



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

April 28, 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

Vocations Chalice: 5th grade received the Vocations Chalice at Tuesday's All School Mass and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

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

Tuesday, May 2:

-6th grade field trip

Thursday, May 4:

-9:00 AM, 2:00 PM, 6:30 PM, Cafetorium: Middle School Spring Musical, "Right Before Your Eyes" (details below)

Friday, May 5:

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass planned by the 5th grade. All are welcome.



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QUICK LINKS

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-12:00 PM Early Dismissal; Staff Day of Service; the After School Program is available until 6:00 PM; please send a lunch with all ASP students



10:00 AM-11:00 PM: Raising Cane's Fundraiser. Mention St. Mark as you place your order and a percentage of proceeds benefit the St. Mark Athletics Dept.

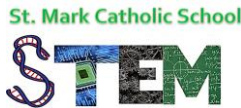
-4:30-8:00 PM: 2nd Annual STEM Fair (details below)

OUTSTANDING FEES

Parents: Please be aware that all student debts (such as library, cafeteria, school fees, textbook damage/replacement, late pick-up fee, ASP fee, etc.) need to be paid in full before a student may participate in our upcoming end-of-year events such as Field Day, Graduation, etc.

DON'T MISS THE 2ND ANNUAL S.T.E.M. FAIR!

The 2nd Annual St. Mark Catholic School S.T.E.M. Fair is coming up -- Friday, May 5 from 4:30-8:00 PM. Don't miss this incredibly popular event that has grown to include 70+ corporations, non-profits, universities, Catholic high schools and more, that come together to present hands-on, interactive booths to our students and their families highlighting Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Bring the entire family and enjoy drones, robots, rockets, storm troopers, food trucks, goody bags, giveaways, scholarships, and more!



YO-YO WEEK AT ST. MARK

On Wednesday, May 3, a professional yo-yo and spin top champion will conduct a program entitled, "The Science of Spin" at school during which yo-yoing and top spinning will be taught during our PE classes. She will return on Friday, May 5 for the S.T.E.M. Fair for more spinning and interaction with students. Yo-yos and spin tops will be provided for the classes (buying one is not mandatory). However, if you wish to purchase one, the models used in class are available for \$8.00. A professional "butterfly" ball-bearing style yo-yo will also be available for \$12, a professional non-responsive bearing model for \$20, as well as colored yo-yo string at 3/\$1.00. If you wish to order, please [click here](#) for the order form and payment details. Print the form, complete it, and return it with your payment to the school office.

SPRING MUSICAL: "RIGHT BEFORE YOUR EYES"

[Lion's Den Spirit Store](#)

2017-18 LIMITED OPENINGS

There are limited openings in select grade levels for the 2017-18 school year. Take advantage of our referral opportunities:

***School Tour Referral Incentive:** Simply send someone you know to 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!

***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

Fall Sports Registrations Now Open (click for details):

[JV & Varsity Football:](#)
Deadline = June 1

[JV & Varsity Cheerleading:](#)
Deadline = June 1

The St. Mark Spring Musical, "Right Before Your Eyes," is coming to the stage next week! Catch the evening performance at 6:30 PM, or come during the school day at 9:00 AM or 2:00 PM. It's another must-see St. Mark production featuring our students, and the many talents of Father Cliff and Mrs. Corsi!



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

JV & Varsity Volleyball:

Deadline = June 1

JV & Varsity Cross Country:

Deadline = August 15



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

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.

ATTENTION FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS!

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.

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.



**HOME & SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION**

HSA Meeting: The 4th General HSA Meeting will be held on May 17 at 6:30 PM in the Cafeteria (**note date change**). Executive Board officers for the 2017-18 school year will be announced and the changes to the by-laws will be voted on.

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

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 on 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

Junior Achievement: Thank you to the many volunteers, and especially to JA Chair, Kathleen Frye, who made the 2017 Junior Achievement program a fantastic success.

Confirmation: Thank you to all of our Confirmation volunteers, and to Victoria James, Confirmation/Graduation Chair, who hosted a wonderful reception after the Mass and helped make the day even more special for our 8th graders and their families.

Box Tops: You can still submit Box Tops until May 22. Please continue to use the Box Tops app for iPhone and Android. It's free and easy to use! [Click here](#) for instructions. **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 Jobes](#) with questions.

ST. MARK COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM

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

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



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

Confirmation:



First SmartLab Delivery:



'50s Day:



Feast of St. Mark/Food Round-Up:



7th Grade Visits the Zoo:



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.

LION PRIDE!

The Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP) 7th Grade Talent Search includes a qualified group of students who have demonstrated advanced aptitudes on grade-level assessments. Of that group, twenty 7th grade St. Mark students recently chose to take above-level college entrance exams (SAT/ACT) through Duke TIP: Abby A., JP A., Olivia B., Anthony E., Allison G., Luke H., Kendell K., Rebecca L., Anupa M., Alex M., Jack P., Jake R., Hannah R., Ann T., Alonso T., Cristian T., Tiffany T., Brenden V., Elena V., and Thomas W. Five students qualified for State Recognition (about 38% of all talent search participants) and will receive a medal from Duke TIP: Abby A., Rebecca L., Alex M., Alonso T., and Tiffany T. One student, Tiffany T., qualified for Grand Recognition (about 3% of all talent search participants) and will receive a medal from Duke TIP and an invitation to the Grand Recognition Ceremony at Duke University. Congratulations to all of these students!



6th Grade Teacher Lunch:



PK3 Easter Party:



Soccer Success:



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