



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

March 2, 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, March 2:

-7th grade received the Vocations Chalice at All School Mass and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

-Family Lenten Services: 3:35 PM, Church: Family Adoration; 4:30 PM, Church: Children's Stations of the Cross; 4:45-7:00 PM, Cafetorium: Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry

Monday, March 5:

-St. Mark Spirit Day (refer to page 28 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#) for guidelines)

-8:00 AM, Room 116: Community Prayer Team Meeting

Tuesday, March 6:

-Auction donation drop-off in morning carpool lines (details below)

Tuesday, March 6-Friday, March 9:

-5th grade to The Pines Outdoor Education Program



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QUICK LINKS

Wednesday, March 7:

-3:30 PM: Student Council Meeting

Friday, March 9:

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass presented by 7th grade. All are welcome.

-2018-19 New Application Decision Letters Mailed

Monday, March 12-Friday, March 16:

-No School: Spring Break (details below)

Friday, March 16:

-4:45-7:00 PM, Cafetorium: Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry

Tuesday, March 20:

-9:00-10:30 AM, Playground: Come and Play Day (details below)

-4:00-8:00 PM, Panera Bread/Richardson: Spirit Night benefiting Auction

Thursday, March 22:

-\$2.00 Dress Down Day benefiting St. Mark NET Team (refer to page 28 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#) for guidelines)

-7:30 AM: School Advisory Council Meeting

Friday, March 23:

-3rd quarter ends

-7:50 AM, Narthex: Community Prayer Walk

Saturday, March 24:

-Private Schools Interscholastic Association academic meet (PSIA): Participants have been provided with details.

Sunday, March 25:

-Palm Sunday

-10:30 AM, Church: Children's Choir Sings at Mass

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

[Calendar](#)

[Lifetime Lions Alumni](#)

[Admissions](#)

[Lunch Menus](#)

[Safe Environment](#)

[Lion's Den Spirit Store](#)

[Work of Heart Nomination](#)

FAITH IN ACTION



March Virtue: Temperance



Service From the Heart:

March Service Project-Right to Life Baby Shower: This is a joint effort between the school and the Knights of Columbus Council 6065. Students donate needed baby items. Acceptable items are included on the "[Needs List](#)." These items may be brought to school any time during the month up until March 26.

The donation may be an item or a gift card. Please let your child's teacher know if you drop off your item(s) in the school office.

In addition, students will make welcoming cards that will be placed in the folders given to parents at their Baptismal classes.

Catholic School Teaching:

A warm St. Mark welcome to the new students who joined us this week!

Isaiah P., 6th grade, Mrs. Rivera's Homebase
Emily S., 1st grade, Ms. Bongiovanni's class
Cinco S., PK4 Mrs. Duncan's class

SPRING BREAK REMINDERS

Spring Break is almost here -- Monday, March 12 through Friday, March 16! If you will be leaving early or returning late, please email rene.oconnor@stmcs.net and let her know.



CARPOOL LINE REMINDERS

IMPORTANT:

1. Please remember to watch your speed in the school/church parking lots.
2. St. Mark is located in a school zone and therefore, cell phone usage is prohibited in our parking lots during morning and afternoon carpool lines.

Thank you for your cooperation.

SEEKING REFRIGERATOR DONATION FOR TEACHER LOUNGE

St. Mark is in need of a refrigerator to hold beverages in the Teacher Lounge. It will replace the soda vending machine that is currently there. If you have a refrigerator that you would be willing to donate, please reach out to [Mrs. Opon](mailto:Mrs.Opon).

SUMMER PROGRAM UPDATE

We regret to announce that after much due diligence, St. Mark will not be offering a summer daycare program in 2018. We are truly sorry for any inconvenience this may cause some of our families. The good news is that we are already in the planning stage for the summer of 2019 and feel very confident we will be back on track to offer this option to our families in the future.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ANNUAL SURVEY

Be sure to check your email -- you should have received one from "Curt Adams" at The Oklahoma Center for Education Policy. This is the official 2017-18 school survey

Rights and responsibilities

Who Benefits?

