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Virtue of the Month – Self Control

Teachers discuss the Virtue of the Month with students by using either stories or activities to engage them into seeing the virtue in action. Ask your child what he/she is learning about "Self Control" this month.

Vocations Chalice

2nd grade was presented with the Vocations Chalice at the conclusion of today's All-School Mass, and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

Reminders for Next Week

Lion's Den Spirit Store: Open Fridays, 7:30–8:15 AM; between Bacot Gym & the cafeteria

Check in at the school office and stop by for all of your St. Mark spirit gear needs! Can't come in person? Online ordering is available. See more details below.

January Brag Board

Check-out what 5th grade has been up to all month long in the hallway between the administration offices and the Cafetorium!

Saturday, January 17: March For Life

See details below.

Monday, January 19: Martin Luther King Day; No school for students; staff development for teachers

Wednesday, January 21: Teacher Luncheon hosted by TK, K & 6th Grade

Room Parents will send details to parents with students in these grades.

Friday, January 23, 8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass

Our All-School Mass will be held at 8:30 AM in the church. All are invited to attend. This Mass will be presented by the 2nd grade. They will perform the Call to Worship, the Mass readings, and present the Communion gifts.

Friday, January 23: Spring Enrichment Club Registration Deadline

See details below.

Saturday, January 24, 1:30 PM, Cafetorium: Cub Scout Pinewood Derby

See details below.

Saturday, January 24-Sunday, January 25: Students represent St. Mark at Masses

See details below.

Sunday, January 25, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Lion's Lair Gym: Used Uniform Sale

Kids outgrowing their uniforms? Stop by to stock up on larger sizes to get them through the rest of the school year.

Welcome Newcomers

A warm St. Mark welcome to three more new students joining us in January:

1st Grade – Daniel P.

6th Grade – Oscar P.

7th Grade – Josemaria P.

Don't Wait: Participate!



Mardi Gras Dinner & Auction reminders for this week:

1. Our 28th Annual Mardi Gras Dinner & Auction will take place on Saturday, January 31 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Richardson -- don't miss out on our biggest fundraiser of the year! [Click here](#) to purchase auction tickets, make your meal selections, and learn more about donation and volunteer opportunities. **Each person who purchases a ticket and attends the event has a chance to win free tuition for a year!**

And if you haven't had a chance to view this year's auction video on the CD that was sent home last month, [click here](#).

2. Please contact Auction Co-Chair Raju Kattady at rajukattady@hotmail.com if you can assist with the following:

- *Transport auction items to the DoubleTree Hotel
- *Decorate for the event

Remember, all proceeds from this year's event will help put iPads into the hands of your children!



Digital Wish Technology Donations: St. Mark is now accepting technology-specific donations through Digital Wish. [Click here](#) to help equip our students with iPads and iPad carts, and feel free to share this link with family, friends and associates who might like to help.



Catholic Schools Week Reminders

Excitement is building for Catholic Schools Week, January 24-30! Earlier this week, you should have received an email via RenWeb with all of the details about this weeklong event. The information in that email can also be found on our [school website](#).

Please take a moment to read through the information on the website so that you and your child can plan ahead and be prepared for the festivities each day. A few highlights and to-do items:

1. Sign-up to represent St. Mark in uniform at weekend Masses on January 24-25, either at our parish, or at a neighboring parish such as St. Jude/Allen, Elizabeth Ann Seton/Plano, Our Lady of Angels/Allen, St. Francis of Assisi/Frisco, St. Gabriel/McKinney or St. Anthony/Wylie. **The Permission Slip can be found [here](#).** Please return it to the school office by January 20. All students who represent St. Mark at a Mass (either at our parish or a neighboring parish) will receive a Free Dress Day on Monday, February 2!

2. January 27 is our Family Lunch Day and Art Show. Click [here](#) for the invitation containing instructions and more information. If you are unable to attend Family Lunch Day, please make alternate lunch arrangements with a friend's family, or send a lunch with your child to be eaten in the classroom. Our school cafeteria will be closed for Family Lunch Day.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If your child will be having lunch with another family, either on the St. Mark campus or off-campus, you must send a note to both the child's teacher and Mrs. O'Connor letting them know by Monday, January 26. Students will not be permitted to leave the classroom with a family other than their own without written permission from a parent.

