



A NATIONAL SCHOOL
OF EXCELLENCE

SCHOOL PROFILE



Welcome to

St. Mark Catholic School

It is our mission is to educate each student in a spirit of faith, gospel values, and academic excellence according to Roman Catholic principles through a shared partnership between home and school, and a strong commitment to teaching the whole child: mind, body, and spirit.

From the early childhood years through middle school, our diverse campus offers a warm and supportive environment that emphasizes...



Academic Excellence



Faith in Action



Character Development



Physical Fitness

By developing individual gifts while fostering a great respect and appreciation for the talents of others, we encourage each student to become the person that God intended.

Our graduates are well versed in the Catholic faith, academically prepared to continue their education, Christian in attitude and outlook, and prepared to serve the community. Highly sought after by local high schools, they consistently rank among the high achievers at the high school level. In fact, many have earned the titles of Valedictorian and Salutatorian at their respective schools in recent years, and our former students go on to top universities across the nation and the world. We are proud to say that St. Mark provides the solid foundation they need for success during their high school years and beyond.

New families are warmly welcomed into this community where faith and knowledge meet. We look forward to working with you towards the goal of providing academic excellence in an environment steeped in the Roman Catholic faith.



OUR PROGRAMS

Early Childhood Education: Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten

The full-day Early Childhood program is designed to foster a love of learning in a nurturing, faith-based environment. Through weekly themes, students develop skills and build a solid knowledge base. Class experiences include gross and fine motor activities, exposure to math and science concepts, and a variety of opportunities to develop language, literacy, social, and emotional skills. Students receive additional instruction in Technology, Coding, Religion, Spanish, Library, Art, and Music, along with physical movement and recess. Preschool students have a daily rest time.

Elementary School: Grades 1-5

The elementary years are aimed at the growth of the student's academic, spiritual, moral, intellectual, social, cultural, physical, and self-disciplined endowments. Teachers encourage learning through exploration, as well as building confidence through experimentation and communication. Students discover how to develop their own unique gifts and to celebrate those of others. Sacrament preparation is incorporated into the school day.

Middle School: Grades 6-8

The middle school program emphasizes academics, affective development, creativity, individual and collaborative student-oriented activities, communication skills, experiential approaches to instruction, exploratory elective classes, and high school readiness. Students become critical thinkers, and gain a deeper understanding of their own morality, respect for themselves and others, and ways they can truly make a difference in the world by serving others. Sacrament preparation is incorporated into the school day.

Before/After School Program

Beginning at 7:15 AM, St. Mark students may arrive at school for morning supervision. There is no charge for this service. From 3:30 to 6:00 PM on school days, families may take advantage of the After School Program for an hourly fee. The program provides students with opportunities for relaxation, recreation, outdoor activities, and to complete homework or required reading. Students are offered a nutritious snack daily.



ST. MARK
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
WHERE FAITH AND
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AT A GLANCE

FOUNDED

1982

STUDENTS SERVED

Preschool – 8th grade; Co-ed

STUDENT-TEACHER RATIOS

8:1

Preschool

10:1

Kindergarten

20:1

Elementary and Middle Schools

ACCREDITATIONS

Texas Catholic Conference
Education Department

Southern Association
of Colleges and Schools

AdvancEd

FACULTY/STAFF

60

All teachers are certified by
the State of Texas. Many hold
additional certifications and
advanced degrees.

EXTENDED CARE

7:15 AM through 6:00 PM
on school days

HIGH SCHOOL
ACCEPTANCE RATE

100%





Academic Excellence

Curriculum and instruction from Preschool through 8th grade include vertically-aligned programs in Language Arts (reading, writing, grammar, vocabulary, spelling, handwriting), Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Religion, Health, Guidance, Drama, and technology-assisted activities (coding, virtual/augmented reality). "Specials" classes include Music, Art, Physical Education, Foreign Language, Library, and Computer Literacy (keyboarding, computer instruction).

"It's such a blessing to have my children in a school where God is part of everything they learn."

TRADITION MEETS INNOVATION

Classic academic subjects are taught with additional instruction in cursive handwriting, music, art, foreign language, outdoor education, and daily physical education. Lessons are enhanced at an age-appropriate level through use of the latest technology including virtual/augmented reality, coding, iPads and Chromebooks, computer lab instruction, interactive smart boards, and an integrated STEM/STEAM/STREAM curriculum.

