



# ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

## WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

January 26, 2018

### Prayer for the 2017-18 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.

## REMINDERS

### Today, Friday, January 26:

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

-Re-enrollment for current families begins (details below).

### Saturday, January 27 & Sunday, January 28:

-Catholic Schools Week: Students attend any parish mass in uniform (details below)

### Monday, January 29-Friday, February 2:

-Catholic Schools Week celebration (details below)

### Friday, February 2:

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



10:00 AM-11:00 PM: Half days are Cane's Days at St. Mark! Mention St. Mark as you place your order at the location across the street from the school, and a percentage of proceeds benefits the St. Mark Athletics Dept.



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-12:00 NOON, Early Dismissal. The After School Program will be available until 6:00 PM. Please send a lunch with all ASP students.

-Parents Night Out at Metroplex Gymnastics (details below)

#### **Sunday, February 4:**

-10:00 AM-12:00 PM, Lion's Lair Gym: Used Uniform Sale (details below)

### **2018-19 RE-ENROLLMENT FOR CURRENT FAMILIES**

Registration for the 2018-19 school year begins today. You will receive a separate email from Annette Vela with re-enrollment and 2018-19 tuition information. Please contact the school office if you cannot access your Renweb registration account.

### **BAKE SALE DURING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

The 8th grade class will be hosting a bake sale during Catholic Schools Week. All proceeds will go towards their goal of sponsoring a child through the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The bake sale will begin on Tuesday, January 30 during Family Day and will be located just outside the Cafetorium. **The cost of the baked goods is simply a cash donation in any amount you choose.**



We are also adding a fun and competitive twist to the sale! Each class will be assigned either Mrs. Pantuso, Mrs. Oliver or Mrs. Opon. The teacher assigned to the class that raises the most amount of money will wear an opposing sports team shirt to school. Mrs. Pantuso will wear a Dallas Cowboys shirt (she is diehard a Redskins fan), Mrs. Oliver will wear a Texas A&M shirt (she bleeds burnt orange), and Mrs. Opon will wear a UT shirt (she bleeds maroon).

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2018**

Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. This year, Catholic Schools Week is scheduled for January 29-February 2. St. Mark Catholic School observes CSW with special



### **QUICK LINKS**

[Calendar](#)  
[Lifetime Lions Alumni Admissions](#)  
[Lunch Menus](#)  
[Safe Environment](#)  
[Lion's Den Spirit Store](#)  
[Work of Heart Nomination](#)

### **NEW FACTS PAYMENT SUMMARY FEATURE**

With tax season upon us, FACTS Management would like to call your attention to a new feature that enables you to quickly and easily create a payment summary. By simply clicking "View Printable Payments Summary" on your Payments tab, you can retrieve and print a summary of payments for the year or any other specified timeframe. Each payment summary is compiled by student or customer, term, subaccount, and includes your school's Federal Tax ID number. If you have any questions regarding the new payment summary feature, please contact your FACTS customer service at 866.441.4637.

### **USED UNIFORM SALE**

Kids growing out of their uniforms? The Home & School Association will be hosting a Used Uniform Sale on Sunday, February 4 from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM in the Lion's Lair Gym.

Gently used uniform donations will be accepted in the school office between now and February 2. We are no longer

activities each day that celebrate the people who make up our Catholic community. [Click here](#) for details

## HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT ST. MARK!

2018-19 admission season is here! Do you know someone interested in a St. Mark education for their PK-8th grade child? Here are some ways you can help us spread the word about St. Mark:



**1. REFERRALS:** Encourage prospective families to register for an upcoming **Open House**, our new **Come and Play Days**, or a **private tour** at [www.stmcs.net/open-house-tours](http://www.stmcs.net/open-house-tours). If they attend, you'll receive a \$10 gift certificate for the Lion's Den Spirit Store, and if they enroll, you could receive a [\\$500 tuition credit!](#)

### **2018 Open Houses:**

Tuesday, January 30, 9:00-10:00 AM, Cafetorium  
Tuesday, February 6, 6:00-7:30 PM, School Library  
Tuesday, March 27, 8:00-9:00 AM, School Library  
Tuesday, April 24, 5:30-7:00 PM, Early Childhood Bldg. (for PK/K families)

### **2018 Come and Play Days:**

Families with preschool/kindergarten children are encouraged to play on our playground, enjoy a snack, and get a sneak peek inside our ECE classrooms. Open to individuals and playgroups.

Tuesday, March 20, 9:00-10:30 AM  
Wednesday, April 11, 9:00-10:30 AM

**2. NEIGHBORHOOD BLOG/WEBSITE:** Do you participate in a neighborhood blog or website such as [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com), or a neighborhood Facebook page? If so, please take a moment to post our Open House and "Come and Play Day" dates (see above). If there is room for a detailed description, simply email [Debbie Reed](mailto:Debbie.Reed) and she'll send the information to you for posting.



**Catholic Schools Week Family Day:**

accepting donations of the green uniform pants or walking shorts.

