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Virtue of the Month – Respect

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 "Respect" this month.

Vocations Chalice

2nd 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 – 3rd Grade: Check out what 3rd grade has been doing! Their work will be displayed all month long in the hallway between the Administration offices and the Cafetorium. Look for the QR codes on the Valentine hearts and scan them to see more!



February All-School Service Project

-Keep sending in donations for the Baylor Cancer Treatment Center. Your student's donation counts as a homework grade.

Monday, February 16

-President's Day: No School for Students

Tuesday, February 17

-Staff Development for Teachers: No School for Students

Wednesday, February 18

-8:30 AM, St. Mark Catholic Church: Ash Wednesday Mass – All are welcome.

Friday, February 20

-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.

-Re-registration for Current Families Due (refer to instructions sent by Mrs. Vela on 2/6/15)

-3:00 PM: Registration for Baseball, Softball and Track & Field Due. See details below.

Sunday, February 22

6:00 PM, St. Mark Catholic Church: St. Mark Children's Choir Sings at Mass

The Templeton Family Technology Challenge

Our entire community is buzzing about the new fundraising challenge presented by alumni family Mary and Richard Templeton! Everyone should have received a special RenWeb email on Monday with the details. Please consider making a donation now to benefit our St. Mark Technology Fund – the Templetons have committed \$100,000 in matching funds, and will match your donation 100%! Does your company also offer matching funds? That’s another match, essentially tripling your donation amount! Help put iPads into the hands of all St. Mark students – join the challenge today! [Click here](#) for more details.

2015-16 Re-enrollment and New Sibling Reminder

February 20 is the deadline to re-enroll for the 2015-2016 school year AND to apply for new siblings with priority, guaranteed acceptance. Re-enrollment after February 20 will be accepted based on space availability, and will also incur \$100 late fee per student. New family acceptances will be based on space availability after the February 20 deadline. [Click here](#) for more information.

Don't Wait: Participate!



Calling all Dads -- half days are now available for Watch D.O.G.S.! If you'd like to volunteer for a half day or a full day at school during the month of March as a Watch D.O.G.S. Dad, we've extended the sign-up deadline to February 17! 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.



Registration Going On Now For St. Mark Full-Day Summer Camps: Register now for St. Mark full-day summer camps with Kidventure! A variety of weeklong camp themes are available. [Click here](#) for more information and a link to the registration site.

From the Nurse's Office...

Attention Middle School Families: The organization, "Living for Zachary," will be hosting an educational seminar on heart health at the Heart Hospital Baylor Plano with FREE heart screenings for youth ages 12-22. These tests are not usually covered by insurance, so the opportunity for a free screen might be something you wish to take advantage of! Please see the attached flyer for information.

News from the Athletics Department

Basketball Schedules: Full schedules can be found by [clicking here](#). This weekend's basketball games:

Saturday, February 14

5th grade boys Gold vs. MIS @ MIS, 11:00 AM
5th grade boys Green vs. POP @ St. Mark, 10:00 AM
5th grade girls Gold vs. All Saints @ All Saints, 9:00 AM
5th grade girls Green vs. SPX @ St. Mark, 9:00 AM
6th grade boys D2 vs. St. Mary-Sherman @ St. Mary-Sherman, 10:00 AM
7th grade boys D2 Green vs. St. Monica @ St. Monica, 1:00 PM
8th grade boys D1 vs. Bishop Dunne @ St. Mark, 11:00 AM
8th grade boys D2 vs. St. Bernard @ St. Bernard, 10:00 AM
8th grade boys D3 vs. St. Monica @ St. Monica, 2:00 PM
8th grade girls D2 vs. St. Rita @ St. Rita, 6:00 PM

Sunday, February 15

5th grade boys Gold vs. St. Thomas @ St. Mark, 12:00 PM
5th grade girls Green vs. St. Thomas @ St. Thomas, 12:00 PM
6th grade boys D2 vs. St. Joseph @ St. Mark, 1:00 PM
7th grade boys D2 vs. MIS @ MIS, 2:00 PM
7th grade boys D2 Green vs. St. Thomas @ St. Mark, 5:00 PM
7th grade boys D2 White vs. POP @ POP, 1:00 PM
8th grade boys D1 vs. CKS @ St. Mark, 2:00 PM
8th grade boys D2 vs. CKS @ St. Mark, 4:00 PM
8th grade boys D3 vs. IC @ St. Mark, 7:00 PM
8th grade girls D2 vs. All Saints @ St. Mark, 3:00 PM

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

Track & Field, Baseball and Softball Are Open For Registration: The deadline to register is February 20 by 3:00 PM. Please see below for details about each sport.

Track & Field – The registration fee is \$60. Click [here](#) for details and payment information. Many volunteers are needed for Track & Field (practice and meet coaches, timers, shot put and jump pit assistants, etc.), so please indicate your desire to volunteer on the registration form.

Baseball/Softball – The registration fee is \$100. Click [here](#) for details and payment information.

