



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

April 13, 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

TODAY, Friday, April 13:

-1st grade received the Vocations Chalice at All School Mass today and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

Tuesday, April 17:

-Diocesan Robotics Competition

Wednesday, April 18:

-3:30 PM: Student Council Meeting

Thursday, April 19:

-Summer Fun Dress Down Day benefiting HSA. Details below.

-7th grade visits zoo; Perot visits 4th grade

Friday, April 20:

-No School: Unused inclement weather day

Saturday, April 21:



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social media and help us
spread the word about our
wonderful school!**

-10:00 AM, Church: 8th Grade Confirmation; Children's Choir Sings at Mass

Monday, April 23:

-Spring Enrichment Clubs End

"SUMMER FUN" DRESS DOWN DAY - APRIL 19

In anticipation of our fast-approaching summer vacation, on Thursday, April 19, students may participate in a "Summer Fun Dress Down Day" benefiting the Home & School



Association. Students may pay \$2.00 and wear "Summer Fun" clothes to school. Think modest shorts, summer-themed t-shirts, tank tops (a t-shirt must be worn underneath a tank top), Hawaiian or luau shirts, leis, etc. Sandals and tennis shoes are permitted, flip flops are not. Girls may wear dresses. Straps must be at least as wide as the uniform jumper. It is suggested that girls bring a sweater to school should straps need to be covered. All clothing should be free of inappropriate slogans and graphics. Please don't spend a lot of money on this day -- students can wear something as simple as a lei from the dollar store!

POPCORN SALE BENEFITING MAKE-A-WISH

The 8th graders are selling popcorn to help reach their goal of \$10,000 to make a child's wish come true through the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Popcorn is \$2.00 a bag. Exact change is appreciated. We are not taking pre-orders so all flavors are on a first come, first serve basis. We have Kettle, Caramel, Vanilla, Salsa, White Cheddar and Butter. Order/payment can be turned in to your child's homeroom/homebase teacher. Thank you for helping us reach our goal!



2018 S.T.E.M. FAIR

The 3rd Annual St. Mark Catholic School STEM Fair takes place on Friday, April 27.

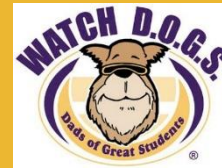
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Don't miss this family event featuring STEM-related, interactive booths sponsored by corporations, non-profit organizations, universities, and more. Rockets, virtual reality, Star Wars characters, robots, food trucks, prize

QUICK LINKS

- [Calendar](#)
- [Lifetime Lions Alumni](#)
- [Admissions](#)
- [Lunch Menus](#)
- [Safe Environment](#)
- [Lion's Den Spirit Store](#)
- [Work of Heart Nomination](#)



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.



Don't miss "Androcles and the Lion" presented by the Middle School Theater Production II class on Thursday, May 3 with direction and design by Father Cliff and musical direction by Patty Corsi. The evening performance of the annual Spring Musical takes place at 6:30 PM in the Cafetorium. It promises to be another fabulous production with amazing costumes, staging, music, and of course our talented students!

drawings, goody bags and more are all part of the fun! Kids and grown-ups alike can enjoy learning about the many ways that science, technology, engineering and math are used in today's businesses and in our society.

Event Highlights:

- 4:30 PM: Food trucks available on-site
- 5:00 PM: Rocket demonstration on the field
- 5:30 PM: Robotics and Destination Imagination demonstrations in the Cafetorium
- 6:00-8:00 PM: Doors open to the STEM Fair interactive booths

-All students will be given a take-home STEM activity on Tuesday, April 24 to create and bring back for participation in one of the booths at the event!

Sponsor a Booth. It's Free! Does your company utilize science, technology, engineering or math? Do you have a STEM-related hobby? If so, please consider sponsoring an interactive booth at the STEM Fair. Booth sponsorships are free, and provide a great opportunity to share your career or hobby with hundreds of people in the St. Mark community. If you're interested, please contact Pam Steinkirchner at pam.steinkirchner@stmcs.net.

HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT ST. MARK!

Do you know someone interested in a St. Mark education for their PK-8th grade child? Limited openings are available in select grade levels for the 2018-19 school year.