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NEWS FROM ATHLETICS

**Winter Pep Rally:** January 31, 2:15 PM, Bacot Gym. Families welcome! Basketball and Cheerleading families, please [click here](#) for details about Pep Rally posters, what to wear to school on Pep Rally day, etc.

## LIONS DEN

The Lion's Den Spirit Store is open every Friday morning that school is in session from 7:30-8:15 AM in the Cafeteria hallway. Can't make it in person? Shop online at [www.stmcs.net/spirit-gear](http://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.

**Mark your calendar:**

**Basketball Season:** [Click here](#) for game schedules and plan to come out and cheer on your LIONS teams. Don't forget to visit the Lion's Den Spirit Store during all home games!

### **Monsignor Smyth**

**Golf Classic:**  
Friday, May 4,  
2018



**HIGH SCHOOL  
OPPORTUNITIES**



KENDRA SCOTT

On January 30, Kendra Scott will be on site with a pop-up event. This is a great way to buy Valentine's Day or Mother's Day presents for that special lady in your life! Or moms....this is a way to simply treat yourself! Please return the Pre-Order Form **TODAY** to [jenn.rich@kendrascott.com](mailto:jenn.rich@kendrascott.com) and [Caitlin.jordan@kendrascott.com](mailto:Caitlin.jordan@kendrascott.com).



Family Photo Booth Fun  
January 30, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM, Cafeteria Breezeway  
\$5/Photo Sheet (includes 3 poses); Props provided  
[Check out our Magic Mirror](#)



February 2 - MetroPlex Parent Night Out  
25% of proceeds go to the school.  
Pricing: 6:30-9:30 PM \$13; 6:30-11:00 PM \$22  
Ages 3-12 and younger kids need to be potty trained.



[2018 Auction Tickets Are On Sale Now - Click Here!](#)



**New Challenges**

Challenge 1: All tickets purchased between 1/1 and 2/14 (Early Bird Sale Ends) will be entered into a drawing for a free hotel room night stay. Buy two tickets, get put in the drawing twice!

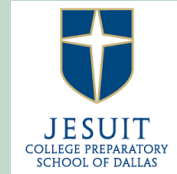
Challenge 2: All teacher tickets purchased between 1/1 and 2/1 will go into a drawing for either a free VIP experience (\$75

Prospective parents are invited to join new JP11 President, Deacon Jake



Schroepfer, for coffee as he shares exciting updates and the vision for JP11 in 2018 and beyond. "Coffee with the President" will be held on February 13 and March 6 from 8:00-9:00 AM. [Click here](#) to register.

**Jesuit Cheer Pre-Tryout Meeting:** Is your child interested in becoming a



Jesuit cheerleader? Come to the Parent/Cheerleader Informational Meeting on Tuesday, February 6 from 6:00-7:00 PM in Hughes Hall at Jesuit. [Click here](#) for details.



Do you know a faculty or staff member who has gone the extra mile for the education community at St. Mark? Consider nominating him or her for a Work of Heart Award through the Catholic Foundation. It's quick and easy. Award recipients are recognized at an All School Mass with a certificate and a check. [Click here](#) for details and the nomination form.



value), or a free hotel room stay. Each ticket is only valid for entry into one drawing.

Challenge 3: All teacher tables purchased from now 1/1-3/1 will get 2 VIP experiences and a bottle of wine on the night of the event

### How You Can Help the Auction:

1. Buy your tickets: Simply purchasing a ticket is a donation to the school.
2. Buy a teacher ticket: We have a large need for parents/ organizations to sponsor teacher tickets. This is a tax deductible donation and can be purchased on our [Auction website](#).
3. Auction Sponsorship: Do you own a small business that would help support St. Mark Catholic School? Contact [Jennifer Pike](#) to get details on our sponsorship packages.
4. Auction Donations: Do you work for a cool company that would like to donate a product to be auctioned-off or coupons for our swag bags? Do you have connections to a local business that would benefit from advertising their products and services to our community? Contact [Rebecca Battles](#) for details.

### Upcoming Auction Events:

**Pre-Auction Mixers:** As each mixer date approaches, email invitations will be sent to families via Renweb. You will receive an invitation to your grade-level mixer. However, please keep in mind that you are welcome to attend any or all of the mixers -- we simply ask that you RSVP to each one. If you don't receive an email invitation to the mixer you wish to attend, please reach out to [Sherry Mehring](#). **Parents attending the Pre-Auction Mixers will have an opportunity to vote/rank a predetermined list of items helping determine how 2018 Auction dollars will be used. After all mixers are complete, the final decisions will be announced by Mrs. Opon. You must attend a mixer to receive a ballot.**

Save the Date:

\*6-8 Mixer: February 9, 2018 @ the Velasquez home in Plano  
[RSVP Here](#)

### Family Fun Fundraisers:

February: Pei Wei Spirit Night

### 8th Grade Confirmation

**Retreats:** A reminder about upcoming assigned retreat dates: February 3, February 10 and February 11. Contact [Linda Watts](#) with questions.

