



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

March 10, 2017

Prayer for the 2016-17 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 Jesus Christ with all our hearts, mind and soul.

REMINDERS

TODAY, Friday, March 10:

-12:00 PM Early Dismissal. The After School Program is available until 6:00 PM.

Sunday, March 12:

-Daylight Savings Time Begins. Set clocks one hour ahead.

Monday, March 13-Friday, March 17:

-Spring Break: No School for Students

Monday, March 20-Thursday, March 23:

-Popcorn sale benefitting Middle School Yearbook (details below)

Tuesday, March 21:

-Pay \$2.00 and wear Free Dress. Benefits NET Team. Refer to page 25 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#) for guidelines.

Thursday, March 23:

-Reconciliation (grades 2-8)



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Friday, March 24:

-3rd quarter ends

Monday, March 27:

-4th quarter begins

-Beginning March 27 through the remainder of the school year, the optional uniform walking shorts may be worn.

SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

Can you believe it? Another Work of Heart Award...St. Mark's 8th one this school year! Congratulations to PK-3 Teacher, Mrs. Megan Oliver. Teaching our youngest students is a joy and a true calling, and Mrs. Oliver meets that calling every single day with great joy and love for our three-year-olds. Awarded by The Catholic Foundation, the Work of Heart Award honors those who go above and beyond for Catholic education. To nominate a faculty or staff member, please [click here](#).



ALL SCHOOL FAMILIES MUST UPDATE THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION WITH THE PARISH

St. Mark Catholic Church is updating the parish database and they need each member to confirm their family contact information.

****THIS MUST BE DONE IN ORDER TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THE PARISHIONER DISCOUNT ON SCHOOL TUITION, SO PLEASE BE SURE YOUR FAMILY'S INFORMATION IS CURRENT.****

[Lion's Den Spirit Store](#)

SMARTLAB BANNER



Excitement is building! Be sure to check out the new SmartLab banner outside the Cafetorium.



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. Due to Spring Break, sign-ups have been extended, and are due March 20. Half days and full days are available. Please remember, you must be [Safe Environment](#) trained to volunteer.

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NEWS FROM ATHLETICS



Monsignor Smyth Golf Classic - Registration Now Available: This annual event, hosted by the Class of 2002, is scheduled for May 19,

Click the following link to submit your update: <https://stmarkplano.org/2017-parish-update-form>. It only takes a minute.

LEAVING EARLY OR RETURNING LATE FROM SPRING BREAK?

If your Spring Break plans include departing early or returning late, please be sure to email [Mrs. O'Connor](mailto:Mrs.O'Connor) to let her know.

POPCORN SALE BENEFITTING MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK

The Middle School Yearbook elective will be selling popcorn to all students (PK3-8th grade) the week we return from Spring Break. Popcorn orders will be taken during class time Monday, March 20 through Thursday, March 23. Popcorn bags are \$2.00 each. Choose from Butter, White Cheddar, Caramel, or Salsa. Order extra bags for gifts or snacks. Exact change is appreciated. Payment must be made during the order process. The popcorn will be delivered to students during school on March 27. If your child would like to enjoy a bag of popcorn, be sure that he/she pre-orders and pays between 3/20-23. Please help support the middle school yearbook elective and enjoy a tasty treat!



2017 AUCTION TOTAL: DRUMROLL PLEASE....

It is with great LION PRIDE that we announce ...

Because of our generous attendees and donors, we not only met, but exceeded our auction fundraising goal! Thanks to each and every one of you who donated your time, your talent, and/or your treasure to such a worthy cause -- our children. Because of you, the SmartLab is a reality, and will change the face of learning. We are so blessed to have such a supportive community. Soon, our students will reap the benefits!



2017. [Click here](#) for information, registration, and sponsorship opportunities. Please email [Marlene Ehring](mailto:Marlene.Ehring) for more information.

Download Game Photos: Check out the [Dallas Parochial League Smug Mug photo site](#). View and purchase photos from recent events.

Coach Safe Environment Training: All volunteer coaches for Baseball, Softball, and Track must submit their [Safe Environment](#) certification to [Marlene Ehring](mailto:Marlene.Ehring) as soon as possible.

ST. MARK YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle School Lock-In at Amazing Jakes: April 7-8; Cost \$40.00; Open to St. Mark members in grades 6, 7 and 8 (members can bring a friend); registration and payment deadline: Sunday, April 2. Go to www.stmarkplanoyouth.org for details and registration.

2017 Steubenville Lone Star - Life Teen: June 23, 24, 25; Cost \$280.00; High School Conference; Registration is open to current 8th graders and seniors. Go to www.stmarkplanoyouth.org for details and registration.

BISHOP LYNCH SUMMER CAMPS

This summer, Bishop Lynch High School is offering athletic, academic and art camps for students in grades K-8. Lunch will be included for all campers and there are many opportunities for

YOU'RE INVITED TO A 2018 GALA & AUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Where: Urban Rio (Upstairs Bar)

When: March 24, 6:00 PM

RSVP & Questions: [Rebecca Battles](#)

What is it? Do you have ANY interest in helping with the 2018 Gala & Auction? This meeting will allow you to ask questions about the process. **No commitment** is required. We want to see more parents involved with the planning and event. It is no secret that the Gala & Auction takes time and energy, but like all tasks, when broken down into smaller groups, they are easily achievable. Below is a list of a few key positions. We need 1-3 volunteers for each one. The committee usually meets once a month from September-January, and then more frequently as the event nears. Rebecca Battles is inviting any parent who is interested to come have a cocktail and some chips and salsa (it is Lent after all....no meat means extra carbs!).

