



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

May 10, 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.

REMINDERS

TODAY, Friday, May 10:

-6th 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 is available until 6:00 PM.



1/2 Days are Cane's Days at St. Mark! Visit the location across the street between 10:00 AM and 11:00 PM, mention St. Mark as you place your order, and a percentage of the proceeds will benefit the Athletics Department.

Saturday, May 11:

-10:00 AM, Church: 2nd Grade First Communion; Children's Choir Sings at Mass

Monday, May 13:



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-7:45 AM, Room 104: HSA Volunteer Thank You Breakfast

Tuesday, May 14:

-Dress Down Day benefiting Father Cliff's Retirement Gift (details below)

-2:45 PM, Cafetorium: Band Concert

Wednesday, May 15:

-Drama Kids Performance

Thursday, May 16:

-8th Grade Final Exams

Friday, May 17:

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass presented by 6th grade. All are welcome.

-9:30 AM, Cafetorium: Newcomer's Welcome Coffee

-8th Grade Final Exams

-Day of Service

-6:30 PM, Parish Center: Farewell Potluck Dinner for Father Cliff (details below)

DRESS DOWN DAY ON 5/14; FATHER CLIFF'S RETIREMENT GIFT

Students may pay \$2.00 for a Dress Down Day on Tuesday, May 14. Please see the Dress Down Day guidelines on page 27 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#).

Proceeds will go towards the purchase of a gift card which will be presented to Father Cliff on behalf of our school community in recognition of his retirement, and will help to furnish his new residence.

Please Note: Additional donations for Father's gift will also be accepted using one of these forms of payment:

1. Cash (send the additional donation amount with your child on May 14 in an envelope marked "Father Cliff gift")

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on your social media!

QUICK LINKS

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

BOXES NEEDED

Do you have any spare boxes? The school will need lots of them as we pack up the building for summer construction. If you can donate to the cause, please drop them off at the school office.

PLEASE CHECK LOST & FOUND

Between now and the end of school, please be sure to check "Lost and Found" in the school office. It is overflowing with sweaters and other items, most without names. At the end of the year, unclaimed items will be donated to the Used Uniform Sale.

SAVE THE DATES FOR THE 2019-20 BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS

St. Mark will host several special events



2. Check (make checks payable to "St. Mark Catholic School;" write "Father Cliff gift" in the memo line)

3. Electronic Payment ([click here](#); choose the "Miscellaneous" option and include "Father Cliff gift" in the "Comments" section)



BE SURE ALL SCHOOL FEES ARE CURRENT



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. Contact [Annette Vela](#) for more information.

POPCORN SALE

The Yearbook popcorn sale will continue next week. We will not take pre-orders. All flavors are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Available flavors are Kettle, Caramel, Chocolate, and Cheese. Cost is \$2.00 a bag. Turn in money to your child's teacher. Thank you for supporting the Yearbook!



YOU'RE INVITED TO A FREE MOVIE TONIGHT!

at the start of the 2019-20 school year:

*Sunday, August 4: Back To School Sunday

*Friday, August 9: Pop-In Meet & Greet

*Wednesday, August 21: Parent Information Night (6-8)

*Thursday, August 22: Parent Information Night (PK-5)

Please [click here](#) for complete details and a printable copy. It is also available on the [homepage](#) of the school website.

THANK YOU FROM THE STAFF

Thank you to our 3rd and 4th grade families for the fabulous Teacher Luncheon on Wednesday. The theme was "Taco Bar" -- perfect for a week that kicked-off with Cinco de Mayo!



Additional thanks for the many ways our families recognized "Teacher Appreciation Week!" From special posters and notes to delicious snacks, we definitely felt the love, and we return it in equal measure -- our families are the best!

Kidventure Camp
presents
MOVIE NIGHT



INCREDIBLES 2!

Friday, May 10th
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
(Movie will start at 7 p.m.)
St. Mark Catholic School
(1201 Alma Drive, Plano, TX 75075)
Free to Attend
Kidventure Info Table
(Meet some of your Summer Camp Directors!)

Raffle Prizes
- \$50 Camp Store Certificate
- Pre & Post Camp Certificate
- Kidventure Merchandise
A Fun Collaboration Activity
Popcorn
Pop Up Store
("Strong As A Mother" T-shirts available for purchase - a great Mother's Day Gift!)

RSVP at <https://bit.ly/2V1jYA1>

Learn More
kidventure.com/dallas-summer-camp
214.303.9789





ST. MARK SUMMER PROGRAM

REGISTRATION IS NOW
OPEN: [www.kidventure.com/dallas-summer-camp!](http://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 camp weeks, but each is designed to be a unique adventure, providing your child with outstanding opportunities for athletic, educational and personal growth.



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!](#)

ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL



NEWS FROM ATHLETICS

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



We have extended the regular registration deadlines for the following DPL sports. Please note that for the Fall 2019-20 sports, there is a regular registration period, as well as an extended registration period where a late fee will be assessed.

2018-19 GOLF CLOSSES TODAY.

