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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**

6<sup>th</sup> grade was presented with the Vocations Chalice at the conclusion of today's All-School Mass. They 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 [here](#).

**February Brag Board – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Check out what 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is doing this month! Their work will be displayed all month long in the hallway between the Administration offices and the Cafetorium.

**Saturday, January 31**

**6:00 PM, DoubleTree Hotel, Richardson: 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Mardi Gras Dinner & Auction**

**Monday, February 2:**

**3:30-4:00 PM, Spring Enrichment Clubs Begin**

**School Picture Day (Spring) – see details below**

**3:30-4:45 PM, Cafetorium: Respect Life Club Meeting (Respect Via Social Media)**

**6:30-8:00 PM, Bethany Narthex: First Communion Parent Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 3**

**Free Dress Day - For students who attended a CSW Mass in uniform**

**8:30 AM, Cafetorium: Geography Bee (grades 5-8)**

**6:00-7:30 PM, School Library: Open House for Prospective Families**

**Wednesday, February 4**

**7:00 AM: Math Fax Competition - Qualifying students have been notified.**

**Preschool Pajama Picnic Party**

**Friday, February 6**

**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 6<sup>th</sup> grade. They will perform the Call to Worship, the Mass readings, and present the Communion gifts.**

**Don't Wait: Participate!**



**We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Mardi Gras Dinner & Auction on Saturday night!**

We encourage our auction guests to take advantage of all of the wonderful opportunities being offered at the auction from the wine pull, to the Heads or Tails game, to the silent auction items, to live auction items, AND you will have an opportunity to purchase an iPad and donate it directly to the school.

If you are unable to attend the event itself, you are still able to contribute to our technology fund by clicking [here](#) and contributing via our Digital Wish page.

Proceeds from everything you purchase or donate will go towards our school technology initiative benefitting ALL St. Mark students!

One last request:

\*If you are able to assist with the decorations or can help transport auction items to the venue today and/or tomorrow, please contact [rajukattady@hotmail.com](mailto:rajukattady@hotmail.com).

Looking forward to the Mardi Gras celebration with all of you!



Calling all Dads! If you'd like to volunteer for a day at school during the month of March as a Watch D.O.G.S. Dad, you must sign-up by February 15! For more information and the sign up calendar, [click here](#). You will need to be Safe Environment cleared before you can serve. [Click here](#) for more information on Safe Environment Training.



**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.

## February Service Project

For the February all-school service project, students will create goody bags for cancer patients at the Baylor Oncology Department. The list of requested donations by grade level is attached. Donations may be delivered to the school office during the month of February.

## School Picture Day (Spring)

Monday, February 2, Spring school pictures will be taken. Please send your child to school in full uniform including the school sweater.

## Letter Pp Pajama Picnic Party in Preschool

As we celebrate letter "Pp" week, all preschool classes will participate with a "Pajama Picnic Party" on Wednesday, February 4. Provisions provided for the Picnic Party will consist of Pop Tart pastries and punch.

- Pajamas may be worn to school on Wednesday.
- For safety purposes shoes must be worn, no slippers.
- School modesty guidelines are to be followed.
- Sweaters and jackets are needed if weather is cool.

## 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 31**

5<sup>th</sup> grade boys Gold vs. St. Thomas @ St. Mark, 9:00 AM  
5<sup>th</sup> grade boys Green vs. St. Thomas @ St. Thomas, 9:00 AM  
5<sup>th</sup> grade girls Green vs. POP @ POP, 10:00 AM  
6<sup>th</sup> grade girls D1 vs. All Saints @ All Saints, 12:00 PM  
6<sup>th</sup> grade boys D2 vs. All Saints @ All Saints, 2:00 PM  
7<sup>th</sup> grade boys D2 White vs. St. Thomas @ St. Mark, 12:00 PM  
7<sup>th</sup> grade boys D2 Green vs. St. Joseph @ St. Mark, 11:00 PM  
8<sup>th</sup> grade boys D1 vs. St. Thomas @ St. Thomas, 3:00 PM  
8<sup>th</sup> grade boys D2 vs. Collins @ St. Mark, 1:00 PM  
8<sup>th</sup> grade boys D3 vs. Highlands @ St. Mark, 10:00 PM

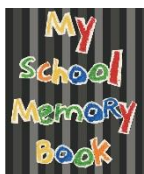
### **Sunday, February 1**

5<sup>th</sup> grade boys Green vs. St. Paul @ St. Mark, 12:00 PM  
6<sup>th</sup> grade boys D2 vs. St. Rita @ St. Rita, 1:00 PM  
7<sup>th</sup> grade boys D2 White vs. St. Joseph @ St. Mark, 2:00 PM  
8<sup>th</sup> grade boys D3 vs. Mt. St. Michael @ St. Mark, 3:00 PM  
8<sup>th</sup> grade girls D2 vs. St. Augustine @ St. Mark, 4:00 PM

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

**GO LIONS!**

## Home & School Association (HSA) News



### **ORDER YOUR 2014-2015 PreK-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE MEMORY BOOK**

Today is the last day to order your 2014-15 Memory Book for PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grade. If you haven't placed your order, please complete the attached order form and return it to Mrs. O'Connor. 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](mailto:bethsalava@hotmail.com)) or Danielle Terhaar ([dterhaar1@hotmail.com](mailto:dterhaar1@hotmail.com)).

