



# ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

## WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

April 7, 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 7:

-2nd grade received the Vocations Chalice at today's All School Mass and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

-Middle School "Change For Life" Due

-Lion Safari Slumber Party (for auction winner)

### Sunday, April 9 - Palm Sunday:

-10:30 AM - Children's Choir Sings at Mass

### Monday, April 10:

-Kids Take Over the School

### Wednesday, April 12:

- "Free Dress Day" for the middle school class that filled their "Change For Life" container first (students will be notified directly)

-Teacher Luncheon hosted by 3rd & 4th grades



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-2:30 PM, Cafetorium: Middle School Pro-Life Rally

**Thursday, April 13 - Holy Thursday:**

-10:30 AM, Church: Living Stations of the Cross, presented by 8th grade

-12:00 NOON: Early Dismissal. The After School Program is available until 3:00 PM. Please send a lunch with all ASP students.



10:00 AM-11:00 PM: Raising Cane's Fundraiser: Place your order, mention St. Mark, and a percentage of your purchase will be donated to the Athletics Dept.

**Friday, April 14 - Good Friday:**

-No School

**Saturday, April 15 - Holy Saturday**

**Sunday, April 16 - Easter Sunday**

**Monday, April 17:**

-No School (due to unused inclement weather day)

**Tuesday, April 18:**

-Students may pay \$2.00 and wear "Free Dress" to school. See page 25 of the Parent Student Handbook for guidelines.

-School-wide Pasta Party. No need to send a lunch with your student unless he/she does not want pasta/salad/breadsticks.

**Tuesday, April 18-Friday, April 21:**

-Popcorn sale benefitting Middle School Yearbook (note revised dates)

**SCHOOL CALENDAR UPDATES**

We've been asked to clarify a few changes made to the school calendar during the year. Please be sure you have these revised dates:

**1. May 5 is an early dismissal day.** Students will be dismissed at 12:00 NOON. The After School Program will be available until 6:00 PM. Be sure to send a lunch with all ASP students.

**KEEP UP THOSE REFERRALS**

**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](http://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](mailto: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!**

**FAITH IN ACTION**



**April Virtue - Forgiveness:** Teachers discuss the Virtue of the Month with students to engage them into seeing the virtue in action. [Click here](#) for the 2016-17 virtues.

The 2nd Annual S.T.E.M. Fair also takes place on May 5 from 4:30-8:00 PM.

2. May 12 is no longer an early dismissal day. May Crowning still takes place on May 12.

3. Since we did not use our inclement weather days this year:

\*Monday, April 17 will be a school holiday.

\*Thursday, June 1 will be the last day of school, and we will have 12:00 NOON dismissal on that day. The After School Program will be available until 3:00 PM. Please send a lunch with all ASP students.

\*There will be no school on June 2.

### 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!

'50s  
Day

### STUDENT & CLASS PICTURE ORDERS

Student spring pictures and 2016-17 class pictures were sent home with students on Tuesday (4/4/17).

#### Student Pictures

You received proofs. You can either place your order/payment online, or complete the order form included with the proofs and return it to the school office with your payment. If you order prints online, or if you choose not to order pictures at all, there is no need to return the proofs to the school.

#### Class Pictures

All students who were present on class picture day received a class picture. If you wish to purchase the picture, send a check to the school office and keep the picture. If you do not, please return the picture to the school office. If your student was absent on class



**April All-School Service Project:** "My Favorite Service Project for 2016-2017" brochure, and cards for deployed troops

**Catholic School Teaching:** Solidarity **Who Benefits?** School community and deployed troops

**Details:** During class time, students will share insights about their favorite service project from this year, and create cards for deployed troops.

**Due Date:** April 28, 2017



**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 May. Sign-ups are due April 15. Half days and full days are available. Please remember, you must be [Safe Environment](#) trained to volunteer.

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NEWS FROM ATHLETICS



**Ursuline DPL Softball Night:** Join the UA Bears vs. Bishop Lynch Lady Friars for a fun night of softball on Friday, April 7 at 5:00 PM. [Click here](#) for more information.

picture day but you still wish to order a copy, please email [rene.oconnor@stmcs.net](mailto:rene.oconnor@stmcs.net).

All photo orders/payments are due April 20.

## FIELD DAY T-SHIRT ORDERS

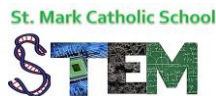
It's time to place your order for your child(ren)'s Field Day t-shirts. The deadline is April 24. Please [click here](#) for the online order form. Note: Volunteer t-shirt orders will be taken separately at a later date.



## 2017 S.T.E.M. FAIR SHIRTS NOW AVAILABLE

Get your 2017 S.T.E.M. Fair t-shirts! Don't miss your chance to commemorate this awesome event. Shirts will be lime green with royal blue imprinting, and are \$8.00 each.

Ordering is available from April 10-21. Be sure to place your order during this period to ensure you and your student get the correct sizes. 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.

## 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 Thursday, April 13 to secure your spot on our grand adventure. Contact [Theresa Meyers](#) or [Elena Mappus](#) for more information.



**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.

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

## 2017 AUCTION SURVEY

We want your feedback on this year's Gala & Auction, whether or not you attended. Please take a moment to [click here](#) and give us your thoughts so we can continue to make our annual fundraiser the best it can be. Thank you for your help!