White Rose and Birth Choice pregnancy resource centers

Due Date: March 26, 2018

LOWDOWN FROM THE LION'S LAIR

Direct from the SmartLab, the News Broadcast Club Presents "Lowdown from the Lion's Lair" for the week of February 26, 2018.

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NEWS FROM ATHLETICS

All Star Basketball Games: The DPL 18th Annual All-Star Basketball games were played on Tuesday. Representing St. Mark were 8th grade girls **Veronica J., Katie R., and Ann T.**, and 8th grade boys **Ryan L. and James K.** St. Mark was also represented by three coaches: **Rick Leal, Victoria James and Ron James.** Congratulations to these players and coaches!

Basketball Season: [Click here](#) for playoff 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!



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. Once

and we are hopeful that all families will respond as we use the results to shape our future plans. **This is the only survey we will do this year and it will take the place of our local school survey that we normally conduct at the end of the year.** Participation is voluntary and responses are anonymous. No one from the school will know who participated or see individual responses. **English and Spanish versions are available. The survey window is February 20-March 6, 2018. If you do not receive a survey, please let us know.**



Calling All "Dads of Great Students": [Click here](#) to learn more about our Watch D.O.G.S. volunteer program for Dads only, and to reserve your spot during the month of April. Sign-ups are due March 15. Half days and full days are available. Please remember, you must be [Safe Environment](#) trained to volunteer.

HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT ST. MARK!

Do you know someone interested in a St. Mark education for their PK-8th grade child? Limited openings are available in select grade levels. 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. 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, 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

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:

Monsignor Smyth
Golf Classic:
 Friday, May 4, 2018



HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES



Calling all kids ages 4-10! You are invited to a **"Barn Party"** on Sunday, March 4 during the intermission of



Bishop Lynch High School's 2:00 PM matinee performance of "Footloose the Musical." Plus, wear jeans and boots and join the cast on stage after the show for a dance party! Show tickets are \$10. Group rates are available. To make your reservation, email terry.may@bishoplynch.org.

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, 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.



March 6 is "Morning Drop-Off" for auction donations in all carpool lines (including class basket, parent, and organization donations). We will also have a drop-off location at the Smyth Pastoral Center located at the corner of 15th Street and Alma. If you have large items to drop-off, please use the Smyth Pastoral Center location so we don't create traffic back-ups.

Volunteer Opportunity

We are in need of volunteers to help take donations at each drop-off location, and to help us wrap auction baskets. **If you have 45 minutes to spare on March 6 to take auction donations, or if you would like to help Michelle Martin, Ashley Ternan and Rebecca Battles make our auction baskets worthy of an Oscar on March 8, 9, or 23, please [sign-up here](#).**



Lenten Fish Fry Service Opportunity for Grades 6-8 on March 16. To sign-up, please visit www.stmarkplanoyouth.org (under "Service") or contact Cristy Mijares at 972-578-9583 or cmijares@stmarkplano.org.



Join us for Mass with the seminarians on Sunday, March 25 at 9:15 AM at Holy Trinity Seminary, 3131 Vince Hagan Drive, Irving. Mass is followed by a reception with the seminarians.

FRENCH MASS AT CISTERCIAN

Come to French mass at Cistercian Abbey on Sunday, March 11 at 10:30 AM, 3550 Cistercian Road, Irving. There is an opportunity to do a reading in French and to enjoy French snacks afterwards.

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!

Zaner-Bloser Handwriting Contest:



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

Ticket sales will close March 30, 2018.

Auction Package Previews:

Father Cliff's "Dinner for 12" auction package has been created -- a "Feast of French Faire." In addition, all grade-level teacher experiences are now online for a preview. You can start adding items to your watch-list, making the night of the auction simple and easy.

Check out the [Auction website](#) for details!

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:

March 6 - Carpool line drop-off for all auction donations (baskets, class crafts, corporate donations, etc.)

