



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

April 26, 2019

Prayer for the 2018-19 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.

NOMINATE SOMEONE SPECIAL



Know someone in our community who deserves to be recognized for going "above and beyond" for Catholic education? Nominate him or her for a Work of Heart Award. Nominations for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year are due Wednesday, May 8. [Please click here](#) to submit yours!

REMINDERS

TODAY, Friday, April 26:

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

-12:00 PM Early Dismissal. The After School Program will be available until 6:00 PM.



10:00 AM-11:00 PM: 1/2 Days are Cane's Days at St. Mark! Visit the location across the street from the school, mention St. Mark as you place your



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Named 1 of the top 3

order, and a percentage of the proceeds benefits the St. Mark Athletics Department!

St. Mark Catholic School

STEM

5:30-8:00 PM, St. Mark Campus: S.T.E.M. Fair (details below)

Thursday, May 2:

-8:30 AM, Cafetorium: Preschool Performance (note time change)

Friday, May 3:

-7:55 AM, Cross by Narthex: Community Prayer Walk

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass presented by 1st grade. All are welcome.

Saturday, May 4:

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

S.T.E.M. FAIR

St. Mark Catholic School

STEM

Tonight's the night! A few reminders:

1. Print and sign a [Participation Release Form](#) and bring it with you to the event.
2. Park in the church and school parking lots. Overflow parking is available at the Parish Center located at the NW corner of Alma & 15th. Please do not park in the street or at Hobby Lobby. Your car will be towed.
3. Students should bring their completed STEM Fair take-home project with them to the event for a special surprise!
4. Load a QR reader app on your phone so you can instantly get more information about each organization.
5. **STEM Fair Agenda:**
 - 5:00 PM: Food trucks open on campus
 - 5:30 PM in the Cafetorium: NASA Astronaut, Captain Kenneth S. Reightler Jr. - Space Tourism Presentation

Catholic schools in the nation for technology integration.

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

ST. MARK SUMMER PROGRAM

REGISTRATION IS NOW

OPEN: www.kidventure.com/dallas-summer-camp!

Kidventure Summer Camp will be at St. Mark Catholic School for the summer of 2019. Called "Camp St. Mark," Kidventure



will offer 9 weeks of active and rewarding summer camp for all children (ages 3-12). The theme is "Summer Bash." Families have the opportunity to register for any of the

-6:00 PM: Gym doors open to the STEM Fair

Admission is free and is open to all members of the St. Mark Catholic School community.

6. **Let someone else do the cooking!** Students have early dismissal at 12:00 NOON, which means it's a Raising Cane's fundraiser day. Treat everyone to lunch at Cane's across the street and the Athletics Dept. receives a percentage of the proceeds. Then head back to campus for the STEM Fair and pick up dinner from the on-site food trucks.

7. There will be lots of **fun photo opportunities** so be sure your phone is charged!

SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE: Starting at 5:30 PM on stage in the Cafetorium, NASA Astronaut, Captain Kenneth S. Reightler Jr., based in Maryland, will discuss space tourism. He will be available afterwards for Q&A and a meet & greet.

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS: Virtual reality, Star Wars characters, robots, go-cart technology, Careflite helicopter and hot air balloon (weather permitting), prize drawings, goody bags, and much more will all be part of the fun!



Minutes from the February 28 and March 28, 2019 SAC meetings are now available [online](#).

SPRING CREEK BBQ FUNDRAISER RESULTS

This morning, Spring Creek BBQ was on campus to present us with a check for \$1,400 -- the amount we raised at our Spring Creek Spirit Night last month! This money will be used to purchase "Stop the Bleed" kits for every single classroom. These kits allow teachers to respond immediately if a child is injured during an emergency. We pray we won't need to use them, but it's just one



camp weeks, but each is designed to be a unique adventure, providing your child with outstanding opportunities for athletic, educational and personal growth.

