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Reminders for Next Week

Monday, April 14

7th Grade Field Trip to the Dallas Zoo

Thursday, April 17 – HOLY THURSDAY

10:00 AM - Living Stations Presented By 8th Grade

12:00 NOON – Early Dismissal

After School Care closes at 6:00 PM. Please send a lunch with your child. Afternoon snacks will be provided.

Don't forget to pick up lunch at Raising Cane's and mention you're with St. Mark – 15% is donated back to our school!

Friday, April 18 – GOOD FRIDAY

No school – HAPPY EASTER WEEKEND!

Monday, April 21

Classes Resume - Monday is a regular school day. We are making up for the inclement weather day we used earlier in the year.

1st & 7th Grade Parent Sacrament Meetings

As a reminder to current 1st grade and 7th grade parents of students who will receive Sacraments next year ... parents are required to attend two parent meetings in preparation for these Sacraments. The first meeting is scheduled in the spring, the second in the fall. The spring parent meeting for 1st grade will be held on April 28, 7:00 PM, at the St. Mark Parish Center, and 7th Grade is scheduled for May 12 (time to be announced).

8th Grade Living Stations of the Cross

The Living Stations of the Cross will be presented by the 8th grade students on Thursday, April 17th at 10:00 AM. All are invited to attend the performance, as well as the dress rehearsal on Tuesday, April 15th at 2:45 PM. Refreshments will be served in the Narthex after the performance, and parents and parishioners are welcome to stop by. We want to thank our parent volunteers for their commitment and dedication to helping make this event a success.

April Service Project

April's school-wide service project benefits The Waterford Retirement Home located in Plano. Each class is assigned a specific item to bring in by April 30th. This is a Religion class homework grade for all students. Please see the attached list of items being donated by each grade.

Reminder -- Field Day T-shirt Orders & Volunteers

Field Day will be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2014! Lunch will be provided.

T-SHIRT ORDERS

In preparation for this event, we will need t-shirt sizing information for all students in preschool – 7th grade, as well as parent volunteers. Student and parent volunteer shirts are provided compliments of HSA. Please go to the school website (www.stmcs.net) and click on the "Field Day" link (top right corner) to order your shirt. The deadline to order t-shirts is Friday, April 18.

FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed! Please contact Katya Gutierrez-Coto at Katya_99@hotmail.com to sign-up. *Volunteers MUST BE SAFETY-TRAINED AND CLEARED through our Diocesan Safe Environment regulations.* The safe environment "cleared and trained" procedures are located on our website. Go to the "Parents" tab and click on the "Volunteers" link where you will find the paperwork necessary to begin the process.

Don't Miss the Children's Choir Performance on Palm Sunday

The St. Mark Children's Choir is comprised of school and parish children. They will be performing on April 13 at the 10:30 AM Mass (Palm Sunday). Don't miss this talented group of children!

St. Mark Feast Day

St. Mark Feast Day is coming up on Friday, April 25. Mark your calendars. There will be a Mass at 5:30 PM, followed by a reception in the Narthex.

Barnes and Noble Book Fair

The St. Mark/Barnes and Noble Book Fair is scheduled for April 25-27. Plan ahead for required summer reading!

Mathfax Breakfast

On Wednesday, April 30 at 7:20 AM, we will be holding a breakfast for all Mathfax participants. RSVP forms were emailed to participants – please return them to Mrs. O’Connor by April 25.

Cheerleading Information

2014-15 Cheerleaders: If you haven't done so, please go online and pay your Cheer fees (\$15.00) before April 20th. <http://www.stmcs.net/index.cfm?load=page&page=215> Uniform fitting will take place on April 25th in the Old Gym. If your daughter needs a new uniform or would like to buy a used uniform from one of the graduating 8th graders, this will take place starting at 3:45 PM.

ANNOUNCING OUR NEW “LION PRIDE” CORNER!

There is much to ROAR about at St. Mark! Each week, we will feature just some of the many reasons we’re so proud to be St. Mark Lions ...

- Congratulations to the **St. Mark Robotics** teams that participated in the Dallas Diocese Robotics Competition on Tuesday. St. Mark was represented by a great group of students, coaches and parents -- thank you all for your support and dedication. Out of 30 teams in the Arena Division, the team of Kristian G., Ian S., Mitchell J. and Jaibin M. won **1st place**. The team of Minh–Huy P., Minh-Tuan P., Minh-Khanh P., and Ly H. got **4th place**. The team of Adam B., Antonio M., Shane E., and Anthony E. got **6th place**. Out of the 13 teams in the Invention Division the team of Amanda L., Ivanka P., Harrison K., Alex E., Oliver C., and Ethan H. won **1st place**. The team of Taylor W., Zach V., Bobby V., Justus B., and Marti F. won **2nd place**.
- The results of the **“Best Book I Ever Read”** contest are in. In 1st grade, Lizzie O. won **1st place**; Braden G. and Adrienne F. tied for **2nd place**. In 2nd/3rd grades, Theresa T. won **1st place**, Biya C. won **2nd place**. In 4th/5th grades, Aenghus D. won **1st place**, Keanne A. won **2nd place**, and Katie K. won **3rd place**. In grades 6th-8th, Sarah H. won **1st place**, Julie B. won **2nd place**, and Joel K. won **3rd place**.
- St. Mark has been invited to participate in the **Texas Quiz Bowl Competition** being held tomorrow at Cistercian. Team members are Jace B., Minh-Tuan P., Minh-Huy P., and Alonso M. Good luck, Lions!

- On Monday, we had some Cardinals in our midst! Several students from the John Paul II High School PAL program visited our campus and talked with our 5th grade students about drug, tobacco, and alcohol awareness. PAL stands for “Peer Assistance and Leadership.” It is a mentoring program made up of select John Paul II High School students who visit area schools to share their experiences and mentor younger students.

It’s National Volunteer Week -- thank you St. Mark volunteers!

In honor of National Volunteer Week, we’d like to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful St. Mark volunteers for their time and dedication to our school. We can’t do it without you! Hopefully you noticed our Volunteer Appreciation Wall located across from the main office during Catholic Schools Week. That exhibit contains a poem about volunteers that is worth sharing again ...

Many will be shocked to find when the Day of Judgment nears, that there’s a special place in Heaven set aside for volunteers. Furnished with big recliners, satin couches and footstools, where there are no committee chairmen, no yard sales or rest area coffee to serve. No library duty or bulletin assembly, there will be nothing to print or staple, not one thing to fold or mail. Telephone lists will be outlawed but a finger snap will bring, cool drinks and gourmet dinners and rare treats fit for a king. You ask, “Who’ll serve these privileged and work for all they’re worth?” Why, all those who reaped the benefits and not once volunteered on Earth.