



St. Mark Catholic School: Catholic Schools Week Calendar of Events January 29 – February 5, 2021

Friday, January 29 – Laps for Leukemia Presentation

- In celebration of the spirit of service, St. Mark students have the opportunity to participate in the annual “Laps for Leukemia” service project by obtaining donors to support their efforts as they walk laps during their P.E. classes from February 1-5. Collected funds help aid in research efforts to find cures for leukemia/lymphoma. Immediately following the All-School Mass, Mrs. Pantuso will make a presentation to students about how their efforts make a difference each year. St. Mark is a top fundraising school in North Texas for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and our goal is to continue that tradition.
- Please use the collection envelope provided by your child’s teacher or [print the pledge form](#) and follow the submission instructions. [Online donations can also be made here.](#)

Sunday, January 31 – Class of 2020 Portrait Unveiling

- The Class of 2020 is invited to watch their virtual portrait unveiling at 12:00 NOON via the school’s [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) pages.

Monday, February 1 – Hats Off to Catholic Schools Week

- Spirit Day! Students can show their “lion pride” by wearing a St. Mark shirt.
- Hat Day! Students can wear any hat, and are encouraged to decorate it in the Catholic Schools Week theme of “Faith. Excellence. Service.”
- “Laps for Leukemia” begins in all P.E. classes.
- Student video: What a Catholic Education Means to Me (link will be sent to parents)

Tuesday, February 2: We Love our School Families

- Students will express their appreciation for Catholic education.
- Thank you video from the staff. A link will be sent to parents.
- In lieu of the traditional “Family Lunch Day,” students have the opportunity to enjoy lunch from Raising Cane’s that will be delivered to classrooms during the regular lunch periods. [All CSW food must be pre-ordered through your FACTS account \(district code STMCS-TX\).](#)



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[Click here for detailed instructions.](#) (If your child chooses not to eat Raising Cane's, a lunch must be sent to school. There will be no regular Cafeteria service on February 2.)

Off-Campus Learning families can participate in a Raising Cane's Day fundraiser at the location across the street from the school. Mention St. Mark during the order process and 15% of the proceeds benefit the 8th grade Make-A-Wish fundraiser.

- The 8th grade class will host a Cookie Sale benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Special Make-A-Wish cookies will be made by a professional baker. [All CSW food must be pre-ordered through your FACTS account \(district code STMCS-TX\). Click here for detailed instructions.](#) The cookies will be delivered to students during lunch.

Off-Campus Learning families can pre-order Make-A-Wish cookies through the link above for pick-up at the regular supply bag exchange on Friday, February 5.

- The annual St. Mark Art Exhibit will be structured differently this year. Preschool-5th grade students will create artwork to establish a relationship with, and knowledge of, a particular artist. Students can enjoy looking at other artists' work and reflect on their accomplishments through their eyes. Artwork will be sent home with students.

Wednesday, February 3: We Love our Teachers

- Student-Teacher Switch Day: 8th grade students will take the place of teachers as they conduct virtual grade level lessons throughout the day. (Preschool - 5th grade)
- Faculty/staff slideshow
- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- Teacher Appreciation Fun



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Thursday, February 4: We Love our Students

- Dress Down Day (no charge). Follow the Dress Down Day guidelines on page 27 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#).
- Students will view a special video that highlights their Catholic school experience.
- The "Prize Patrol" will visit classrooms throughout the day and draw winning names from the class Caught Being Good jars.
- Students will enjoy a special gift from HSA.
- The traditional 8th Grade vs. Faculty Volleyball Game has been postponed until May.

Friday, February 5: We Love our Community

- 8:30 AM, Catholic Schools Week Liturgy
- Appreciation for the international community video (link will be sent to parents)
- The International Tasting Faire event, sponsored by Middle School, will be structured differently this year. In lieu of visiting international food booths, participating students will receive a pre-packaged box containing food samples from around the world and will view informational videos created by Middle School students about various countries/cultures. [All CSW food must be pre-ordered by January through your FACTS account \(district code STMCS-TX\). Click here for detailed instructions.](#) The Tasting Faire is only available to On-Campus students.
- **Early Dismissal: 12:00 NOON**
- 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM, Raising Cane's Fundraiser: Mention St. Mark as you place your order and a percentage of the proceeds will benefit the St. Mark Athletics program.

Special Attraction:

- Diocesan Poster Contest