Uniform Deposits - A \$100 uniform deposit will be due for each sport (submit a check made out to "St. Mark Catholic School" to the school office; indicate your athlete's name and sport on the memo line). We cannot accept rollover uniform deposit checks from previous sports seasons.

Coaches are needed! Please indicate your desire to coach on the registration form. All coaches must have Safe Environment clearance for the 2014-15 school year. New coaches, click [here](#) for information.

Letterman Jackets Are In: If you ordered a Letterman jacket, they are in! Payment must be made before pick-up. All pick-ups take place on Fridays at the Lion's Den store between 7:30-8:15 AM.



Monsignor Smyth Golf Tournament: Get your foursomes together and mark your calendars for the 2015 Monsignor Smyth Golf Tournament – Friday, April 24, 2015 at The Courses at Watters Creek. This annual event, hosted by St. Mark alumni, is always a fun outing complete with a round of golf, dinner and prizes. More details to come!

GO LIONS!

Cafeteria Menu Changes

Please note the following cafeteria menu changes for the month of February. A revised February menu can be found [here](#) on the school website.

Friday, 2/20/15 - Grilled cheese sandwich, carrot/celery sticks, tomato soup, pineapple bites

Monday, 2/23/15 – Sloppy Joe, green beans, potato wedges, melon bites

Friday, 2/27/15 - Cheese ravioli, garden salad, garlic bread, chocolate chip cookie

Spotlight on Staff

Did you know that the food served in our school cafeteria is all lovingly prepared on site by our in-house cafeteria staff? And that menu items such as chicken casserole and spaghetti with meat sauce are all homemade? Cafeteria Manager, Linda Gaines, and her co-workers Laura Arnold, Cathy Haskins and Angelika Trombetta, work hard to present a healthy and delicious cafeteria menu where fruits and vegetables are fresh not canned, whole grains are served, and foods are baked not fried. At St. Mark, we are so fortunate to have such a high-quality, in-house cafeteria program. We are proud to have these wonderful ladies on our staff who ensure that our students are served nutritious and tasty meals each day!



In Alumni News...

Congratulations to Madison S. (St. Mark Class of 2011 and current senior at Ursuline Academy) who has advanced to "finalist" in the National Merit Scholarship Program. First recognized as a National Merit Semi-Finalist in September, Madison will now continue in the competition for 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth approximately \$33 million, as well as the Merit Scholar title.

Home and School Association (HSA) News

Upcoming General Meeting: Mark your calendars! The third HSA General Meeting of the school year (FOR ALL PARENTS) will be held on March 25, 2015 at 8:15 AM in the Cafetorium.

Help Needed With School Supplies Orders: We are looking for 1-2 volunteers to help with ordering school supplies for the 2015-16 school year. Volunteers are needed to help collect the orders, as well as organize the supplies when they arrive over the summer. Supplies will be distributed in August on the same day as class lists are posted and the Used Uniform Sale takes place. If you are able to help, please contact Liz Delaney at elizabeth.ann.delaney@gmail.com.

Sale, Sale, Sale: Last Year's Memory Books: We have some 2013-2014 PreK-5th grade Memory Books left over that we're offering for the special price of \$10 each! Bring \$10 cash to Rene O'Connor anytime in the next week and take one home. This is a perfect opportunity to get one for each of your children!

Daddy-Daughter Sweetheart Dinner-Dance

The Girl Scouts are hosting a "Daddy-Daughter Sweetheart Dinner-Dance" tonight, Friday, February 13 from 7:00-9:00 PM in the St. Mark Cafetorium. Girl Scouts and all others are welcome. The cost is \$35 per couple, plus \$15 for each additional daughter. Event highlights: Dinner from Olive Garden, a dance and dance contest, a fun patch and balloon corsage, photographer, nail art, and a raffle for the American Girl doll of the year. For more information, see the attached flyer, or contact Krista Volkmar at kpvolkmar@yahoo.com or Camille Semprun at semp3@hotmail.com.

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 8th 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 tomorrow, 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. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

John Paul II 10 Year Anniversary Youth Concert (for 7th/8th graders)

Attention 7th/8th grade families: John Paul II High School invites you to a Youth Concert featuring Steve Angrisano for area 7th/8th graders, as well as John Paul II students. It will be held on Friday, February 20 at 7:00 PM in the John Paul II High school gym. Admission is free. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Car Decals

We have been advised that the car decals that were distributed to all St. Mark families during Catholic Schools Week may not be visible when affixed to the inside of some dark-tinted

windows. FYI -- the decals can also be affixed to the outside of car windows (just use caution at the car wash!).

Seen and Heard Around St. Mark

Students Celebrate President's Day: Our second grade students created "President reports" this week. Each student was challenged to write facts about a President, and to give their opinion on that President's accomplishments.



Thank you for another great teacher luncheon! The faculty and staff extend a special thank-you to our Pre-K and 5th grade families who hosted a "super" staff luncheon on Wednesday. The theme was "super heroes" and featured delicious homemade soups, salads and desserts enjoyed by all! Check out the adorable table decorations below!