3. Students will participate in the "International Tasting Faire" on January 30. This very popular event requires tickets. Click [here](#) for the ticket order form. To order tickets, please return the order form and money to the school office by January 28.
4. All students participate in our January All School Service Project during CSW – the "Laps for Leukemia" Walk-A-Thon. Click [here](#) for the Pledge Sheet. Return one sheet per student, along with money collected, to the school office by February 13.
5. Please spread the word about our upcoming Open Houses for the 2015-16 school year. We have two Open Houses coming up and need you to help spread the word to anyone you know who might be interested in a Catholic education for their children. Pre-registration for Open Houses is available on our [website](#).

January 27 – 9:00-10:00 AM, Cafetorium
February 3 – 6:00-7:30 PM, School Library

We are looking forward to a week filled with fun and fellowship!

Spring/Session II Enrichment Club Registration Continues

Don't forget to sign-up for the St. Mark Spring/Session II Enrichment Clubs! A list of club offerings is attached. Clubs will take place February 2-March 30. They will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:00 PM. There is no charge for these Enrichment Clubs, and they will all be conducted by St. Mark teachers. **If your child would like to participate in an Enrichment Club during Session II, please print and complete the attached Permission Slip and return it to Mrs. O'Connor in the school office by January 23.** Students who attend the After School Program are able to participate and will be taken to the ASP classrooms after club dismissal at 4:00 PM (simply indicate ASP participation on the attached Permission Slip).

Join the Respect Life Club for the "March For Life"

Join the St. Mark Respect Life Club, along with Bishops Farrell and Olson and thousands of North Texas faithful at the "March For Life" on Saturday, January 17. Liz Quarles will be organizing a group from St. Mark. Middle school students can earn service hours for attending. Contact Liz at lizquarles97@hotmail.com to participate. For more information about the event, please [click here](#).

Cub Scouts Open Their Annual Pinewood Derby to St. Mark Friends/Siblings!

St. Mark Cub Scout Pack 285 is happy to announce that the annual Pinewood Derby is open to St. Mark friends and siblings! Just pick up a BSA-approved derby car at Hobby Lobby, decorate or design for speed, and bring your car, ready to race, on Saturday, January 24, 1:30 PM in the school cafeteria. The entry fee is \$5 plus a can of food for our food drive. Registered scouts get in free, plus a can of food. Let's Race!!!!

Ms. Tammy Needs More Lime Green Bottle Caps

Bring at least 5 lime green bottle caps to Ms. Tammy and receive a "Caught Being Good!" Sprite and Mountain Dew bottles are good sources.

News from the Athletics Department

Basketball Schedules Are Out: Plan to come out and cheer on your St. Mark basketball teams! Full schedules can be found by [clicking here](#).

This weekend's games:

Saturday, January 17

5th grade boys Gold vs. POP @ POP, 11:00 AM
5th grade boys Green vs. St. Bernard @ St. Bernard, 12:00 PM
5th grade girls Gold vs. SPX @ SPX, 12:00 PM
5th grade girls Green vs. St. Augustine @ St. Augustine, 11:00 AM
6th grade girls D1 vs. St. Paul @ St. Paul, 11:00 AM
7th grade boys D2 Gold vs. POP @ POP, 4:00 PM
7th grade boys D2 White vs. St. Monica White @ St. Monica, 10:00 AM
8th grade boys D1 vs. St. Paul @ St. Paul, 2:00 PM
8th grade boys D2 vs. St. Thomas @ St. Thomas, 6:00 PM
8th grade girls D2 vs. St. Paul @ St. Paul, 1:00 PM

Sunday, January 18

5th grade girls Gold vs. St. Patrick @ St. Mark, 12:00 PM
5th grade girls Green vs. St. Rita @ St. Mark, 1:00 PM
6th grade girls D1 vs. St. Monica @ St. Mark, 2:00 PM
7th grade boys D2 Green vs. St. Patrick @ St. Patrick, 4:00 PM
7th grade boys D2 White vs. SPX @ St. Mark, 4:00 PM
8th grade boys D1 vs. St. Monica @ St. Mark, 3:00 PM
8th grade boys D2 vs. St. Monica @ St. Monica, 1:00 PM
8th grade boys D3 vs. St. Philip @ St. Mark, 6:00 PM

Remember to visit our fully-stocked Concession Stand during home games, as well as the Lion's Den spirit store!