March 20: Panera Bread, Richardson: Spirit Night

May 11: Metroplex Spirit Night (rescheduled)



Basketball All Stars:



**8th Grade Basketball
Rose Ceremonies:**



**Dallas Symphonic Festival
Winner:**



**HOME & SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION**

We are in need of volunteers for Junior Achievement. If you are interested, please check out the [Sign-Up Genius](#).



JA classes span five weeks, and each class is taught once a week for 30 minutes. All teaching materials are provided. The volunteer works directly with the classroom teacher to schedule sessions that are convenient for both. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact [Kathleen Frye](#) or [Angela Coulter](#).



All registered Talent Show participants and alternates have been sent a detailed email with information regarding rehearsals. If you have not received an email, please contact Jolea Broome at jo_cool@sbcglobal.net.



2018 HSA General Meetings:

*Please note that the March HSA meeting is being replaced by the Talent Show.

*May 2, 8:15 AM, Cafeterium: 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.

ST. MARK SCRIP PROGRAM:

Purchase gift cards for gifts, or stock up for stores and restaurants that you frequent. Use the gift cards as you



Read Across America:



PK3 Calming the Sea:



4th grade PEROT Visit:



Precious Kindergarten Writing:

would your own cash or credit cards. Tell family and friends - anyone can order and St. Mark receives a percentage from every sale! Orders are accepted year round.

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](#).



February's Prayer Intention for our

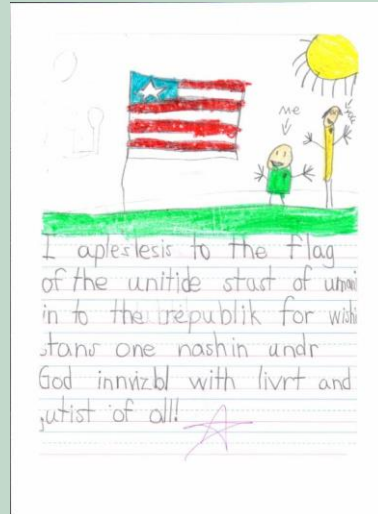
School: For other schools in the Diocese, the high school our children will attend, as well as those they may never enter.

Family Adoration: Please bring the whole family and join us TODAY, Friday, March 2 from 3:35-4:15 PM in the sanctuary for adoration. NET team members will be leading us in praise and worship music, explaining what adoration is, and providing some time for silent prayer. Planning to attend? Want to skip the carpool line? Email your child(s) homeroom teacher if you would like to meet your child(ren) in the sanctuary by the breezeway door (entrance next to the cry room). Immediately following at 4:30 PM, join us for Children's Stations of the Cross, then from 4:45-7:00 PM, the Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry takes place in the Cafetorium. Make a family evening of it!

This Week's Prayer: Please pray for a successful retreat for the 5th grade students, teachers, and chaperones who will be heading to the The Pines next week: Loving God, we pray for our 5th graders, their teachers, and chaperones. Give them the knowledge, courage and a willing heart to be the disciples of today. Guide them to learn Your will, to share Your message and to know, to love and to serve You with youthful zeal. Bless them with happiness, friendship, love, laughter, peace, hope, faith, achievement and direction. We dedicate and entrust them to your loving care. Amen.

Upcoming Events:

*Family Adoration: Friday, March 2, 3:35-4:15 PM, Sanctuary



LLS Presentation:



Box Top Winners:

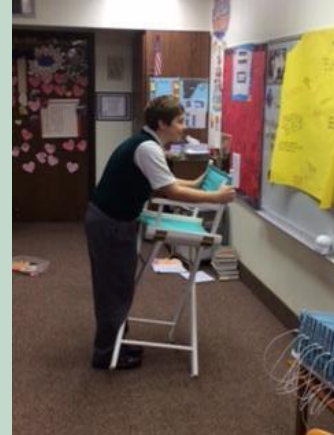


8th Grade Compliments Project:

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

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