KEEP THOSE REFERRALS COMING: Encourage prospective families to register for the final **Open House of the school year**, or a **private tour** at 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!](#)

Open House:

Tuesday, April 24, 5:30-7:00 PM, Early Childhood Bldg.
(for prospective PK/K families)

THANK YOU FROM THE STAFF

A big thank you to the 3rd and 4th grade classes for the "picnic" themed teacher luncheon they hosted earlier this week. We are so appreciative of the delicious food and wonderful hospitality! As a special touch, they also created

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NEWS FROM ATHLETICS

2018-19 DPL Team Registrations Available:

Registration is now open for students in grades 5-8 during the 2018-19 school year who wish to participate on the school Volleyball, Cheer or Football teams. Click the links below for details:

- [Volleyball](#) - deadline is May 13
- [Cheer](#) - deadline is May 13
- [Football](#) - deadline is May 18



Golf Tournament Canceled: The Monsignor Smyth Golf Tournament scheduled for Friday, May 4 has been canceled. Details about the 2019 tournament will be available in the coming months.

Can You Lend Your Talent to the 2018-19 Athletic Fundraising Events?

We are in need of volunteers to organize the next All Souls Run scheduled for October 2018, and the Monsignor Smyth Golf Tournament scheduled for May 2019. Contact [Marlene Ehring](#) if you can help!

PLC Coach Training/Parent Workshop at Bishop Lynch:

beautiful "thank you" posters for our Cafeteria and Maintenance staffs and hung them where all students could pass by, sign their names, and show their appreciation. What a treat!



SUPPER OF EXCELLENCE

This month's "Supper of Excellence" comes compliments of Agnes Denvir, Tiffany Duncan, Julie Furlong, and Becky Johnson. The family who purchased this package from last year's Auction is being treated to a European dinner with all the trimmings!



Thank you to all of our 2018 Gala & Auction attendees, sponsors and donors. We are still crunching numbers, and a few items are still for sale. We will have proceeds next week for the school to review. We thank you for your patience. In the meantime, a couple reminders:

Play Like a Champion Today Coach and Sport Parent Education Program

PLAY LIKE A CHAMPION TODAY
Character Education Through Sport

Bishop Lynch High School
COACH CLINIC
Sunday, April 15
Mass at 11:30am
Lunch at Noon
Clinic: 12:30 - 4:30pm

PARENT WORKSHOP
5:00 - 6:00pm

Contact Shawn Halloran with Questions & to RSVP at: Shawn.Halloran@stmcs.net or stmcsnet.com

SPORTS AS MINISTRY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Crafted by leaders in the fields of sports psychology, coaching education, Catholic theology, and moral development, *Play Like a Champion Today* is:

- Centered around the principles of justice, tolerance, respect, and solidarity
- Designed using the best athlete-centered practices supported by research into character development and faith formation through sports
- Originating at the University of Notre Dame and collaborating with concerned faculty and coaches throughout the country

Play Like a Champion Today deals with tough sport issues and supports schools in providing:

- Athletics as Character-Building to Athletes and Families
- Building Teams as Moral Communities
- Champion-Centered Best Coaching Practices
- Sportmanship
- Responsible Decision Making

Over the course of the clinic, participants will learn about:

- The Importance of Social Leadership
- The GROW Approach to Athlete Motivation
- Adolescent Development
- The Spirituality of Sport

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BISHOP LYNCH HIGH SCHOOL

Working with Coaches and Sport Leaders to Shape a Positive Sports Culture for All Young People since 1970

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. Can't make it in person? Shop online at 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.

Lion's Den Help Needed

Can you volunteer to assist at the Lion's Den Spirit Store on Friday, April 20 from 7:30-8:15 AM in the Cafeteria? It's fun, and a great way to interact with your fellow parents! Contact [Marlene Ehring](mailto:MarleneEhring@stmcs.net) if you are available.

Gift Certificates Now Available:

The Lion's Den Spirit Store is now offering gift certificates! There is a \$10.00 minimum but

*A few items remain for sale online including the items listed below. The sale will end today. Follow the links for information:

- [First choice electives](#)
- [Teacher for the Day](#)
- [Homework Passes](#)
- [Free Dress Day](#)

*PK3, 2nd, 7th and 8th grade crafts have been opened for purchase online. These crafts are books that are easily replicated. Our Room Parents have agreed to make one additional order. The price of each book is the winning bid from the Auction plus shipping and materials. See the links below. Purchases must be made online via Bidpal before 5:00 PM on Monday, April 16.