**Used Uniform Sale:** Thank you to everyone who donated uniforms, and who attended this event. We raised \$1,100! Please hold on to additional uniform donations. We will request them again at the end of the school year.

**Student Appreciation Day:** The HSA was thrilled to provide ice cream sandwiches to every student during their lunch period on Wednesday, Student Appreciation Day!

**Auction:** To show HSA's support for the school auction, a small portion of each family's dues was used to purchase an iPad that will be donated to the school as part of the technology initiative. It will also be used during the auction "Heads or Tails" game!

### In Alumni News ...

Congratulations to Patrick M., St. Mark Class of 2011, who was just awarded the Bishop Grahmann Award at John Paul II High School. This award is bestowed on students who exemplify the qualities of the John Paul II mission statement through their academic performance, faith journey, citizenship and leadership. He is the SECOND St. Mark alum to receive this award during the 2014-15 school year!

### Catholic Schools Night At A Dallas Mavericks Game

The Dallas Mavericks invite you to join them for their annual Catholic Night as they take on the Brooklyn Nets on Saturday, February 28 at 7:30 PM at the American Airlines Center. Discount tickets are available and also grant access to the Dallas Parochial League 8<sup>th</sup> Grade All-Star Game that afternoon beginning at 1:00 PM at the American Airlines Center. [Click here](#) for more information and to order your tickets.

### You're Invited to St. Mark's "Celebration of Love" Valentine's Day Event

Join us on Saturday, February 14 for a Valentine's Date Night! Renew your marriage vows at the 5:30 PM Mass, followed by an evening of love, laughter, dinner, wine and dancing at the St. Mark Catholic Church Parish Center. Our own school families Aaron and Angela Baldwin, Todd and Jocelyn Bartz, and Claire and Neil Morgan are on the organizing committee. The cost is \$30 per couple. See the attached flyer for more details.

### Seen & Heard Around St. Mark

**Catholic Schools Week Recap:** This week kicked-off with students attending Masses in uniform at both St. Mark and neighboring parishes, as well as at Holy Trinity Seminary. Several Class of 2014 alumni returned to campus on Sunday to witness the unveiling of their class composite by Mrs. Opon, as it took its place in the main school hallway. On Monday, we showed our appreciation to Father Cliff during Pastor Appreciation Day as each grade level presented him with tokens of appreciation as well as stories, poems, songs and skits. Tuesday brought the annual Family Day Lunch and Art Show where our entire community enjoyed lunch as a school family, visited campus, and viewed masterpieces by our talented students. On Wednesday, students and staff enjoyed wearing jeans and tennis shoes to school, ice cream sandwiches were served at lunch by the HSA, student "caught being good" drawings were held and prizes were awarded every hour on the hour, and we celebrated our student-athletes at our Spring Pep Rally. Thursday was Teacher Appreciation Day. 8<sup>th</sup> graders took the place of teachers and conducted lessons throughout the day. Faculty and staff enjoyed a wonderful luncheon and won some fun prizes during the faculty "caught being good" drawings. Today, we celebrated a special Catholic Schools Week Mass together, followed by middle school's International Tasting Faire where students sampled foods from all over the world. It was a great week for our school community and we enjoyed celebrating with each and every one of you! See our [Facebook page](#) for more details and lots of photos.

**Cub Scout Pinewood Derby:** It was race time on Saturday as the Cub Scouts competed in their annual Pinewood Derby. The boys did an amazing job with car design and had a great time testing their speed! Awards were given for the fastest car, best design and overall pack winner. Congratulations to all!

**Teachers In Training Elective Presents to TK & Kindergarten:** Middle school students in the "Teachers In Training" elective presented *Cinderella*, *The Boy Who Cried Wolf*, *The Three Little Pigs*, and *Little Red Riding Hood* to the TK and Kindergarten classes this week to close out their unit on fairy tales. Another great example of how our younger students learn from our older students.



### Lion Pride

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

**Religion Bowl:** Congratulations to Jace B., John N., Aenghus D. and Diego L. who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in this year's Religion Bowl held at Prince of Peace Catholic School on Tuesday.

**Catholic Schools Week Poster Contest:** Congratulations to 6<sup>th</sup> grader Madelyn B. who placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Catholic Schools Week Poster Contest with her magnificent representation of the CSW theme, "Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service."

