



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN: April 17, 2020

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.



Weekly Prayer & Sainly Quote

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!



"I do not understand how it is possible not to trust in Him who can do all things. With Him, everything; without Him, nothing. He is Lord. He will not allow those who have placed all their trust in Him to be put to shame."

-St. Faustina Kowalska

FRIDAY MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION



This Week's Music Video: *The Lion and the Lamb*



CAN YOU GUESS WHAT THIS IS?

Visit our [Facebook page](#) and post your answer!





LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE HAVING ISSUES WITH DISTANCE LEARNING

The St. Mark Catholic School building is closed through at least May 1. Distance learning is in effect. Please continue to check the "Lesson Plans" tab in [FACTS Family Portal](#) for student assignments. The grades from these lessons are entered into the grade book



Parents: If you are having any issues accessing the distance learning lessons or any technical difficulties, please notify the teacher immediately. We do not want students receiving "zeros" because teachers are unaware of these issues. Thank you for your continued feedback and support.

In addition, we are required by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to take attendance during distance learning. As long as your child is turning in his/her assignments by the posted due dates,

he/she will be counted present for each school day that week. Should your child become ill and/or unable to meet assignment due dates, please contact your child's teacher, and include the school nurse if ill (caroline.townsend@stmcs.net).

REMINDERS

Today, Friday, April 17:

-School Building Closed; Distance Learning in Effect (details above)

Friday, April 24:

-10:00 AM - 11:00 PM: Raising Cane's Fundraiser (details below)

Monday, April 29:

-Progress Reports (grades 1-8)

ST. MARK/SVDP FOOD DRIVE

The St. Mark/St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is in need of food donations. Please consider participating in their "drive-thru" food drive on Saturday, April 25. See the list of needs and donation procedures below.



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HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES



[Bishop Lynch Summer Camps](#)



[Jesuit Dallas Summer Camps](#)



[John Paul II Summer Camps](#)



[Ursuline Dallas Summer Camps](#)



FOOD DRIVE

St. Vincent de Paul Pantry Food Drive

Please assist us with the following food items to replenish our pantry so we can assist our neighbors in May.



ITEMS

Canned fruits, canned vegetables, boxed pasta dinners, dry beans, canned tuna, canned chicken, other canned meats, peanut butter, jelly, brown/white rice, cereal, Ramen noodles, pasta, spaghetti sauce, Maccheese, canned soup, canned chili

COLLECTION

Drive-by Drop off at Smyth Pastoral Center (Parking Lot)

April 25 9-11:30AM



Donations will be off-loaded by volunteers. Please load in trunk for ease of handling.

PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR



RAISING CANE'S FUNDRAISER

Take a break from the kitchen next Friday, April 24, and let Raising Cane's do the cooking! Visit the drive-thru at the location across the street from the school. Mention St. Mark during the order process and **a percentage of the proceeds will help purchase supplies for the October 2020 All School Service Project: Blankets for Veterans.**

SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

A few scenes from recent weeks. To learn the stories behind these photos, visit our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) pages!

At-Home Watch DOGS:



Cooking Skills:



Special Study Buddies:



**JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER
AT RAISING CANE'S!**

Mention the fundraiser at the register
and Cane's will donate **15%** of sales to:
St. Mark Catholic School

DATE & TIME:
Friday, April 24th from 10 am - 11 pm

LOCATION:
1000 W. 15th Street Plano, TX 75075
DRIVE THRU ONLY AVAILABLE



Raising Funds
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raisingcanes.com

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PE Class:



Art Class:



Online Birthday Party:



Zoom Session:

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE
BUSINESS OFFICE**

Financial Aid: We will continue to accept and review financial aid applications. Please visit the [school website](#) for complete information.

Please note that the school will cover the \$35 financial aid application fee for the next few months.

Required documents:

- 2018 tax return & 2019 W2
- OR 2019 tax return

If you think you may have a need for financial aid next year, we strongly encourage you to apply for it now.

FACTS Tuition Payments: We need all families to read their emails from FACTS about upcoming transactions and to email [Annette Vela](#) if adjustments are needed. Please pay special attention to payment dates, and remember that there is a cut-off period of 2 business days.

If you have any questions, please contact [Annette Vela](#).

NEWS FROM ATHLETICS

Check out the [Spring Newsletter](#) from the "Play Like a Champion" organization. They offer lots of great resources for parents. For more, [visit their website](#).



CANCELED/POSTPONED EVENTS & COVID 19 UPDATES



As of this date, all school-related activities and events through May 1 have been canceled or postponed. Please continue to check the school's COVID 19 web page. It is updated regularly with cancelations and postponements, as well as pertinent communications and useful resources.

REFERRAL REWARDS



Distance Learning:



Kindergarten 3D Shapes:



PK3 Lessons:

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. We'll reach out now to answer any questions, and put interested families on a contact list for tours once the school reopens. 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!](#)

ST. MARK SUMMER PROGRAM



Join Kidventure for Summer Camp! *

We continue to pray for an end to the coronavirus. Should we be blessed enough to return to our normal routines in the coming months, we anticipate that parents may need an extra hand as they begin the rebuilding process. We hope that offering the Kidventure program can go a long way towards helping ease the burden on parents over the summer.

Kidventure continues to actively monitor the coronavirus situation in conjunction with local and federal health authorities. As always, the safety of campers, staff, and families remains the top priority. Kidventure will act out of an abundance of caution to protect everyone's health and well being. A web page has been set up with updates, key messages, frequently asked questions, and other important resources: <https://kidventure.com/coronavirus-health-alerts/>. Should you have specific questions about COVID-19 and Kidventure, please contact them directly.

*Registration is now available for Summer 2020.

*Families may pick and choose camp weeks.

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

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

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



Friend "Visit":



Dance Class:



Alumni Recognition:



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.

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



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](#).

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS WITH US



We'd love to hear about the fun and unique activities your families are engaged in during this time. Did your child create an amazing piece of artwork or engage in an interesting STEM project? Did your family make a meal together, or find something unusual on a nature walk? Send your photos to [Debbie Reed](#) and we'll post them. It'll be a fun way to keep in touch and to share activity ideas with the community! Check them out below and on our [Facebook page](#).

* 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.

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