



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN February 7, 2020

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February 29, 2020

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Contact Auction Chair Casey Hendrix at caseyhendrix@gmail.com.**

Introducing the "Prayer & Sainly Quote of the Week"

Each Friday, the St. Mark Community Prayer Team will share a prayer and a saintly quote for the upcoming week that reflect the liturgical calendar, a school event, or holiday celebration. Please join the school community in these special reflections. Find them in the *Weekly School Bulletin*, on social media, and on the [school website](#).



February 11: Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes

"You, the Queen of heaven and earth, wanted to make use of the most fragile thing in the eyes of the world."

-St. Bernadette Soubirous to Our Lady of Lourdes

February 14: Feast Day of St. Valentine



"Loving God, We pray that you will protect all of our children from all harm. Help them to grow in wisdom, virtue and grace. Help them to know your great love for them. Help them to love You and others with gracious hearts, and help them to love themselves. Give them strength to keep and live their faith in You, and keep alive their joy in Your creation."

Prayer for the 2019-20 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, February 7:

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

Wednesday, February 12:

-7:10 AM: Student Council Meeting

Thursday, February 13:

-6:30 PM, On The Border: 3rd HSA General Meeting - Evening Edition (details below)

Friday, February 14:

-Dress Down Day for all students (no charge). Wear red or pink to school for Valentine's Day (details at right).

-7:30 AM, Library: 3rd HSA General Meeting - Morning Edition (details below)

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

-ECE Valentine's Day Party



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ST. MARK IN THE NEWS

Recent issues of *Catholic Neighbors* magazine featured profiles on two St. Mark families, the

-Re-enrollment Deadline for Current Families (without penalty; details below)

Saturday, February 15:

-5:30 PM, Church: Children's Choir Sings at Mass

Monday, February 17:

-NO SCHOOL: President's Day

K-5 CAREER DAYS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Kindergarten-5th Grade Parents: Remember to sign-up for your slot at the upcoming "Career Days" which will take place February 20-21. An email from Ms. Steinkirchner was sent to all parents with complete sign-up details.

AFTERNOON SINGLE-FAMILY DISMISSAL LINE CHANGE

Father Marco has requested a change in our afternoon single-family dismissal line procedure pertaining to the time cars start to pull up to the school buildings: Change from 3:10 PM to 3:20 PM.

IMPORTANT: If you arrive before 3:20 PM, cars stay in a single file line, to the far right, parked north of the rectory garage. After 3:20 PM as you pull forward, stay in a single file line, to the right of the red "fire lane" line. Eventually that lane widens (around the island where teacher cars are parked) allowing two pick-up lines to form, one for ECE (right lane) and one for elementary school (left lane).

In case you are interested in why we do this ... it has to do with safety. When cars pull up to the building before 3:20 PM, it creates a safety issue. Just in case an emergency happens, we need to keep the areas in front of the school buildings open for emergency response teams. It also creates a bottleneck preventing cars from getting through and our Pastor/priests from

Delaneys and the Herndons. Learn more about them below:

[December 2019 - Delaneys](#)

[January 2020 - Herndons](#)

WATCH D.O.G.S.



Calling all "Dads of Great Students!" [Click here](#) to learn more about our Watch D.O.G.S. volunteer program for Dads, grandpas, uncles, etc., and to reserve your spot during the month of March. Sign-ups are due February 15. Half days and full days are available. Please remember, you must be [Safe Environment trained](#) to serve.

RE-ENROLLMENT REMINDER



Don't forget to re-enroll your student(s) for the 2020-21 school year.

An email from Annette Vela was sent to all families with re-enrollment and 2020-21 tuition information. Please contact the school office if you cannot access your FACTS Family Portal registration account. **The deadline to re-enroll (or to enroll a new sibling) without penalty is February 14.**

entering/exiting their garage. Thank you for your cooperation.

VALENTINE'S DAY - DRESS DOWN DAY



All students can wear pink or red to school on Friday, February 14. There is no charge for this Dress Down Day. Refer to guidelines on page 27 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#).

ASP WORKER NEEDED



The After School Program is hiring for the 3rd/4th grade class. The hours are Monday-Friday, 3:00-6:00 PM. The pay is \$15 per hour. Responsibilities include clocking students in via an iPad and supervision of students during snack, homework, and free play. Must be [Safe Environment trained](#). If interested, please contact Sarah Peralta at sarah.peralta@stmcs.net.

FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE

HELP STOCK THE SVDP FOOD PANTRY



The Archangels of Catholic Charities have made a special request for food

donations during the month of February in an effort to stock the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry shelves. Donations will be matched by North Texas Food Bank. St. Mark has agreed to help, and has assigned each grade level a specific food item to donate (see below). If you would like to participate, please send in your donation to your child's teacher by **February 27**.

PK3 & PK4: canned fruit in juice
TK & Kinder: dry or canned beans
1st: canned chicken
2nd: canned tuna
3rd: whole grain pasta
4th: granola bars
5th: soup
6th: low sodium canned veggies
7th: brown rice
8th: dry or canned beans

CATHOLIC MATH LEAGUE TESTS

Attention Catholic Math League Participants: The remaining Catholic Math League testing dates are Wednesday, February 12 (rescheduled from February 5) and Wednesday, March 4. On the test dates, qualified participants will enter



Saturday, February 8th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

St. Mark Catholic School Cafeteria

\$30 per couple, \$10 each additional daughter

Online pre-registration & payment:
squareup.com/store/6065

Contact Aaron Baldwin for more info: ab3163@stt.net



[To register, please click here.](#)

REFERRAL REWARDS

The 2020-21 admission season is here! Do you know someone interested in a St. Mark education for their Preschool-8th grade child?

