



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN: March 6, 2020



WEEKLY PRAYER & SAINTLY QUOTE:

“CHRIST WITH ME, CHRIST BEFORE ME, CHRIST BEHIND ME, CHRIST WITHIN ME, CHRIST BENEATH ME, CHRIST ABOVE ME.” -ST. PATRICK

Strong and faithful God, keep our families safe from injury and harm as they enjoy Spring Break, and make them a blessing to all they meet each day. Amen.



Prayer for the 2019-20 School Year

Lord, help us to come together as a community to support one another, encourage one another

St. Mark Mantra

Every day we treat others as we would treat Jesus Christ, with all our heart, mind and soul.

and show each other kindness. Amen.

REMINDERS

Today, Friday, March 6:

-5th grade received the Vocations Chalice at All School Mass today and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming weeks.

-Parent Surveys Due (details below)

-2020-21 Admission Decision Letters Mailed

Sunday, March 8:

-Daylight Savings: Set clocks ahead one hour.

Monday, March 9-Friday, March 13:

-NO SCHOOL: Spring Break

Monday, March 16:

-School Resumes

Thursday, March 19:

-Pirate Day - Preschool

Friday, March 20:

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass presented by 5th grade. All are welcome.

-3rd Quarter Ends



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MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVES

[4th quarter elective options](#) were emailed to 6th-8th grade families earlier this week. Parents will receive another email with a link to the Sign-Up Genius at 7:00 PM on the day their student's grade is scheduled to enroll.

SAFETY CONCERN



We have been informed by the church that students are being dropped-off in the Narthex in the mornings without parental supervision. Please be advised that this practice is against our school safety policies outlined on page 23 of the [Parent](#)

WATCH D.O.G.S.



Calling all "Dads of Great Students!" [Click here](#) to learn more

[Student Handbook](#) under the "Hours of Operation" section.

Students may not be left unattended on the church or school property including the parking lot and/or Narthex. Cafeteria doors open at 7:15 AM for early drop-off. Thank you for your cooperation.

EXTENDED EASTER BREAK

We have not used our bad weather days, therefore **Thursday, April 9 and Monday, April 13** will be school holidays. Enjoy your long Easter Break!



Living Stations of the Cross, presented by 8th grade, will now take place on Wednesday, April 8 at 2:30 PM in the church.

PARENT SURVEY

If you haven't done so already, please take a moment to complete the [Dallas Catholic Schools 2020 Survey](#). We need everyone to respond by today, March 6, so your input can be used in future planning efforts. Thank you.



SCHOOL NURSE OPENING



We will have an opening for a school nurse next year. If you know of anyone interested, please have them send a resume to [Mrs. Opon](#).

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

HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES



[Bishop Lynch Summer Camps](#)



[Jesuit Dallas Summer Camps](#)



[John Paul II Summer Camps](#)



[Ursuline Dallas Summer Camps](#)

AROUND THE PARISH

alzheimer's association

THANK YOU, FATHER CLIFF



A
very

special thank you to Father Cliff. Though he retired from St. Mark this past summer, Father continues to give his time, talent and treasure to our school. The most recent example? He purchased and made the shirts for all of the 4th grade students to wear in their annual play. He also continues to be involved in the middle school theater productions. If you happen to see him on campus, please thank him for his ongoing involvement with our students and his generosity to our school.

SPRING BREAK



If you will be leaving early for, or returning late from Spring Break, please be sure to let your child's teacher and [Mrs. O'Connor](#) know ahead of time.

SPRING CREEK BBQ SPIRIT NIGHT

5th grader, Dominic B., is hosting a golf tournament at TopGolf in Allen on March 18 to benefit



the Alzheimer's Association and all are invited to join/donate! Tickets are \$40 to play and \$20 to join us for lunch. ALL donations are accepted and are tax-deductible! So get a team together and let's help to find a cure. For more details and to donate, please point your iPhone camera at the QR code and follow the link that pops up!



Service Opportunity for Students in Grades 6-8

WHAT: Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry
(help serve food, beverages, and clean tables)

WHEN: March 13 or 27, 2020

TIME: 5:00-7:00 PM

WHERE: St. Mark Cafetorium

INFO. & SIGN UP: [Click here.](#)

AROUND THE DIOCESE



HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY

SPRING-CREEK Spirit

Join your
St. Mark Catholic School
classmates and their families

Night!

Tuesday, March 24
5-9pm

Spring Creek Richardson

- Spring Creek will donate 20% of all the evening's proceeds to your school!
- Students should sign in at the front door.
- The class with the best attendance will be given a prize by Spring Creek.

*Come see your teachers
serve bread
in the Spring Creek dining room!*



Richardson address:
270 N. Central Expressway 878/669-0606
Our menu: springcreekbarbeque.com



*Proceeds benefit special events and student activities. *Students who attend will receive a certificate for a complimentary child's plate on their next visit. *All homerooms will compete for additional prizes. *To-go orders will count as long as the child accompanies the parent when the order is picked-up.

PYTHON PROGRAMMING CLASS

Middle School Parents: School parent, Mr. Cantu, will be offering a class in Python programming on Fridays from



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

Date: 3/22/20 **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: 3/15/20 **Time:** 10:30 AM

Location: 3550 Cistercian Road, Irving, TX

PAW PRIDE



St. Mark 5th grade students, **Priscilla Y.**, **Marilyn P.**, and **Julia Z.**, are members of a Destination Imagination team that won 2nd

3:30-4:30 PM in Mr. Sedge's computer lab beginning March 20. If your middle school student is interested, please send an email to [Mrs. Benavides](#) or [Mr. Cantu](#).

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, contact Sarah Peralta at sarah.peralta@stmcs.net.

REFERRAL REWARDS

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)

ST. MARK SUMMER PROGRAM

Place for the Fine Arts Division at the Regional competition held at John Paul II High School last weekend, and qualified for the State competition. Former student, Eva N. is also a team member, and her mother serves as coach.



Congratulations to the 6th grade Girls Basketball team that won 2nd Place in the DPL Championship game!

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!

Auction:





Join Kidventure for Summer Camp!

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*Registration is now available.

*Families may pick and choose camp

weeks.

*Hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM.

*Pre & post camp options available (7:00AM - 6:00PM).

KIDVENTURE: Camp St. Mark (St. Mark Campus)

Ages 3 years–rising 5th grade, June 1-July 31, 2020, \$240 per week

LEADS TEEN SUMMER CAMP: Camp Frisco (Frisco Athletic Center)

Rising 6th-9th grade, June 1-August 7, 2020, \$275 per week

For more, check out the Kidventure digital brochure, visit www.kidventure.com/dallas-summer-camp, or call (214) 303-9789.

NEWS FROM ATHLETICS



The 20th Annual Dallas Parochial League Golf Classic student tournament will be held June 8 at Brookhaven Country Club in Dallas. Registration is now open. [Please click here for complete details.](#) The

registration deadline is May 8.

The 2020 Middle School Tennis Tournament, hosted by Bishop Dunne High School, will take place Saturday, April 4 at Kiest Tennis Center in Dallas. [Click here for information and registration.](#)



PSIA Prep:



4th Grade Play:



Backyard:



ECE Book Character Day:



1st Grade Land Forms:



The deadline for JV and Varsity Track & Field has been extended. [Please click here for information and registration.](#)



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



March Teacher Treats: PK3, PK4 and 5th grade families - March 25 is our day to treat the teachers! We will host a Breakfast and Snack Bar. [Sign-up is available here.](#)

The office of HSA President is up for election for the 2020-21 school year. If you are interested in running, please contact [Angela Coulter](#) by March 6.



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



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](#).

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