



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

May 18, 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, May 18:

-8th grade received the Vocations Chalice at today's All School Mass and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

Saturday, May 19:

-11:00 AM & 12:15 PM, Utley Middle School: Drama Kids Plays

Monday, May 21:

-7:30-8:00 AM, Cafetorium: 8th Grade Memory Boards Due

Monday, May 21-Thursday, May 24:

-6th/7th Grade Final Exams

Tuesday, May 22:

-2:30 PM, Cafetorium: Band Concert

Thursday, May 24:

-7:30 AM: School Advisory Council Meeting

-8th Grade High School T-shirt Day



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QUICK LINKS

-12:10-1:10 PM, Cafetorium: 8th Grade Final Fiesta Luncheon

-2:00 PM, Cafetorium: 8th Grade Prayer Partner Farewell and Yearbook Signing

Friday, May 25:

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass in Honor of the 8th Grade Class; all are welcome

9:30 AM, Church: 8th graders stay for Graduation practice; 8th grade families are invited for breakfast and to view Memory Boards in Cafetorium; 8th graders go home after Graduation practice

5:30 PM, School Lobby: 8th grade takes individual pictures and class group picture

6:30 PM, Church: Graduation Mass and Ceremony

8:00-9:00 PM, Cafetorium: Reception for 8th grade graduates and their families

9:00-11:00 PM, Cafetorium: 8th Grade Dance

Monday, May 28:

-No School; Memorial Day Holiday

-10:00 AM, Church: Children's Choir sings at Mass

Thursday, May 31:

-4th quarter ends

-Field Day

Friday, June 1:

-Last Day of School

-7:50 AM, Narthex: Community Prayer Walk



10:00 AM-11:00 PM: 1/2 days are Cane's Days at St. Mark! Visit the location across the street from the school, mention St. Mark as you place your order, and a percentage of the proceeds benefits the Athletics Dept.

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FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

If your student is currently keeping a medication in the school nurse's office (including but not limited to Epi-Pens, inhalers, prescription medication, or over-the-counter medication), please arrange to pick it up by the last day of school. **Any medication that is left at school over the summer will be disposed of, per school policy.**

2017-18 YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks were sent home on Wednesday with all students who ordered one. If you did not place an order for a yearbook, we will have a lottery to purchase the handful of extra copies that we have. In order to have your child's name in the drawing, please email Stacy Oliver at stacy.oliver@stmcs.net no later than Tuesday, May 22 at 3:00 PM. Include your child's name and class. Please do not submit payment until you have been informed that you were selected to participate in the lottery. The cost will be \$35. Names will be drawn first thing Wednesday morning. At that time, payment will be due within 24 hours or another name will be drawn.

ART DISPLAY SHELF

Do you have carpentry skills you might like to share with St. Mark?

-12:00 PM: Early Dismissal; report cards go home with all students; the After School Program is available until 3:00 PM. Please send a lunch with all ASP students.

Monday, June 4:

-Staff Development

MAKE-A-WISH PRESS COVERAGE

We are so proud of our 8th grade class for making a child's wish come true through the Make-A-Wish Foundation! On Tuesday, the school hosted "Abel" and his family for a spectacular super-hero themed event where he was dressed up as a "Super Abel" and visited classrooms "saving" 8th graders from villains. The Plano Police Department was on hand to assist him with putting the bad guys in jail, then Abel and his family were presented with a trip to Disneyland.

Channel 11 covered the event. In case you missed it, you can view their news broadcast here: <http://dfw.cbslocal.com/2018/05/14/students-police-lift-spirits/>.

The "JP, Kathy and The Crew" radio show also discussed it (special shout out to school parent, Kathy Ward, for making that happen!). Listen to their broadcast here around the [20:43 mark](#).

Special thanks to 7th/8th Grade Religion Teacher, Mrs. Stacy Oliver, for her unending support, parents and teachers who helped every step of the way, and especially to the Class of 2018 for their commitment to making this incredible event happen. 69 students proved they can truly make a world of difference.



SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

Job Openings:

The school is in need of a "shadow box" type shelf for the front lobby to display our students' ceramic and sculpture projects. The school will provide the materials if you can provide the labor. Please contact patricia.opon@stmcs.net if you can help.

BE SURE ALL FEES ARE CURRENT

Parents: Please be aware that all student debts (such as library, cafeteria, school fees, textbook damage/replacement, late pick-up fee, ASP fee, etc.) need to be paid in full before a student may participate in our upcoming end-of-year events such as Field Day, Graduation, etc.

2018-19 SCHOOL SUPPLIES REMINDER

A reminder that school supplies, as well as assignment books and party/activity fees are INCLUDED in your tuition beginning with the 2018-19 school year. Families no longer need to place orders for school supplies through the school or purchase them on their own. Supplies will be available for pick-up at our "Back To School Sunday" event in August. Please [click here](#) for the complete 2018-19 schedule of fees.