Kidventure's "Camp St. Mark"

***Discovers:** Ages 3-5

***Explorers:** Entering 1st Grade-Age 12

***Dates:** June 3-August 2, 2019

*Each week is Monday-Friday

*9:00 AM-3:30 PM (options for 7:00 AM-6:00 PM)

*All Adult Camp Team; Low Ratios

*Flexible Registration and Payment Plans

Learn more by visiting Kidventure's [website](#), watching their [video](#), or checking out their [flyer](#).

COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM

Welcome to the St. Mark Community Prayer Team. It is our goal to bring the St. Mark community closer to Christ and to each other. There



will be numerous opportunities for you to get involved this school year. Even if you are unable to participate in person, we invite you to join in from where you are. For more information about the Community Prayer Team, please [click here](#).

Prayer Walks: Community Prayer Walks are held on the first Friday of each month at 7:55 AM at the cross outside the St. Mark Catholic Church Narthex. The next one is May 3. After the Prayer Walk, join us for the All School Mass at 8:30 AM in the church.

more way that our staff has been trained and equipped to keep our community safe. In addition, the three classes with the most participation received special goody bags -- congratulations to Mrs. Eisele's, Mrs. Crider's and Mrs. Samples' students! Thank you to everyone who dined at Spring Creek and contributed to this "fundraising for a purpose!"

HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT ST. MARK!

Do you know someone interested in a St. Mark education for their PK-8th grade child? We have limited 2019-20 openings in select grade levels.



Encourage prospective families to schedule 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!](#)

DON'T MISS THE 2019 SPRING MUSICAL!

Prayer Requests: The school has a Prayer Table available to anyone visiting campus (family members, etc.) which is located in the hallway between the Administration offices and the Cafetorium. Everyone is welcome to place prayer requests in the box on the table. These intentions will be taken to Mass on Fridays as part of the offering.

Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention: In addition to your prayers for our St. Mark community of students, families, teachers, staff and religious, we hope you will also remember Pope Francis' monthly intentions:

April: Universal-Workers in War Zones: For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

AROUND THE PARISH



YOU ARE INVITED TO
ST. MARK'S
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 22-26, 2019

Dear VBS Friends: This summer we'll be having an EarthKeepers adventure at St. Mark, and we'd love to have you join us. We're planning some fun songs, games, snacks, Bible stories, and much more as we learn all about God's creation and the ways that we can care for it. Pope Francis wrote us all a letter about creation, so we'll learn what

St. Mark Catholic School

Theatre Production II

Presents

The Magical Land of OZ

A Musical Based on the Story of L. Frank Baum
By Tim Kelly - Music and Lyrics by Bill Francoeur
Produced by special arrangement with
Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Englewood, Colorado

Produced & Designed by C. G. Smith
Stage Direction by Gregory Michniak - Musical Direction by Patty Corsi

May 8, 2019

6:30 pm

he said and what he's asked us to do. We're also going to hear some great Bible stories, like when God taught people not to take more than they needed by putting worms in their bread (ewww). Let us know if you want us to set aside some extra worms for you at snack time! Here's how to join us:

The registration forms for Adults, Teen Volunteers and Children entering PK through 5th grade next school year are located on the [homepage of the St. Mark Catholic Church website](#). Please return your completed forms and payment to the St. Mark Parish Office or mail to: St. Mark, 1105 W. 15th Street, Plano TX 75075, Attn: VBS. We're looking forward to seeing you. Don't forget to invite a friend to come along too!



Father Cliff will be retiring at the end of June, and the parish is hosting a special Farewell Potluck Dinner in his honor. There are two ways to get involved:

1. Please join us on Friday, May 17 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center Great Hall for a Farewell Potluck Dinner. Bring a dish to share and wish Father Cliff well in his retirement. [Sign-up here](#).
2. Teens (grades 7-12) can earn service hours by volunteering at the Farewell Potluck Dinner on Friday, May 17 from 6:00-9:00 PM in the



NEWS FROM ATHLETICS



Attention 5th-8th grades: Registration is now open for the following DPL sports. Click the links below to visit the individual team web pages.

