



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

May 24, 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 24:

8th Grade Graduation:

- 5:30 PM - Individual graduate photographs in the school lobby
- 6:30 PM - Graduation Mass and ceremony in the church
- 8:00 - 9:00 PM - Reception for families in the Cafetorium
- 9:00 - 11:00 PM - Dance for graduates in the Cafetorium

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



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-Field Day (details below)

Friday, May 31 - Last Day of School:

-7:55 AM, cross outside the Narthex: Community Prayer Walk

-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

Sunday, August 4:

-Back To School Sunday (details below)

Friday, August 9:

-Pop In Meet & Greet (details below)

Monday, August 12:

-First Day of School; First Quarter Begins

Friday, August 16:

-12:00 PM Early Dismissal. The After School Program will be available until 6:00 PM. Please send a lunch with all ASP students.

JOIN US: LAST PRAYER WALK OF THE YEAR

You're invited to the final Prayer Walk of the school year on Friday, May 31. Meet at 7:55 AM at the cross outside the Narthex and join us as we walk the church and school grounds while offering up prayers of thanks for a wonderful school year. If you can't join us in person, join us in spirit by praying from where you are.

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

Follow us and stay connected!



Like what you see?

**"Like" and "share"
on your social media!**

QUICK LINKS

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

TALENT SHOW VIDEO

Couldn't make it to the 2019 St. Mark Talent Show? See the show in its entirety on the [St. Mark website!](#)



STARTING SUMMER VACATION EARLY?



Are you leaving early for summer vacation? Be sure to email your child's teacher, as well as [Mrs. O'Connor](#).

Also, report cards are sent home on the last day of school (May 31). If you are leaving early, please make arrangements to pick up your child's report card in the office.

TV NEEDED FOR ASP

ASP is in search of a flat screen TV that can be mounted on the wall.



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

presentation. All current and alumni families are invited.

DONATE YOUR USED UNIFORMS

We are now accepting gently used uniform donations. Please drop them off in the school office. Donations will be accepted between now and June 20. From June 3-20, summer office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

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



REGISTER NOW: 2019-20 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

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

PLEASE CHECK LOST & FOUND

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.

FIELD DAY REMINDERS

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.



FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

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.

2019-20 ACADEMIC CALENDAR & BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS

A printable copy of the 2019-20 Academic Calendar is available [here](#), and is also posted on the [homepage](#) of the school website. The 2019-20 Events Calendar will be available August 1.

Remember, you can add school calendar dates to your personal electronic calendar. Simply visit the homepage of the [school website](#). The electronic calendar is located in the center of the page. Click on the "calendar" icon at the end of the listing to sync it to your device.



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:

-Field Day t-shirts for both students and volunteers are being sent home with students today. Check those backpacks!

-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.

-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.

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

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

St. Mark will host several "Back To School" events in August. Please [click here](#) for a printable copy.

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

*Flexible Registration and Payment Plans

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

COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM

Spirit Store, and if they enroll, you could receive a [\\$500 tuition credit!](#)



Registration for 2019-20 Cross Country is available.

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

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

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

AROUND THE PARISH

St. Mark Open Youth Center:
The last Open Youth Center for the school year will be today, Friday, May 24



*\$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
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 HSA questions.

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.

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE STAFF



Did you know? PK4 teacher, Mrs. Rosemary Coursey, attended Texas Women's University majoring in Psychology. Her husband is also a teacher and they have three daughters: Hannah, Madeline, and Rosie Kate. She grew up in Dallas and attended St. Monica and Ursuline. She enjoys crafting, spending time with family, and likes to use her monogram and vinyl machine to create.

from 3:30-6:30 PM in the Parish Center-Youth Center. 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 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!

SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

A few scenes from this week.

PAW PRIDE!