## 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**

## LEGACY BRICKS

**Order your St. Mark Legacy Brick.** This is a wonderful opportunity to leave a permanent impression at St. Mark. For \$100, purchase an engraved brick with your family name, ministry, organization, your child's name and graduating class, or a loved one's name. Choose from a variety of logos: religious symbols, sports, cheerleading, scouts, music, and more. These bricks will become part of the entryway to St. Mark Catholic School. **Simply [click here](#) to place your order.**



## APRIL 10 - KIDS TAKE OVER THE SCHOOL

On Monday, April 10, kids take over St. Mark! Thanks to parents who were the highest bidders at our recent Gala & Auction, many students will be spending the day teaching in the classrooms, and a few more will be serving as "Principal For the Day" and "Assistant Principal for the Day." We can't wait to see what they have planned!

**Important notes for participating students:** Students should wear their best business attire and report to their regular 1st period class for attendance purposes by 7:55 AM. After morning announcements, students will be dispersed to the classrooms where they will be teaching for the day. Any participating students who have scheduled tests on April 10 will still take those tests. They will also participate in their specials classes, attend recess, and PE. A special lunch will be provided to participating students in the Teacher's Lounge. Please advise the school nurse of any food allergies.

## LION PRIDE

**PSIA:** Congratulations to all of our Private Schools Interscholastic Association contestants who took part in the 2017 PSIA Academic Meet on April 1 at All Saints. [Click here](#) to see the list of participants, and the 58 students who placed in their events. The 15 students highlighted are moving on to the State competition.

**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.

## ST. MARK YOUTH MINISTRY

**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. [Click here](#) for details and registration.

## BISHOP LYNCH SPRING OPEN HOUSE

Bishop Lynch High School invites all prospective K-8 families to a Spring Preview Open House on Thursday, April 20 from 9:00-11:00 AM in the BL Atrium. Enjoy breakfast and learn more about the BL experience. The event is geared towards parents, but students are welcome. Please [RSVP here](#) by April 13. Questions? Email [admissions@bishoplynch.org](mailto:admissions@bishoplynch.org).



## SUMMER CAMPS AT AREA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

Click the links to learn more:



[Bishop Lynch High School](#) offers a variety of sports and recreational camps for K-12 students.



**ROBOTICS:** Once again this year, the St. Mark Robotics Teams dominated the Diocesan Robotics Competition held earlier this week at St. Monica. We swept 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in the Arena Division, and won 1st and 3rd places in the Invention Division. Congratulations to the winning teams:

Arena Division:

1st place team: Jonas A., Alex M., Alejandro D., Biya C.

2nd place team: George L., Andrew A., Daniel A., Louis T.

3rd place team: Paul S., Jeremiah B., Christopher S., Alex C.

Invention Division:

1st place team: Amelia M., Gabriela M., Corina H., Peter K., Loe C.

3rd place team: Jason L., Renil G., Nataly M., Hannah R., Miley S., Sophie K.



**HOME & SCHOOL  
ASSOCIATION**

**H.S.A. Executive Board**

**Nominations:** Nominations will be opening soon. A link to a Sign-Up Genius will be sent. The deadline for nominations will be April 14. If more than two people have signed up for an Executive Board position, voting



Cistercian Preparatory School offers academic, recreational, and sports camps for boys in grades 3-12.



Jesuit College Preparatory School offers Sports Camps for boys and girls in grades PK3-12, and a co-ed Summer Theater Program for middle school and high school students.

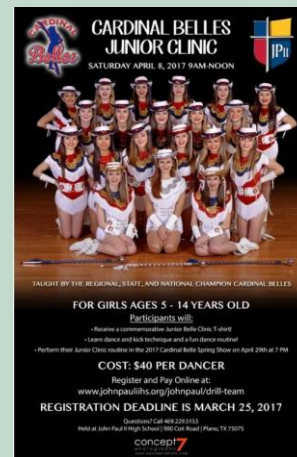


John Paul II High School offers Athletic Camps for middle school and high school students.



Ursuline Academy of Dallas offers Athletic Camps for students in grades 1-12.

**JPII BELLES JUNIOR CLINIC**



will begin on April 19. Those elected will be announced on May 3 at the 4th H.S.A. General Meeting. Submissions can also be submitted to the H.S.A. President, Ashley Ternan, at [ashleyternan@gmail.com](mailto:ashleyternan@gmail.com).

### 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 have already paid, please check your email.

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.**

**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

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

## SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

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

### Community Lent Activities:



### JPII PALS:



### Sister Maria Kim Visits 7th Grade:



### 3rd Grade Pioneer Days:



### 8th Grade Holocaust Discussion:



### Middle School Adoration:

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.

**Family Adoration:** Thanks to all who were able to attend Family Adoration last Friday. We had a great turnout with an estimated number of 100 in attendance. We are already planning for more Family Adoration hours next year! Can't wait until next year? Our church offers Adoration every weekday morning in the chapel from 7:00 until about 8:15 AM. On Fridays, Adoration is for 24 hours. Feel free to stop by anytime to be with Jesus and stay for as long as you can.



#### 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.



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