2018-19

*[Golf](#) - Coed JV & Varsity: Deadline is May 1, 2019

2019-20

*[Cheerleading](#) - JV & Varsity: Deadline is May 3, 2019

*[Cross Country](#) - Coed JV & Varsity: Deadline is June 24, 2019

***Football:**

-Flag - JV - Deadline is May 3, 2019

-Tackle - JV & Varsity - Deadline is May 3, 2019

***Volleyball:**

-Girls JV & Varsity - Deadline is May 3, 2019

-Boys Varsity - Deadline is May 3, 2019



Shop the Lion's Den Spirit Store for all of your spirit wear needs! It is open every Friday morning that school is in session from 7:30-8:15 AM in the Cafetorium. 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.

**RESCHEDULED -- 24TH ANNUAL
MONSIGNOR SMYTH GOLF CLASSIC**

**THE 24th ANNUAL MONSIGNOR
SMYTH GOLF CLASSIC HAS BEEN**

Parish Center Great Hall. [Sign-up here.](#)



Join us for public mass at Holy Trinity Seminary on Sunday, April 28 at 9:15 AM at 3131 Vince Hagan Drive in Irving. A reception sponsored by the local Serran Clubs follows each mass. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about HTS and to meet the seminarians.

**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!

Spring Pep Rally:



Wacky Wednesday:



ECE Pirate Day:

RESCHEDULED. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR ...

Friday, September 13, 2019
The Courses at Watters Creek
7201 Chase Oaks, Plano, Texas



Shotgun Start at 1:00 PM; Reception Follows

Format and Cost:

- *4 Person Scramble
- *\$125 Per Person (includes dinner, beverage tickets, gift bags, door prizes and a raffle)

Registration and sponsorships are available now. Please [click here](#).

Questions? Contact marlene.ehring@stmcs.net.



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Please continue to collect and submit Box Tops! Carefully cut out unexpired Box Tops from participating brands (expiration date must be visible); place in a Ziploc (which conveniently has Box Tops!) or envelope; clearly write your child's grade/teacher on it; and turn them in to your child's teacher by May 17. Each Box Top submitted earns \$.10 for St. Mark. [Click here for details](#). For more information, please contact [Melissa King](#) or [Sharon Mattis](#).



Please continue to send your "Golden Volunteer" nominations to [Adriana Mora](#) or [Gisella Briggie](#). They are welcome any time of the month. Stay tuned for the next "Golden Volunteer" to be announced soon!

#BEGOLDEN

Earn Money for St. Mark by Simply Shopping at Kroger: Enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards program and a percentage of your purchases will go directly to the St. Mark Catholic School Home & School Association. [Click here](#) for complete instructions. Kroger cards must be relinked to St. Mark every 12 months.



ECE STEM Fair Projects:



Kindergarten Earth Day:



#BEGOLDEN:



Volleyball Star:

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE STAFF



Did you know? SmartLab Facilitator, Beth Kyle, was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma and has lived in Oklahoma, Texas, Michigan, California, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania. She has nine brothers and sisters, a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Wisconsin,

two daughters, one son, and one grandson, loves to read, cook, garden, and vacation in New York City or on a beach, and loves college football, the Dallas Stars, and the Texas Rangers.

DRAMA KIDS SUMMER CAMPS



HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

Attention 8th Grade Families: The Women of St. Mark ministry awards a \$200.00 (two hundred dollar) scholarship to one St. Mark graduating 8th grader who will attend a Catholic high school in the fall of 2019.

To be considered, the graduating 8th grade student applying for this scholarship will need to write an essay, one to two pages in length, preferably typed and double



STEM Fair Shirt Day:



LLS/Olive Garden Pasta Lunch:



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spaced, on the following topic: "Why a Catholic high school education is important to me." **The deadline for submission to the school office is Monday, May 13 at 3:00 PM.**

The winner of the scholarship will be awarded at the Graduation ceremony on Friday, May 24, 2019, by a representative from the Women of St. Mark.

Please [click here](#) for information about a variety of available scholarships on the school website.

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS:



[Bishop Lynch High School](#)



[Cistercian Preparatory School](#)



[Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas](#)



[John Paul II High School](#)



[Ursuline Academy of Dallas](#)

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