PLEASE CHECK LOST AND FOUND

Between now and the end of school, please be sure to check "Lost and Found" in the school office. It is overflowing with sweaters and other items, most without names. At the end of the

*Early Childhood Education/After School Program Coordinator -- please [click here](#) for complete details.

*Part-time Preschool Aides -- please contact patricia.opon@stmcs.net.

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 for the 2018-19 school year.



KEEP THOSE REFERRALS COMING: Encourage prospective families to register for 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!](#)



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The HSA community welcomes the new 2018-19 Executive Board:

Angela Coulter - President (angelakcoulter@aol.com; 972-310-7545)

Jolea Broome - Vice President (jo_cool@sbcglobal.net; 469-774-7799)

Manuel Sifuentes - Treasurer (msifuentes@yahoo.com; 469-644-7033)

Natalie Laurent - Secretary (bnlaurent@hotmail.com; 972-977-0409)

This awesome team will be publishing volunteer opportunities in the very near future, including Committees and Room Parent Team Leads. Please note: Room Parent sign-ups will not be available until August 6. Other volunteer opportunities for your child's classroom/teacher will be available in August after the "Back-to-School Sunday" event on August 5. Please stay tuned!

VOLUNTEER



year, unclaimed items will be donated to the Used Uniform Sale.

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NEWS FROM ATHLETICS



DPL Team Registrations

Available: Registration is now open for this year's 2017-18 Golf team, as well as the 2018-19 Football, and Cross Country teams. Click the links below for details:

[Football](#) - Boys JV/Varsity - deadline is today, May 18

[Cross Country](#) - Co Ed JV/Varsity - deadline TBD

[Golf](#) - 2017-18 Co Ed JV/Varsity - deadline is June 1

Can You Lend Your Talent to the 2018-19 Athletic Fundraising Events?

We are in need of volunteers to organize the next All Souls Run scheduled for October 2018, and the Monsignor Smyth Golf Tournament scheduled for May 2019. Contact [Marlene Ehring](#) if you can help!



The Lion's Den Spirit Store is open every Friday morning that school

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 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. [Click here](#) for details.



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](#).



May's prayer intention for our school: For our First Communion Candidates and Graduates.

This Week's Prayer: A Prayer for Exams: Father, be with me as I take this exam. Keep my mind alert and my memory sharp. Calm my nerves and help me concentrate. I know that you will walk with me, guiding my path and inspiring my heart. I pray that I would feel you with me, and that your friendship would soften the pressure I feel. I pray that I would pass this exam and go on to new things with you. Thank you for your peace and your love in my life. Thank you for your kindness and care for me. Amen.

Source: Livingprayers.com

Upcoming Events:

*Last Community Prayer Walk: Friday, June 1, 7:55 AM, Narthex

HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

is in session from 7:30-8:15 AM in the Cafeteria. Can't make it in person? Shop online at 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.

Gift Certificates Now Available:

The Lion's Den Spirit Store is now offering gift certificates! There is a \$10.00 minimum but no maximum amount. This is a great gift idea for birthdays, holidays, First Communion, Prayer Partners, and more. The store offers a variety of St. Mark merchandise appealing to all ages, children to adults. To place an order, click the link above, choose "gift certificate" on the online order form, and specify the amount where indicated.

NOTRE DAME CHOIR COMING TO ST. MARK

A poster for the Notre Dame Folk Choir Texas Tour. The top part has the text 'NOTRE DAME FOLK CHOIR TEXAS TOUR'. Below that is a photograph of the choir performing in a church. At the bottom, it says 'CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC', 'Dr. J. J. Wright, D.M.A., Director', 'Karen Schneider-Kirner, Assistant Director', 'TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2018 7:30 P.M.', 'St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church', '1201 Alma Dr., Plano, TX 75075', and 'Free-will offering: a portion of the proceeds will support the Archdiocese of Houston and Hurricane Harvey relief.' The University of Notre Dame logo is at the bottom.

High School Summer Camps: Our area Catholic high schools offer academic, athletic, and fine arts summer camp opportunities for a variety of age groups. Click the links below to learn more.



[Bishop Lynch High School Summer Camps](#)



[Cistercian Preparatory School Summer Camps](#)



[Jesuit College Prep Summer Camps](#)



[John Paul II High School Summer Camps](#)



[Ursuline Academy of Dallas Summer Camps](#)

Top Gun Quarterback Mini Camp: [Click here](#) for information and the registration form for this quarterback-only camp that will take place at Jesuit on May 30, 31 and June 1 for grades 5-8 and 9-12.



The Ultimate Basketball Training Experience: Calling girls in grades 6-8 -- JPII is hosting a basketball camp focusing on skills, self-esteem and teamwork including NCAA and WNBA guest instructors. It will run from June 4-7 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM at JPII. Please [click here](#) for complete details.



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!

Troll Auction Party:



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