Invite them to [pre-register](#) for a school tour or an upcoming Open House. If they attend, you'll receive a \$10 gift certificate to the Lion's Den Spirit Store, and if they enroll, you could receive a [\\$500 tuition credit!](#)

2020 Open Houses:

March 24 - 8:00 AM

April 7 - 9:00 AM (PK/Kindergarten)

April 21 - 5:30 PM (PK/Kindergarten)



through the Cafetorium between 6:45 and 6:55 AM. Testing starts at 7:00 AM. No students will be admitted after 7:00 AM. Only students taking the test will be admitted. Thank you for your support. (NOTE: Students who qualified to participate have been notified.)

ST. MARK SUMMER PROGRAM



Back by popular demand, St. Mark will be hosting the "Kidventure" summer program on our campus

in 2020! Dates are June 1- July 31 (you may pick and choose your weeks). **Registration begins February 7 for ages 3 years – 5th grade.** The cost is \$240 per week. Hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-3:30 PM. Pre & post camp options are available (7:00 AM-6:00 PM). For general information, see the [Kidventure flyer](#), or [click here to visit their website](#).

This activity is organized and operated by a third party and is not sponsored by, endorsed by, or affiliated with St. Mark Catholic School or Church in any way. Participation in the activity is completely voluntary, and information regarding the activity is provided only as a convenience to parents. Parents should conduct their own research regarding any activity before allowing students to participate. Neither St. Mark Catholic School or Church receive any consideration or compensation as a result of student or parent participation in this activity.

AROUND THE DIOCESE



SPREAD THE WORD!

Please help us get the word out in our community about the great things going on in our school by going to **Google** and **Facebook** to leave us a rating and review!

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Share why you and your children love being part of our school family to help future families find us online.

NEWS FROM ATHLETICS



Registration for Baseball and Softball is now open. Please [click here](#) for complete details and registration. **The deadline is February 17.**



Registration for Track & Field is now open. Please [click here](#) for complete details and registration. **The deadline is today, February 7.**

Track Coaches Needed: If you are interested in coaching JV Track in the spring, please contact Athletic Director [Marlene Ehring](#).

SERVICE HOUR



OPPORTUNITY: Middle school students can earn



HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY

HTS invites you to public mass. Each mass is followed by a reception hosted by the local Serran clubs where you can get to know the HTS seminarians.

Upcoming Mass Dates:

2/9 & 2/23

Time: 9:15 AM

Location: 3131 Vince Hagan Drive, Irving, TX



Mrs. Denvir invites all students and their families to attend the monthly French masses held at Our Lady of Cistercian Abbey. There is an opportunity to do the readings and to sample French snacks after each mass.

Upcoming Mass Date: 2/16/20

Time: 10:30 AM

Location: 3550 Cistercian Road, Irving, TX

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!

ASP Shaving Cream/Slime Party:

service hours by working at the concession stand during home basketball games. Please [click here](#) for the schedule and contact marlene.ehring@stmcs.net to sign-up.

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.

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



UPDATED: Home & School Association 3rd General Meeting Dates YOU'RE INVITED!

EVENING EDITION

DATE: February 13 (Thursday) @ 6:30 PM

LOCATION: On The Border Party Room (on 15th Street by the school)

NOTE: Appetizers provided by HSA

MORNING EDITION

DATE: February 14 (Friday) @ 7:30 AM

LOCATION: Library

AGENDA

General Meeting Information

Voting on Bylaw Changes (more details to come)

Birds & Bees Video by Mary Flo Ridley

The goal of this video is to empower and equip parents of **preschool through pre-adolescent age children** with the tools needed to have multiple conversations about sex using a 6-step strategy. Note: "Kid-sitting" **will not** be provided for either meeting.



SMU Basketball with President Bush:



Volleyball Nationals:



Please sign-up using the [SignUpGenius](#) so that we have an idea of how many awesome parent faces we'll see, and can plan for notebooks and snacks. We look forward to seeing you there!



3rd Annual Talent Show

HSA is excited to announce that the **3rd Annual Talent Show** will be held on Friday, April 3 from 6:30-8:00 PM. It's going to be a fun-filled and action-packed evening! **Please [click here](#)** for more information about the Talent Show, and to sign-up to help with decorations or goody bags.



Preschool-2nd Grade Classroom Helpers

Needed: Please sign-up to help our teachers in the classroom with reading, paper pulling, and craft prep. All teachers have Sign-Up Geniuses with specific classroom needs. **[Click here](#)** for the Sign-Up Geniuses for each teacher on the school website. Questions? Contact **[Liz Delaney](#)** or **[Brandy Pazora](#)**.



Helping Hands Committee

If you know any St. Mark families in need of help due to a birth, sickness, death, or any life event, please contact the **[Helping Hands Committee](#)**.

HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES



Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas is offering many new athletic and academic camps **for boys and girls** during June and July. New this year: **CSI**

Investigation where students will do an investigation with a forensic expert; **Genetics Labs** where students can isolate and replicate DNA; **Ceramics** where students will build exciting

creations; and **Mythology** where students will be immersed in a world of mythology and legends. Program details and registration are available now. [Click here for more information.](#)



QUICK LINKS

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