INDIVIDUALIZED INSTRUCTION

All students have the same academic goals, but each student achieves them in a different way. Differentiated instruction is integral to the St. Mark curriculum at all grade levels. Teachers utilize both whole and small group instruction, and assignments are customized to meet individual student needs. Within all classroom lessons, students are provided with additional enrichment or support as needed.

OUTDOOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

The "Backyard," St. Mark's outdoor learning environment, encourages the development of fine and gross motor skills, an appreciation for God's creation, and the opportunity to learn while enjoying the great outdoors.

- Gardening
- Outdoor Art and Music
- Outdoor Reading Venue
- Early Childhood Playground



SMARTLAB®

St. Mark is home to the SmartLab where students benefit from a fully integrated, customized, and continuously updated facility where they explore multiple disciplines through applied technology and project-based learning. Experiences include graphic design, robotics, Photoshop, biomedical applications, digital animation, scientific data analysis, software engineering, music studio applications, circuitry, mechanics and structures, and much more. An appropriate level of challenge is provided to each student, addressing all learning styles. From students who need extra support, to average learners, to students identified as gifted/talented, there is something to enable everyone to work at their own level and pace.



♥ Faith in Action

Through daily religious instruction, weekly church services, and special activities, St. Mark students are surrounded by opportunities to practice their faith.

- Weekly All-School Mass
- Early Childhood Chapel
- Sacrament Preparation
- Daily Religion Class
- Prayer Partner Program
- Living Rosary
- Living Saints Museum
- Living Stations of the Cross
- Virtue of the Month
- Altar Servers/Lectors/Cantors

SERVICE TO OTHERS

As Christians, we are called to serve others in our community. Students in Preschool through 8th grade experience the joy of assisting those in need firsthand through monthly service projects, and middle school students are required to perform additional service hours.

- Blankets For Veterans
- Care Packages for Military Personnel
- Laps for Leukemia/Lymphoma Society
- Make-A-Wish Foundation
- North Texas Food Bank
- Salvation Army Angel Tree
- St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry



“We are so grateful for a school environment where our children are surrounded by their Catholic faith.”

“St. Mark is my child’s home away from home.”





Character Development

Students of all ages are encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities that not only build character but offer enjoyable ways to explore something new.

ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS

- Catholic Math League
- DeBusk Enrichment Center for Academically Talented Students (DECATS)
- Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP)
- National Geographic Bee
- National History Bee
- Math Club
- Math Counts
- Malayalee Engineers Association of North Texas (MEANT) Math Olympiad
- McNabb Math Competition
- Private Schools Interscholastic Association (PSIA) academic competition
- Scripps National Spelling Bee
- Speech Tournaments
- Reverend Thomas Cloherty Religion Scholars Bowl
- Scholastic Art & Writing Competitions
- Science Fair
- Texas Quiz Bowl/National Academic Quiz Tournaments
- Visioneering/Southern Methodist University
- Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest

“We are grateful for the love and guidance that our children have received, and credit the faculty and staff for preparing them to succeed in high school.”

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

- After School Enrichment Clubs
- Altar Servers/Lectors/Cantors
- Scouting Organizations
- Chess Club
- Speech
- Destination Imagination
- Robotics
- Student Council

FINE ARTS

- Art
- Band
- Choir
- Drama
- Music





Physical Fitness

“Our children all love going to school every day.”

Physical exercise is an important part of the school day. Preschool students attend daily Music & Movement class and recess. Kindergarten and elementary students attend daily P.E. class and recess. Middle school students attend P.E. class every other day, they may participate in athletic-based electives, and middle school recess is held weekly.

ATHLETICS

Preschool-4th grade students can choose to participate on sports teams formed by school parents through local city leagues.

5th-8th grade students can choose to participate on school-sponsored sports teams through the Dallas Parochial League.

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Football (Tackle & Flag)
- Golf
- Cheerleading
- Soccer
- Softball
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Volleyball

“St. Mark recognizes my child’s uniqueness and builds upon her strengths.”



AWARDS & HONORS

- Two-time U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon Award Recipient
- Named one of the top three U.S. Catholic Schools for Technology Integration
- Three-time Diocese of Dallas HALO Educator of the Year Award Recipient
- Common Sense Media Digital Citizenship Certified School
- *Plano Star Courier* "Best of the Best" Private Schools
- Catholic Foundation Work of Heart Awards



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