Auction Website Set-up and Upkeep: This person will help load pictures, descriptions of items, ticket sales, etc.

Solicitations - sounds scary, but it isn't:

*Large Corporation Solicitations - These people will be delivering letters and tax exempt forms to local businesses, following up and retrieving donations.

*Alumni - These people will handle contact with our generous alumni and alumni families to seek repeat or first time donations. This involves phone calls and possibly mailings.

*In-Kind Solicitations - These people will handle cash donations from families, businesses, etc.

Event Night Coordination:

*Event Night Layout and Decorations - The bulk of work will fall in the February-April 2018 timeframe.

*Planning dinner tables, silent auction and live auction decorations

*Creating signage for the event night

parents to pair two camps and make it a full day of fun. [Click here](#) for more information, and [here](#) for a printable flyer.

JESUIT SUMMER THEATER FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

Jesuit College Preparatory School is offering an intensive 3-week Summer Theater program for 6th-8th grade students. [Click here](#) for details, or contact [Chris Patterson](#) (St. Mark Class of 2004).

CISTERCIAN CHEER TRYOUTS

Cistercian Cheerleading is open to Ursuline students and girls with a Cistercian relative. Join them for a pre-tryout meeting on April 11 at 5:30 PM. Tryout clinics take place April 18-20 from 4:30-7:00 PM, and tryouts take place April 21 at 4:30 PM. To register, visit www.hawkscheerdallas.com.

SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

A few scenes from this week. To learn the stories behind these photos, visit our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages!

8th Grade STEM Day:



Lent Activities:



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Field Day Volunteers: This fun, activity-filled day for students will be held on Wednesday, May 31. The Home & School Association, HSA member volunteers, and the P.E. coaches are planning many fun outdoor games for the students. Only HSA members may volunteer on Field Day. If you are interested in volunteering, please be sure your [Safe Environment](#) training is current for the 2016-17 school year. Not sure if you joined HSA? Contact [Ashley Ternan](#) to confirm your membership. More information on Field Day volunteer opportunities will be coming soon.

Box Tops: Please continue to collect Box Tops! Be sure to write the grade level on the baggies when you turn them in to the school office.

Don't forget to add the Box Tops app available for both iPhone and Android devices. It's free and easy to use! Simply load the app, pick from the offers, and scan a copy of your paper receipt. These offers can be repeated. The school is listed as **st mark catholic school** when you create your log in (note spacing). Or you can search school ID: 184443. In addition, Sam's Club has a special promo via the app for 100 bonus Box Tops (\$10!) when you purchase 3 General Mills products. This offer can also be repeated. If you have any questions, contact [Holly Lewis](#) or [Jennifer Pike](#).

You can help the school win 5,000 Bonus Box tops by going to www.boxtops4education.com/earn/sweepstakes daily. It expires on 3/12/17.



Amazon School Rewards Program: Weddings? Graduations? Be sure to shop at Amazon for all of your gift (and everyday) needs! St. Mark earns money when you shop through the link at the top of our [homepage](#).

Earn Money for St. Mark by Grocery Shopping: Link your Tom Thumb and Kroger shopper cards to St. Mark today by [clicking here](#) and earn money for our school simply by shopping for groceries. Kroger cards must be relinked each year.



Youth & Government:



Desk-Free Classroom in Spanish:



2nd Grade STEAM:



3rd

Grade STEM:



4th Grade Volleyball Champs:



Safe Environment: A reminder that you must be [Safe Environment](#) cleared to volunteer in any capacity at school. Contact [Toni Jobes](#) with questions.

ST. MARK COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM

March's prayer intention for our school:
For our Parish and its members.



Lenten Challenge: Will you join us in a Lenten Challenge? It is very simple. Just reach out to one person in our school community this week and tell them that you would like to pray for him/her and his/her family by name every day for one week and ask them to pray for you and your family by name every day for this week. Next week, you each ask someone different to do the same. Continue the challenge until Easter. Let's get praying for each other!

Upcoming Events:

* Our next Community Prayer Walk will be held on Friday, March 31. We will meet by the cross in front of the Narthex at 7:50 AM. Please join us in praying the rosary as we walk the perimeter of the school and church. We will meditate on the joyful mysteries while praying for the teachers, students, administration, clergy, school, etc.

*Join us every Monday at 2:30 PM in the Church Cry Room to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for our school.

KEEP UP THOSE REFERRALS

Next Open House: Early Childhood Education (PK-K):
Wednesday, April 26, 5:30-7:30 PM, ECE Building

School Tour Referral Incentive: Simply send someone you know to visit an upcoming Open House or take a school tour. Once they attend in person and indicate you as a referral, we'll send you a \$10.00 gift certificate to the Lion's Den Spirit Store...it's that easy!

Do you participate in a **neighborhood blog or website** such as www.nextdoor.com, or a neighborhood Facebook page? If so, please post our Open House date (see above). If there is room for more details, simply email [Debbie Reed](#) and she'll send them to you for posting.

Rugby Champs:



Cheer Champion:



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***And don't forget our Referral Thank You Program:**
Refer a new family to St. Mark and you could receive a \$500 tuition credit. [Click here](#) for details.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO SPREAD THE WORD
ABOUT OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL COMMUNITY!**

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