



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

May 17, 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 17:

-8th grade received the Vocations Chalice at the All School Mass and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

-Day of Service

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

Monday, May 20:

-6th-8th Grade Final Exams

Tuesday, May 21:

-8:00 AM, ECE Bldg.: Donuts with Dad (ECE families)

-6th-8th Grade Final Exams

Wednesday, May 22:

-6th/7th Grade Final Exams



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for technology integration.**

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-2:50 PM, Cafetorium: Recorder Concert (grades 3-5)

Thursday, May 23:

-6th/7th Grade Final Exams

Friday, May 24:

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

-8th Grade Graduation Liturgy, Ceremony, Reception & Dance

Monday, May 27:

No School: Memorial Day

-10:00 AM, Church: Children's Choir Sings at Mass

Wednesday, May 29:

-8:30 AM, Cafetorium: Preschool Awards Ceremony & Phonics Fashion Show

Thursday, May 30:

-4th Quarter Ends

-Field Day (details below)

Friday, May 31 - Last Day of School:

-8:30 AM, Church: Father Cliff's Farewell School Mass. Current and alumni families are invited to attend (details below)

-10:00 AM-11:00 PM: Half days are Cane's Days at St. Mark! Visit the location across the street from the school, mention St. Mark as you place your order, and a percentage of the proceeds benefits the Athletics Dept.!

-12:00 PM: Early Dismissal. The After School Program is available until 3:00 PM. Please send a lunch with all ASP students.

-Report Cards Sent Home With All Students

YOU'RE INVITED TO FATHER CLIFF'S LAST SCHOOL MASS

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on your social media!**

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FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

A special thank you to Mrs. Joan Sedge who subbed for Nurse Townsend during her maternity leave. We will miss seeing her smiling face in the Nurse's office, but of course, look forward to Nurse Townsend's return to school on Monday, May 20.

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 it up by the last day of school. Any medication that is left at school over the summer will be disposed of, per school policy.

**REGISTER NOW: 2019-20
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Registration for the 2019-20 After School Program is now available. If



presentation. All current and alumni families are invited.

On Friday, May 31 at 8:30 AM in the church, Father Cliff will celebrate his last All School Mass. We are planning a special send-off and gift

THANK YOU TO THE TEMPLETON FAMILY



Preparations have officially begun for our summer construction projects and we couldn't be more excited!

We'd like to extend a very special thank you to the Templeton family whose overwhelming generosity has made these projects possible. Both buildings will be getting new paint including classroom accent walls, new carpeting, and numerous educational support materials ... all of which will inspire our community each and every day!

Please join us as we continue to offer up prayers of thanks for our many blessings, and prayers of hope that these projects are completed on schedule this summer.

SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

We are pleased to announce Ms. Hassie Wortham as our new 7th/8th grade Social Studies teacher. Ms. Wortham attended St. Patrick Catholic School and Bishop Lynch High School in Dallas, earned her B.A. in History with a minor in Education, and her M.A. in Teaching with a certification in 7th-12th History from Austin College. Her experience includes clinical rotations at several area schools, most recently teaching History and Geography at Whitesboro High School, and substitute teaching at St. Bernard of Clarivaux Catholic School in Dallas. One of her specialties is incorporating technology into curriculum. She was a member of the Women's Soccer Team during her college years, and also served as a Graduate Assistant Soccer Coach at Austin College. Ms. Wortham volunteers with SNEED Prairie Restoration and Yarns of Hope. She has always wanted to teach at a Catholic school and give back to the community that has given so much to her. We look forward to welcoming her to the LION family this fall!

you plan to take advantage of ASP next year, we encourage you to register early, as classes fill up quickly. [Please click here for details.](#) The link to register is located on the last page of the 2019-20 ASP Handbook.

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.



TV NEEDED FOR ASP

ASP is in search of a flat screen TV that can be mounted on the wall. Size doesn't matter, but it needs to be large enough to allow two classes to watch at the same time. If you have a TV you are willing to donate, please contact [Sarah Peralta](#).

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

FIELD DAY REMINDERS



Field Day takes place on Thursday, May 30. 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 HSA 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.

-Each child should bring a refillable water bottle, a healthy nut-free snack, and a towel to school.

-Students should wear modest shorts, their Field Day t-shirt, and athletic shoes. **Field Day shirts will be sent home soon.**

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

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS:

-Parent volunteers should arrive at 7:15 AM on the field.

