? Contact [Jennifer Pike](#) to get details on our sponsorship packages.
4. Auction Donations: Do you work for a cool company that would like to donate a product to be auctioned-off or coupons for our swag bags? Do you have connections to a local business that would benefit from advertising their products and services to our community? Contact [Rebecca Battles](#) for details.

### Save the Dates:



**PEI WEI**

February 13 - Pei Wei Spirit Night (note date change)

February 9 - Pre-Auction Mixer for grades 6-8 (though all are welcome): The Velasquez Home, Plano. [Please RSVP here](#).

Please remember, you must be Safe Environment trained to volunteer.

## HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

Attention Ursuline students and Cistercian relatives: Are you interested in



Varsity Cheer at Cistercian Preparatory School? There will be a Pre-Tryout Meeting on April 3 at 5:30 PM. Clinics take place April 17-19 from 4:30-7:00 PM, and tryouts take place April 20 at 4:30 PM. For complete details, [click here](#) or visit [www.hawkscheerdallas.com](http://www.hawkscheerdallas.com).

Prospective parents are invited to join new JP11



President, Deacon Jake Schroeffer, for coffee as he shares exciting updates and the vision for JP11 in 2018 and beyond. "Coffee with the President" will be held on February 13 and March 6 from 8:00-9:00 AM. [Click here](#) to register.

March 6 - Carpool line drop-off for all auction donations (baskets, class crafts, corporate donations, etc.)



## HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

We are in need of volunteers for Junior Achievement. If you are interested, please check out the [Sign-Up Genius](#).



JA classes span five weeks, and each class is taught once a week for 30 minutes. All teaching materials are provided. The volunteer works directly with the classroom teacher to schedule sessions that are convenient for both. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact [Kathleen Frye](#) or [Angela Coulter](#).

**MOVIE NIGHTS ARE BACK!** This year, the HSA is pleased to bring back Movie Night! We will have a private movie night for the middle school students on Friday, February 9 in the Cafetorium. The Princess Bride (PG) will begin promptly at 6:30 PM. Students will be given 4 tickets upon entry to use for pizza, drinks, and concessions. We will clear an area in the Cafetorium for students to plop down on the floor and enjoy the movie "picnic-style." Students are asked to bring a blanket. Hope to see you there!



All registered Talent Show participants and alternates have been sent a detailed email with information regarding rehearsals. If you have not received an email, please contact Jolea Broome at [jo\\_cool@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jo_cool@sbcglobal.net)



### 2018 HSA General Meetings:

\*Please note that the March HSA meeting has been canceled, and is being replaced by the Talent Show.

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



Click [here](#) for the Consent Form.

### Jesuit Cheer Pre-Tryout Meeting:

Is your child interested in becoming a Jesuit cheerleader? Come to the Parent/Cheerleader Informational Meeting on Tuesday, February 6 from 6:00-7:00 PM in Hughes Hall at Jesuit. [Click here](#) for details.



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.

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## VOLUNTEER



**Looking to volunteer?** Check out the master [Sign Up Genius](#) link and all the ways you can help out.

**ECE Music Help:** Mrs. Schell needs help with the PK3 classes as students learn basic movement and music skills. Be ready to dance, skip and play instruments! The volunteer position is open to ALL volunteers, not just PK3 parents. You must be current on your Safe Environment certification to participate. [Click here](#) to sign-up.

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**ST. MARK SCRIP PROGRAM:** Purchase gift cards for gifts, or stock up for stores and restaurants that you frequent. Use the gift cards as you would your own cash or credit cards. Tell family and friends - anyone can order and St. Mark receives a percentage from every sale! Orders are accepted year round.



NEW OFFER: Cabela's is currently offering greater rebates to the school for orders placed between February 3-9. [Click here](#) for Cabela's SCRIP. [Click here](#) for the full list of SCRIP retailers and order details.

## ST. MARK COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM

The mission of the Community Prayer Team is to provide ways that we, as a community, can come together and pray throughout the year. For more information about our Prayer Team, [click here](#).



### 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.

**Prayer for the Sick:** Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. May they find consolation in Your healing presence. Show Your mercy as You close wounds, cure illness, and make broken bodies whole. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking You for all Your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus. Amen. Adapted from *Catholic Online*.



### 8th Grade Confirmation

**Retreats:** A reminder about upcoming assigned retreat dates: February 3, February 10 and February 11. Contact [Linda Watts](#) with questions.