- [PK3 Childhood Recipes](#)
- [2nd: Grade When I Grow Up](#)
- [7th Grade Cook Book](#)
- [8th Grade Prayer Partners for Life](#)



Auction Photos: If you took photos at the 2018 Auction, please share them with [Debbie Reed](#).



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Field Day:

T-Shirts: Place your order now for your child's Field Day t-shirt by [clicking here](#). Field Day t-shirts are provided to everyone at no charge. The deadline to place your order is April 23.



Volunteer Sign-Ups: On March 27, the link for the Field Day Volunteer Sign-Up Genius was emailed to all HSA members. The deadline to sign-up is May 1. Please remember that anyone who wishes to volunteer must also be [Safe Environment](#) cleared by May 1.

no maximum amount. This is a great gift idea for birthdays, holidays, First Communion, Prayer Partners, and more. The store offers a variety of St. Mark merchandise appealing to all ages, children to adults. To place an order, click the link above, choose "gift certificate" on the online order form, and specify the amount where indicated.



Join us for Masses with the seminarians on Sunday, April 15, 22 and 29 at 9:15 AM at Holy Trinity Seminary, 3131 Vince Hagan Drive, Irving. Masses are followed by a reception with the seminarians.

FRENCH MASS AT CISTERCIAN

Come to French mass at Cistercian Abbey on Sunday, April 15 at 10:30 AM, 3550 Cistercian Road, Irving. There is an opportunity to do a reading in French and to enjoy French snacks afterwards.



Drama Kids is now enrolling for summer drama camps! Enroll by June 1 and receive \$20 off tuition with the code **18Summer\$20**. Summer camp themes include Kinder



2018 HSA General Meeting:

*May 2, 8:15 AM, Cafetorium

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.

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. [Click here](#) for 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](#).



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

A prayer for our Confirmation Candidates: Holy Spirit, strengthen these Confirmation candidates with your gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord, and serve as a disciple of Christ. Grant that they may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit. Help them to experience and trust your dwelling within, so that they can count on your guidance today and every day. Show us the way to help one

Storyland, Party of the Year, The Greatest Show, and Pirates on High Seas. [Click here](#) for complete details. Registration is available [here](#).

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!

Principal Appreciation Day:



Service Project Bake Sale:



2nd Grade Science:



PK3/8th Grades Study Wind:

another become better disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing your love with our world and with each person we meet. Come, Holy Spirit! Come!

Upcoming Events:

*Community Prayer Team Meeting: Monday, May 7, 8:00 AM in room 116. Please send prayer requests to kathleenfrye@yahoo.com and indicate if your prayer can be shared, or should be kept confidential. You can also place a prayer request in the Prayer Box on our school Prayer Table (located in the hallway between the Administration offices and the cafeteria). We will pray over these intentions during our meeting.

*Last Community Prayer Walk: Friday, June 1, 7:55 AM, Narthex

HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

High School Scholarship Opportunity: The Catholic Daughters Court #2100 is offering their annual \$500 Josephine Ames Scholarship for an 8th grade student entering Catholic high school in the fall of 2018. Please [click here](#) for information and the application. Students may also obtain hard copies from Mrs. O'Connor and Mrs. Oliver. The deadline is May 1, 2018.

Young Men's Service League (YMSL): The YMSL offers a wonderful way for mothers and their high school age sons to spend time together serving the community (and earning high school service hours). The Cardinal YMSL chapter is home to many of our St. Mark alumni families, and they are looking for new members. For any 8th grade boy interested in joining, now is the time. Boys do not need to attend JPIL to become a member. Enrollment runs from March 5-April 15, 2018. For more information about the organization, [click here](#). Those interested in joining may contact [Maria Ligad](#) (mother of **Nicholas Ligad '15**).



Calling all new Ursuline Academy freshmen and current students: 2018-19 Jesuit Rangerettes drill team tryout practices, formal auditions, and informational meetings will



Service Dogs:



7th Grade Dissections:



1st Grade Magnets:



Kindergarten Global Warming:



take place April 16-18. [Click here](#) for full details. For registration information, [click here](#).

BL Spring Preview: On April 19 from 9:00-11:00 AM, parents of K-8 students can gain insight into the Bishop Lynch High School experience, take a tour and enjoy breakfast. [Click here](#) for details and registration.



Future Friar Night: Parents and students in grades K-8 can attend a BL Friar Baseball game for free on April 20 at 7:00 PM. [Click here](#) for details.

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