-Volunteers should wear their "volunteer" Field Day shirt. This is your "ticket" to get in. **Field Day shirts will be distributed soon.**

-Please note that only pre-approved parent volunteers may attend Field Day. We are unable to accommodate visitors.

SPRING MUSICAL PROGRAM CORRECTION

Sabrina R.'s name was accidentally omitted from "The Magical Land of Oz" program. She served as the Stage Manager. We deeply regret the oversight and thank Sabrina for her valuable contribution to this most "magical" performance!



Between now and the end of school, please 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.



LIFETIME LIONS

[Click here](#) and check out the Spring 2019 Lifetime Lions Alumni Newsletter.

ST. MARK IN THE NEWS

Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Sharon Thompson (and company!), were featured in the May 10 issue of *The Texas Catholic*. She was honored at the recent HALO Initiative "Educator of the Year" Awards banquet.



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

St. Mark will host several special events at the start of the 2019-20 school year:



*Sunday, August 4: Back To School Sunday

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



Registration is still open for 2019-20 Football, Volleyball and Cheerleading. Please note the \$25.00 late fee. Cross Country registration ends June 24.

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

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

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.

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[Click here](#) for details.

2019-20 Cheerleading

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

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.

*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.

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 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

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**

We are excited to announce the 2019-20 HSA Officers:

Angela Coulter - President
Natalie Laurent - Vice President

*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

Maria Bargellini - Secretary
Allison Opon - Treasurer

HSA has had a great year, and we look forward to another one in 2019-20! Please don't hesitate to reach out to any one of these officers with any HSA questions.

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 today, 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 following students who placed at this year's Catholic Math League competition:

Algebra I: Theresa T.: Algebra I National 3rd Place,
Algebra I Division 2 2nd Place, St. Mark Catholic School 1st Place; Renil G.: St. Mark Catholic School 2nd Place,
Algebra I Division 2 3rd Place; Jeremy M.: St. Mark Catholic School 3rd Place

Pre Algebra: Isabella Z.: St. Mark Catholic School 1st Place

Seventh Grade: Tim K.: St. Mark Catholic School 1st Place; Nataly M.: St. Mark Catholic School 2nd Place; Dominic H.: St. Mark Catholic School 3rd Place

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

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE STAFF



Did you know? 2nd grade teacher, Mrs. Vicki Crider, received a B.S. degree in Organizational Management,

and an A.A. degree in Liberal Studies from the University of La Verne, California. She has a Texas Teaching Certification through Texas Teachers. She was born and raised in California and is the youngest of eight children. She has three children who attended St. Mark: Lexie, Jake, and Greyson, enjoys spending time with family at her ranch, and horseback riding.

AROUND THE PARISH

St. Mark Open Youth Center:

The last Open Youth Center for the school year will be Friday, May 24 from 3:30-6:30 PM in the Parish Center-Youth Center (no OYC today). 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](#).



Sixth Grade: Donte T.: Math 6 National 3rd Place, Math 6 Division I 2nd Place, St. Mark Catholic School 1st Place; Jackson D.: St. Mark Catholic School 2nd Place; Chase T.: St. Mark Catholic School 3rd Place; Laura P.: St. Mark Catholic School 3rd Place

Fifth Grade: Ethan S.: Catholic Math League Division 2 1st Place, St. Mark Catholic School 1st Place; Jeslyn T.: St. Mark Catholic School 2nd Place; Quyendi T.: St. Mark Catholic School 3rd Place; Pratosh R.: St. Mark Catholic School 3rd Place

Fourth Grade: Priscilla Y.: St. Mark Catholic School 1st Place; Marilyn P.: St. Mark Catholic School 2nd Place; Guru A.: St. Mark Catholic School 3rd Place

Third Grade: Charlie D.: Math 3 Division 1 4th Place, St. Mark Catholic School 1st Place; Joseph B.: St. Mark Catholic School 2nd Place; Clara C.: St. Mark Catholic School 3rd Place



Congratulations to the St. Mark Band on a wonderful year. The band participated in the Richardson Christmas Parade earlier this year and won 1st Place in the Youth Marching Division. In addition, CJ B. was awarded "Outstanding Beginner Percussionist (Drums)," Karson A. was awarded "Outstanding Honor Band Percussionist (Drums)," and Jonas A. was awarded "Outstanding Brass (Trumpet)."



**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 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!

**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.

**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!

DRAMA KIDS SUMMER CAMPS



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



First Communion:



Volunteer Thank You:



PK Z Week:



Auction Art Party:



3rd Grade Soccer Champs:



ASP Picnic:

every day, and receive a commemorative t-shirt. There 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](#)



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