



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

April 21, 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, April 21:

-3rd grade received the Vocations Chalice at the All School Mass today and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

-Principal Appreciation Day

Saturday, April 22:

-10:00 AM, Church: 8th Grade Confirmation (students and sponsors meet at 9:15 AM in Cafetorium); reception immediately following in Narthex

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

Monday, April 24:

-Spring Enrichment Clubs End

Tuesday, April 25:

-8:30 AM, Church: ALL SCHOOL MASS - FEAST OF ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST

Wednesday, April 26:



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-Reports Cards Emailed (grades 1-8)

-5:30-7:30 PM, ECE Building: ECE Open House

Thursday, April 27:

-50's Day (details below)

-7:30 AM: School Advisory Council Meeting

Friday, April 28:

-NO SCHOOL MASS TODAY

-Ronald McDonald Dessert Day

Monday, May 1:

-St. Mark Spirit Day (see page 26 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#) for guidelines)

-8:00 AM, Room 142: Community Prayer Team Meeting

GET READY FOR '50s DAY!

On Thursday, April 27, we're *rockin' around the clock* with a school-wide **'50s Day!** Poodle skirts and saddle shoes, jeans and white t-shirts, pony tails and pompadours -- they're all part of the fun. It's free, and totally optional, but we hope all of our guys and gals will join in on this really *cool* day!



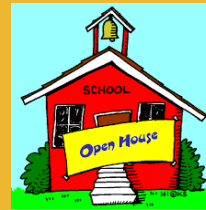
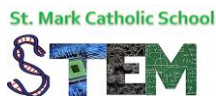
FIELD DAY T-SHIRT ORDERS

It's time to place your order for your child(ren)'s Field Day t-shirts. The deadline is April 24. Please [click here](#) for the online order form. Note: Volunteer t-shirt orders will be taken separately at a later date.



2017 S.T.E.M. FAIR SHIRT ORDERS DUE TODAY

Get your 2017 S.T.E.M. Fair t-shirts by today! Don't miss your chance to commemorate this



PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

Next Open House: Early Childhood Education Family Picnic & Open House (PK-K): Wednesday, April 26, 5:30-7:30 PM, ECE Building. [Click here](#) for details and pre-registration.

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.

***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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NEWS FROM ATHLETICS

awesome event. Shirts will be lime green with royal blue imprinting, and are \$8.00 each. Orders are due today. Print the [order form](#) and follow the payment instructions. Your order form must be submitted to the school office regardless of how you pay.

After the event, students may continue to wear these shirts during P.E. classes and on school Spirit Days.

AFTER SCHOOL & SUMMER PROGRAM UPDATES

After School Program Update

As you may have already heard, Ava's Place will be closing June 2. As a result, Father Cliff has graciously given us rooms in that building to house our After School Program beginning in the fall of 2017. We feel this move will allow us to improve an already wonderful program even more, and we look forward to taking advantage of this amazing opportunity.

Summer Program Update

Due to the construction that will take place on our campus this summer for our new SmartLab, St. Mark will not be hosting the Kidventure summer program. As an alternative for parents who need childcare during the summer months, we have met with the directors of the Primrose and Carpe Diem schools in both Plano and Allen, and would recommend them as options. Both schools offer holiday drop-in and special summer programs for school-age children. We chose these two schools because of the wonderful things our parents have said about them, and we were duly impressed with their programs as well.

1ST ANNUAL ST. MARK MOTHER & SON DANCE

Moms and Sons! Join Troop 6585 for the 1st annual St. Mark Mother & Son Dance on Friday, May 12 from 6:00-8:00 PM in the Cafetorium. This year's 80's theme is totally awesome! Enjoy pizza, photos, door prizes, and dancing. Costumes are encouraged but not required. The cost is \$30 per mother/son couple and \$10 for each additional child. RSVPs and payments are due May 9. [Click here](#) for the registration form.



Monsignor Smyth Golf Classic - Registration Now Available: This annual event, hosted by the Class of 2002, is scheduled for May 19, 2017. [Click here](#) for information, registration, and sponsorship opportunities. Please email [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.

JPII FOOTBALL

John Paul II High School invites you to their upcoming football activities:

May 4, 5:30 PM: Spring Practice & Coaching Staff Meet & Greet

May 12, 6:30 PM: Spring Football Game

May 12, 5:00 PM: Spring Powder Puff Game

Enjoy football, family and food! Follow them on Twitter @jpiih_s_football.