**Open Youth House:** There will be NO Open Youth House February 22-23.

### Lenten Fish Fry Service Opportunity for Grades 6-8:

February 16, March 2 and March 16. To sign-up, visit [www.stmarkplanoyouth.org](http://www.stmarkplanoyouth.org) (under "Service") or contact Cristy Mijares at 972-578-9583 or [cmijares@stmarkplano.org](mailto:cmijares@stmarkplano.org).

### Calling all High Schoolers - DCYC/Dallas Catholic Youth Conference:

February 23-25, 2018; open to all St. Mark members with children in grades 9-12; limited spots at St. Mark pricing of \$85; [click here](#) to register; registration deadline is Wednesday, January 17, 2018

### K OF C "FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE"

The St. Mark Knights of Columbus Council 6065's *Father and Daughter Dance* will be held on January 27 in the St. Mark Cafetorium from 7:00-9:00 PM. Cost is \$30 per couple and \$10 for each additional daughter. For additional information, please [click here](#) or contact John Krumholtz at [krumholtz1@verizon.net](mailto:krumholtz1@verizon.net).





## HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

**MOVIE NIGHTS ARE BACK!** This year, the HSA is pleased to bring back Movie Night! We will have a private movie night for the middle school students on Friday, February 9 in the Cafetorium. The Princess Bride (PG) will begin promptly at 6:30 PM. Students will be given 4 tickets upon entry to use for pizza, drinks, and concessions. We will clear an area in the Cafetorium for students to plop down on the floor and enjoy the movie "picnic-style." Students are asked to bring a blanket. Hope to see you there!



**Announcing the St. Mark Talent Show, presented by HSA!** Stay tuned -- a representative from HSA will be speaking to all grades at Mass soon.



**2018 HSA General Meetings:**  
 \*March 28, 6:30 PM, Cafetorium: HSA 3rd General Meeting  
 \*May 2, 8:15 AM, Cafetorium: HSA 4th General Meeting



**Looking to volunteer?** Check out the master [Sign Up Genius](#) link and all the ways you can help out.

**ECE Music Help:** Mrs. Schell needs help with the PK3 classes as students learn basic movement and music skills. Be ready to dance, skip and play instruments! The volunteer position is open to ALL volunteers, not just PK3 parents. You must be current on your Safe Environment certification to participate. [Click here](#) to sign-up.

You are invited to attend Mass with the seminarians on Sunday, January 28 at 9:15 AM at Holy Trinity Seminary, 3131 Vince Hagan Drive in Irving.

## 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!

### Blessing Bags:



### Geography Bee:



### 8th Grade Interviews:



### A Nice Reminder:



### A Piece of History:



Earn additional funds for St. Mark Catholic School by clipping Box Tops For Education from a variety of products, AND earning bonus Box Tops via the Box Tops app. Each Box Top submitted earns \$.10 for St. Mark.

[Click here](#) for details. For more information, please contact Holly Lewis at [anglophilefootballfanatic@gmail.com](mailto:anglophilefootballfanatic@gmail.com) or Jennifer Pike at [jenniferjslp@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferjslp@gmail.com).

### ST. MARK COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM

The mission of the Community Prayer Team is to provide ways that we, as a community, can come together and pray throughout the year. For more information about our Prayer Team, [click here](#).



**January's Prayer Intention for our School:** For the finances of our church and school

**This Week's Prayer - A Prayer for Catholic School's Week:**  
 Almighty Father, You sent forth your Son as a beacon of hope for all people. As Teacher, He has given us the prime example of the importance of education. As disciples, we look to Him for inspiration and strength. Thank you for the many sisters, brothers, priests, and lay people who have dedicated their lives in service to our Catholic schools. Thank you for the teachers and administrators who sustain our schools today. Thank you for the parents who have given support and witness to the importance of Catholic education in their daily lives. Thank you for the students who work hard to further their education. Bless St. Mark Catholic School and the many people who advance our mission. May our building be a home for those who seek to grow in faith, knowledge, and service of others. May our community always support one another and exhibit hospitality to newcomers. Fill our minds with knowledge and wisdom. May our understanding of the world help us to grow in appreciation for it. Fill our hearts with gladness. May we always turn to You in times of need. Fill our hands with the tools we need to serve others. May we show them your unceasing love through our actions. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us. St. John Neumann, pray for us. St. Mark the Evangelist, pray for us. Amen.

Source: [www.thereligionteacher.com](http://www.thereligionteacher.com).

#### Upcoming Events:

- \*Prayer Team meeting: Monday, February 5, 8:00 AM, Room 116
- \*Community Prayer Walk: Friday, March 23, 7:55 AM, Narthex



#### CSW Poster Contest Entries:



#### Students At Your Service:



\*Family Adoration: Friday, March 2, 3:50-4:15 PM, Sanctuary

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