TODAY IS THE REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR 2019-20 FOOTBALL, VOLLEYBALL AND CHEERLEADING. AFTER TODAY, A \$25 LATE FEE WILL BE ASSESSED.

2018-19 Golf

Open to **current** 5th-8th grade students.
Deadline extended until May 10; all registrations/fees due on this date; no exceptions
[Click here](#) for details.

2019-20 Football - JV Flag; JV Tackle; Varsity Tackle

Open to **rising** 5th-8th grade students.
Regular deadline = May 10.
Extended deadline period: May 11-22 (a \$25 late fee will be added if registration takes place during this period)
[Click here](#) for details.

2019-20 Volleyball

Open to **rising** 5th-8th grade students.
Regular deadline = May 10.
Extended deadline period: May 11-22 (a \$25 late fee will be added if registration takes place during this period)
[Click here](#) for details.

2019-20 Cheerleading

Open to **rising** 5th-8th grade students.
Regular deadline = May 10.
Extended deadline period: May 11-22 (a \$25 late fee will be added if registration takes place during this period)
[Click here](#) for details.

2019-20 Cross Country

Open to **rising** 5th-8th grade students.

*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 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:

May: Evangelization-Church in Africa - That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity

Coed JV & Varsity
Deadline = June 24, 2019.
[Click here](#) for details.



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
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**

Thank you to all the HSA
volunteers and teachers that made
Junior Achievement successful this
year. With the support and generosity of our teachers



among her peoples and a sign of
hope for the continent.

AROUND THE PARISH

St. Mark Open Youth Center:



The last Open Youth Center days for the school year will be today, Friday, May 10 and Friday, May 24 from 3:30-6:30 PM in the Parish Center-Youth Center (no OYC on May 17). Students in grades 6-12 can come and go during these hours and get to know other young people through fun and games provided by the Youth Ministry department. St. Mark students will be escorted by Youth Ministry personnel at dismissal. Students should bring a snack to share. Be sure to [email Mrs. Opon](#) to let her know if your child will attend. For more information and permission forms, please [click here](#).



**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. Here's how:

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](#)

and volunteers, every classroom, K-5, got to experience Junior Achievement during the spring semester. The volunteers enjoyed the opportunity to teach in the classroom, and the students enjoyed learning valuable life lessons about money and entrepreneurship. Junior Achievement 2019 is a wrap!

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!



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.

PAW PRIDE!

Congratulations to the newly elected 2019-20 Student Council officers pictured here with Mrs. Opon and the outgoing 2018-19 officers:

President: Ben P.
Vice President: Gia E.
Secretary: Nataly M.
Treasurer: Gianna F.

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

FRENCH MASS AT CISTERCIAN

Mrs. Denvir extends an invitation to all families to attend the monthly French Masses at Our Lady of Dallas Cistercian Abbey, 3550 Cistercian Road, Irving. There is an opportunity to do the readings and to sample French snacks at the end of every Mass. Next Mass: Sunday, May 19 at 10:30 AM.



St. Mark had nine students who chose to take the above-level SAT test for the 2019 Duke TIP 7th Grade Talent Search. Students participating were Jozsi A., Ross (Obie) D., Will ., Peter K., Timothy K., Amelia M., Gabriela M., Nataly M., and Alina S. Three students achieved State recognition: Will I., Timothy K., and Alina S. We are proud of our St. Mark Lions!



Congratulations to our students and their families who were recognized as "Service From the Heart" Award recipients at today's All School Mass. They truly "gave from their hearts," and participated in every one of the monthly All School Service projects this year (this is just one of nine groups!).

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE STAFF

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!

8th Grade Confirmation:



May Crowning:



2nd Grade Sunflower Song:



Muffins With Mom:



Did you know? Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Corky Cronin, attended the University of Mary-Hardin Baylor receiving a Master of Arts degree, has been a licensed professional counselor for 23 years, and is the mom of an Army Ranger Veteran son with three deployments to

Afghanistan, a daughter who is a Doctor of Physical Therapy, and a daughter who is a first grade teacher. She has played roller derby for five years and practices up to 10 hours a week year 'round.

SUPPER OF EXCELLENCE

Our final "Supper of Excellence" for the school year goes to the Schuler family who will enjoy a Cinco de Mayo fiesta, compliments of Sarah Salvia, Patty Helm, Claire Moxley, Liliana Benavides, Annette Vela, and Stacy Oliver.



Stay tuned next year for your chance to bid on this *tasty* Auction item!

DRAMA KIDS SUMMER CAMPS



Kindergarten Book Signing:



Spring Musical:



Prayer Walk:





HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES



Girls age 5-14 years old are invited to Cardinal Belles Summer Camp. Camp takes place Monday, June 3- Thursday, June 6 from 8:00 AM - to 12:00 PM each day and is taught by the Regional, State, and National Champion Cardinal Belles. Participants will learn dance and kick technique, a fun dance routine every day, and receive a commemorative t-shirt. There



6th Grade Auction Lunch:



Junior Achievement:



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will be a Showoff each day for parents to see their Future Belle dance! The cost is \$150 per dancer. Register and pay [online](#) by May 24.

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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