2017 LIL' RANGERETTES SUMMER CAMP

The Jesuit College Preparatory School Rangerettes Drill Team is hosting a summer camp for PK3-6th grade students from June 19-23, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. [Click here](#) for details and registration.

QUARTERBACK TRAINING AT JESUIT

YOU'RE INVITED: WORLD THINKING DAY

Calling all St. Mark Girls: Girl Scout Troops 3360 and 3380 would like to invite you to our **World Thinking Day**. Come see what Girl Scouts do as you watch our international presentations, use your passport to taste your way around the world, make a SWAP, and learn more about Girl Scouts. The event takes place Friday, April 28 in the Old Gym (Lions' Lair) from 3:30-5:00 PM. Cost is \$15.00. Please sign-up [here](#) by today, Thursday, April 13 to secure your spot on our grand adventure. Contact [Theresa Meyers](#) or [Elena Mappus](#) for more information.



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

HSA Committee Sign-Ups: We need you! The 2017-18 HSA Committee Sign-Up Genius will go live on April 24. Please take a minute of your time to see how you can help our school next year.

HSA Meeting: The 4th General HSA Meeting will be held on May 3 at 6:30 PM in the Cafeteria. Executive Board officers for the 2017-18 school year will be announced and the changes to the by-laws will be voted on.

Important Field Day Volunteer

Information: Parents who have paid their HSA dues will receive a link to a Sign-Up Genius to volunteer for Field Day. You must have paid your dues and be Safe Environment cleared by May 3 in order to volunteer.

If you would like to volunteer on Field Day, there is still time pay your HSA dues and become Safe Environment cleared. Please contact [Jill Dourty](#). Once you have paid, you will receive the link to volunteer.

***If you already signed-up to volunteer for Field Day at "Back to School Night," or have contacted Tara Roman or Ashley Ternan about volunteering, please note that you will still need to go through the Sign-Up Genius to secure your volunteer spot and submit your t-shirt size.

Bill Reagan, Elite 11 Coach and Former Notre Dame Football staff, will hold his Top Gun Quarterback Training at Jesuit's Postell Stadium on May 30, 31 and June 1 for grades 5-12. [Click here](#) for more information.

FRENCH MASS AT CISTERCIAN

Mrs. Denvir invites you to attend an upcoming French Mass at Our Lady of Cistercian Abbey on Sunday, April 30 at 10:30 AM, 3550 Cistercian Road in Irving. Follow along in French, volunteer to do a reading, and enjoy French snacks afterwards.



You're invited to attend an upcoming Public Mass with the seminarians at 9:15 AM: April 23 & April 30. Holy Trinity Seminary is located at 3131 Vince Hagan Drive in Irving.



Act up this summer! Join Drama Kids for a variety of drama camp themes. Half days and full days are available. Register at www.dramakids.com/tx3 or call 972-363-2369. Enroll by June 1 and receive \$20 off tuition (coupon code: **17Summer\$20**).

SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

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

Middle School Pro-Life Rally:

On the Sign-Up Genius, you can choose the game you would like to volunteer for (if spots are available). If all of the volunteer slots for that game are filled, please place your name in the "to be placed" area. You will then be assigned to a game or area that needs extra help. You will also be asked to give your t-shirt size -- please be sure this section is completed.

HSA dues payments, Safe Environment clearance, and volunteer sign-ups must all be completed by May 3.

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](#).



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.

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

ST. MARK COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM



Living Stations of the Cross:



LLS/Olive Garden Lunch:



Principal Appreciation Day:



NET Team Praise & Worship Mass:



8th Grade Day of Service:

April's prayer intention for our school:
For our Confirmation candidates.



A prayer for our Confirmation

Candidates: Holy Spirit, strengthen these Confirmation Candidates with your gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord, and serve as a disciple of Christ. Grant that they may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit. Help them to experience and trust your dwelling within, so that they can count on your guidance today and every day. Show us the way to help one another become better disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing your love with our world and with each person we meet. Come, Holy Spirit! Come!

Upcoming Events:

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

* Our next meeting will be Monday, May 1 at 8:00 AM, Room 142 near the Music Room.

BE SURE YOUR PARISH DATABASE INFO. IS CURRENT

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.****

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



Auction Birthday Party:



PK3 - "X" Marks the Spot:



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