Congratulations to the following athletes who placed in the top 20 at the recent DPL Varsity Track Meet:

Boys:

Long Jump: Austin G.-1st Place, New School Record; Alejandro D.-Top 15

High Jump: Luke G.-2nd Place, New School Record; Johnathan O., 8th Place; David O., Varsity Top 20, JV High Jump Champion

Shot Put: Alejandro D.-4th Place; Kyle M.-Top 15; Jon N.-Top 15

Discus: Alex R.-1st Place; Jordan V.-Top 20; Renil G.-Top 20; Evan V.-Top 25

4X100 Relay: Renil G., Johnathan O., Alex R., Alejandro D. -4th Place; Christopher S., Will B., John B., Cole C.-Top 15

800 Yard Run: Kyle M.-3rd Place; Jordan V.-Top 15; Johnathan O.-Top 15

100 Yard Hurdles: Austin G.-1st Place, New School Record

100 Yard Run: Austin G.-2nd Place

4x200 Relay: Sebastian R., Jordan V., Renil G., Alex R.-8th Place; Christopher S., Evan V., Will B., John B.-Top 15

400 Yard Run: Kyle M.-10th Place; Johnathan O.-Top 15; Alex R.-Top 15

300 Yard Hurdles: Austin G.-1st Place

200 Yard Run: Austin G.-1st Place, New School Record

1600 Yard Run: Kyle M.-Top 15

4x400 Relay: Renil G., Austin G., Jordan V., Kyle M.-5th Place

Girls:

Long Jump: Gianna F.-9th Place; Grayson S.-Top 20; Aleia L.-Top 20

High Jump: Karsil O.-7th Place; Hannah R.-10th Place

Shot Put: Rosie O.-Top 20

Discus: Lucy D.-Top 15; Annabel M.-Top 25

4X100 Relay: Aleia L., Gianna F., Kaitlyn M., Karsil O.-8th Place; Gabriela M., Rosie O., Grayson S., Oksana S.-9th Place

To learn the stories behind these photos, visit our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) pages!

Graduation Week:



Father Cliff's Last Supper:



Day of Service:



8th Grade @ Heritage Farm:



8th Grade Roughriders Game:

800 Yard Run: Clare O.-9th Place; Kaitlyn M.-Top 15; Nataly M.-Top 20

100 Yard Hurdles: Gabriela M.-10th Place; Camille S.-Top 15; Ava P.-Top 15

100 Yard Run: Karsil O.-Top 15; Aleia L.-Top 25

4x200 Relay: Gianna F., Corina H., Aleia L., Karsil O.-9th Place; Oksana S., Grayson S., Camille S., Savannah B.-Top 15

400 Yard Run: Kaitlyn M.-Top 20; Erin D.-Top 25; Corina H.-Top 25

300 Yard Hurdles: Gabriela M.-Top 15; Clare O.-Top 15; Ava P.-Top 20

200 Yard Run: Karsil O.-Top 15; Gianna F.-Top 25; Grayson S.-Top 25

4x400 Relay: Ava P., Corina H., Kaitlyn M., Clare O.-1st Place; Rosie O., Alina S., Hannah R., Oksana S.-7th Place; Biya C., Vivi F., Annabel M., Erin D.-9th Place



Drama Kids Performance:



DRAMA KIDS SUMMER CAMPS



HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

April Service:



State Music Champ:



2nd Grade Service:



SUMMER AT BISHOP LYNCH

READY FOR SUMMER 2019?

Spend your day the Frisco way with Summer at Bishop Lynch!
We offer 7 weeks of academic, art and athletic camps on the beautiful Bishop Lynch campus. Over 50 unique camps for rising K-8th graders!
All camps include a T-shirt and lunch provided by Sage Dining.

REGISTER TODAY!
www.SummeratBL.org



Ursuline Bears Lock~In / Parents Night Out

Volleyball varsity players invite all middle school girls to a fun night!
Saturday June 1st 6:30pm to 9:30pm
Please register & pay online: www.ursulinedallas.org The Ursuline Experience: Athletics Camps



Enjoy a fun night led by the varsity team. Skills by position, competitive play, fun activities as well as friendship and relationships!
Dinner and water will be provided

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,



Donuts With Dad:



Girl Scout Project:



Recorder Concert:



Kidventure in ASP:



8th Grade Band:

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 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](#)



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Father's Last SAC Meeting:



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