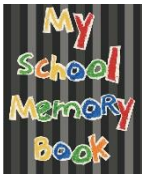
Lion's Den Spirit Store Hours: The Lion's Den spirit store is now open every Friday from 7:30-8:15 AM. It is located between Bacot Gym and the cafeteria. Check-in at the school office and shop 'til you drop for new St. Mark logo merchandise! Many of the items can be worn by students during P.E. classes. It's also open during basketball home games, and will have special

hours on Tuesday, January 27 from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM for Family Day during Catholic Schools Week. Can't visit in person? Order merchandise online by [clicking here](#).

GO LIONS!

Home & School Association (HSA) News

Box Tops: Please keep sending in your Box Tops. Remember to place them in a plastic bag labeled with your child's grade level and teacher name. We will have another grade level competition in February!



ORDER YOUR 2014-2015 PreK-5TH GRADE MEMORY BOOK

Have you ordered your 2014-2015 memory book? Confirm by checking the attached list of those families that have already paid.

If you haven't placed your order, please complete the attached order form and return it to Mrs. O'Connor no later than Friday, January 30. Memory Books are \$25.00 each. You can pay by check, or submit an online payment [here](#). If you are paying online, please enter \$25.00 in the "HSA" box, and "2014-15 Memory Book" in the "Comments" section.

Yearbooks will be distributed before summer break! If there are any questions, please contact Beth Salava (bethsalava@hotmail.com) or Danielle Terhaar (dterhaar1@hotmail.com).

Used Uniform Sale: We are still accepting gently used uniform donations for the Used Uniform Sale. This sale will take place Sunday, January 25 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM in the Lion's Lair Gym. The funds generated will be put towards HSA activities. Donations can be dropped off anytime in the school office. Thank you to everyone who has already donated!

We are in need of volunteers to help with the Used Uniform Sale. Middle school students can earn service hours. If you are able to volunteer, [please sign-up here](#). Contact YK at yeek.hui@gmail.com for more information.

Junior Achievement: Help Needed! We are also in need of volunteers for Junior Achievement for the following teachers: Helm, Bongiovanni, Ostermann, and Pennartz. JA classes span five weeks, and each class is 30 minutes long. 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 Julie Rogers at julie.rogers@chase.com.

REMINDER: All volunteers must be Safe Environment trained. [Click here](#) for more details.

In Alumni News ...

Congratulations to Jessica B. (St. Mark Class of 2011) and Ivanka P. (St. Mark Class of 2014), who were two of five Ursuline Academy of Dallas students named to the Texas Private School Music Educators Association All Region Choir out of the more than 800 singers who auditioned in October. So proud of our former lions!

John Paul II Drill Team Clinic – Deadline Extended

There's still time to join St. Mark alumni Caroline G. (class of 2014), Mary W. (class of 2013), Lacey L. (class of 2012), Audrey E. (class of 2012) and the rest of the John Paul II High School "Cardinal Belles" drill team at their "Mini Belle" Clinic on Saturday, January 24 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Girls ages 5-14 will learn dance and kick technique and a fun dance routine. The cost is \$35, which includes a commemorative t-shirt. [Click here](#) for more information and registration. [The registration deadline has been extended through today, January 16.](#)

Seen & Heard Around St. Mark

YMCA Youth & Government District Conference: Several of our middle school students recently took part in the YMCA Youth & Government District Conference. Jaibin M., Janice R., Luis R., Mason T. and Elena G. are new to the program and served as Ambassadors, where they were able to observe the process and learn how it works. They also participated in Mrs. Smith's Youth & Government elective last quarter. Athena B. and Audrey P. competed in the event by presenting and debating bills that they wrote. Athena also served as a Committee Chair and Audrey served as a Committee Clerk.

Art Elective: Ms. Tammy's Art History elective from last quarter produced some beautiful Vincent Van Gogh masterpieces! See below.

Preschool Participates in Winter Olympics: Our preschool students became Olympic athletes during their Music and Movement classes earlier this week. They ran an obstacle course, threw "snowballs" into a bucket, and sang and danced. They were awarded medals at the end of the events. Mrs. Schell sure made Olympic training fun!



Lion Pride

Just one of the many reasons we're so proud to be St. Mark Lions....!

St. Mark Student Wins Diocesan Spelling Bee: Congratulations to 7th grader Sarah H. who won the Diocesan Spelling Bee held at Christ the King last week! After 26 rounds, she won by spelling the word "polarizable" correctly. Sarah and the other five winners from the Diocese will advance to the Dallas County Private Schools Spelling Bee which will be held on Tuesday, February 17.