**Open Youth House:** There will be NO Open Youth House February 22-23.

### Lenten Fish Fry Service

#### Opportunity for Grades 6-8:

February 16, March 2 and March 16. To sign-up, visit [www.stmarkplanoyouth.org](http://www.stmarkplanoyouth.org) (under "Service") or contact Cristy Mijares at 972-578-9583 or [cmijares@stmarkplano.org](mailto:cmijares@stmarkplano.org).

## CELEBRATION OF LOVE

Join us for an evening of love and laughter, dinner and dancing on February 10 at 7:00 PM in the St. Mark Parish Center Great Room. Doors open at 6:45 PM.



Marriage enrichment will be presented by Deacon Jake Schroepfer: "Being Married While Staying Engaged." Make it your Valentine celebration!

Price: \$40 per couple. [Click here](#) for details and registration.

Questions? Call 972-424-5794.

### Upcoming Events:

\*Prayer Team meeting: Monday, February 5, 8:00 AM, Room 116

\*Community Prayer Walk: Friday, March 23, 7:55 AM, Narthex

\*Family Adoration: Friday, March 2, 3:50-4:15 PM, Sanctuary

### LION PRIDE!

Congratulations to the St. Mark Religion Bowl team that won the Thomas Cloherty Religion Scholars Bowl this week! They ended the tough competition among 30 teams in a 3-way tie for first place. Team members are Manuela B., Theresa T., Jozsi A., and Laura P.



More congratulations to our students who placed in the Diocesan "Catholic Schools Week Poster Contest": Ella P. who placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade category, and Quyendi T. who received an Honorable Mention in the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade category!

The DeBusk Enrichment Center for Academically Talented Students seeks to identify and challenge gifted/talented students by offering an annual summer enrichment program through the Diocese of Dallas. Students qualify to apply to DECATS based on standardized test scores. Congratulations to the following 48% of 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders, and 47% of 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders who qualified to apply for the 2018 DECATS program:

#### Junior DECATS

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Guru A., Matthew B., Christopher B., Sophie B., Gavin D., Cooper D., Ansley D., Sophia E., Sienna G., Omar



You are invited to attend Mass with the seminarians on Sunday, February 4 at 9:15 AM at Holy Trinity Seminary, 3131 Vince Hagan Drive in Irving.

### 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!

#### Catholic Schools Week:



#### 100th Day:



J., Iahn K., Sterling K., Emerson M., Catalina M., Ava N., Marilyn P., Lucas T., Julia Z.

**4th Grade:** Karson A., Diya C., Adrian D., Ambrose D., Francisco G., Mason H., Paolina H., Reynold I., Simon R., Justin M., Nathan P., Pratosh R., Pedro R., Sofia S., Ethan S., Jeslyn T., Quyendi T., Tyler Y.

**5th Grade:** Isabella A., Austin A., Camila B., Benjamin B., Kristine C., Julianna C., Sebastian C., Jackson D., Jacob E., Adrienne F., Braden G., Michael G., Renit G., Alexandria H., Marie H., Reese J., Heidi K., Sophie K., Courtney K., Nicholas K., Kevin M., Kara N., David O., Laura P., Jacob P., Avery Q., Alfredo R., Chloe S., Nadia S., Reagan S., Miley S., Chase T., Cody T., Donte T., Sofia Z.

#### Senior DECATS

**6th Grade:** Jozsi A., John B., Benjamin B., Crystal C., Gloria E., Eliana G., Dominic H., Will I., Peter K., Sophia L., Gabriela L., Vivian L., Amelia M., Heather M., Nataly M., Gabriela M., Sofia M., Lana N., Karsil O., Benjamin P., Leah Q., Sebastian R., Alina S., Max Z.

**7th Grade:** Andrew A., Jonas A., Daniel A., Caroline B., Natalia B., Jeremiah B., Catherine B., Jessie C., Biya C., Bernadette C., Alejandro D., Lucy D., Austin G., Lauren G., Luke G., Renil G., Hope H., Jackson H., George L., Kyle M., Kaitlyn M., Jeremy M., Riannah M., Johnathan O., Clare O., Aoife P., Zachary P., Alex R., Sebastian R., Morgan S., Paul S., Daniela S., Camille S., Isaiah T., Louis T., Joshua T., Theresa T., Alexa V.

**8th Grade:** Abby A., JP A., Manuela B., Lauren D., Allison G., Jingyao G., Jordan H., Luke H., Veronica J., Blake J., Emily J., Kendell K., Kate K., Nathan L., Diego L., Rebecca L., Lawrence L., Anupa M., Alana M., Mark M., Alexandra M., Greyson P., Jack P., Jacob R., Peyton S., Ann T., Alonso T., Cristian T., Tiffany T., Paige V., Thomas W.



6th Grade Olympics:



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