



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

May 12, 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, May 12:

-6th grade received the Vocations Chalice at Mass and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.



10:00 AM-11:00 PM: Raising Cane's Fundraiser.

Mention St. Mark as you place your order and a percentage of proceeds benefits the St. Mark Athletics Dept.

Saturday, May 13:

-10:00 AM, Church: 2nd Grade First Communion; Children's Choir Sings at Mass

Monday, May 15-Thursday, May 18:

-8th Grade Final Exams

-Popcorn Sale Benefitting Middle School Yearbook (details below)

Wednesday, May 17:

-6:30 PM, Cafetorium: HSA General Meeting

Friday, May 19:



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-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass presented by 6th grade; Celebrant: Bishop Burns; Orchestra Concert immediately following; all are welcome

-9:30 AM, Cafetorium: Newcomer Welcome Coffee

-1:00 PM, The Courses at Watters Creek: Monsignor Smyth Golf Classic (details below)

-School-wide Day of Service

Monday, May 22-Thursday, May 25:

-6th/7th Grade Final Exams

STAFF NEWS

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Ann Noel will join the St. Mark staff as the 6th grade Religion & Social Studies teacher, replacing Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Noel is currently teaching at St. Pius X Catholic School in Dallas. She has a broad range of teaching experience in a wide range of grades, including 6th grade Social Studies. Her children have come through St. Mark and she still has two children at our school. As a result, she understands the St. Mark culture and expectations. She is warm and caring, and we are thrilled that she is joining our staff. Please join us in welcoming her.

PARENT SURVEY REMINDER

A reminder to please complete the annual St. Mark Parent Survey using the link below by Friday, May 19. So far, only 87 parents have responded. It is vital that you provide your feedback, as we use the results of this survey to make improvements to our program and to plan for the future. Thank you for taking the time to provide your valuable input.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q2SR85X>

2017 MONSIGNOR SMYTH GOLF CLASSIC

Join us for the 23rd Annual Monsignor Smyth Golf Classic on Friday, May 19, 1:00 PM shotgun start, hosted by the Athletics Department and the St. Mark Class of 2002.

Enjoy an afternoon of golf and fellowship, followed by dinner, gift bags, door prizes, and a raffle. \$100 per golfer.



[Lion's Den Spirit Store](#)

FIDGET SPINNERS NOT PERMITTED AT SCHOOL

Please be advised that fidget spinners are considered a toy and are not permitted at school. We have been noticing that many students are bringing them to campus and they are becoming a distraction. Please refer to page 45 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#) for more details.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL REMINDER

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

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.

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

[Click here](#) for information, registration, and sponsorship opportunities. All proceeds benefit the St. Mark Catholic School Athletics program.

Special thanks to our tournament sponsors and donors:



Questions? Please email [Marlene Ehring](#) for more information.

POPCORN SALE BENEFITTING MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK - LAST CHANCE THIS YEAR!

Last Chance to Buy Popcorn This Year! The Middle School Yearbook elective will be selling popcorn to all students (PK3-8th grade) starting next week. Orders will be taken during class time on Monday, May 15 through Thursday, May 18. Popcorn bags are \$2.00 each. Choose from Butter, White Cheddar, Vanilla, 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 May 22. If your child would like to enjoy a bag of popcorn, be sure that he/she pre-orders and pays between 5/15-18. Please help support the middle school yearbook and enjoy a tasty treat!



SUMMER & AFTER SCHOOL 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

before a student may participate in our upcoming end-of-year events such as Field Day, Graduation, etc. logistically coordinated.

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.

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THE WORD ABOUT OUR
WONDERFUL SCHOOL
COMMUNITY!



Athletics Information for
Incoming 5th Grade

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.



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.

HSA Vice President Election: Current HSA members received a Doodle link to vote on the next HSA Vice President. Please contact [Mrs. Opon](#) if you have any questions regarding this election. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and for submitting your vote! The vote closes on May 17 at 12:00 NOON.

2017-18 HSA Committee Openings: Please take a moment to review the list of HSA committees still in need of volunteers: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4bab92da4fe3-stmark1>

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.

Families: If your incoming 5th grader is interested in playing on a school sports team during the 2017-18 school year, please [click here](#) to view a short Powerpoint presentation about the St. Mark Athletics program.

Fall 2017-18 Sports Registrations Now Open (click for details):

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

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

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

[JV & Varsity Cross Country:](#)
Deadline = August 15

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

JESUIT SUMMER ROWING CAMPS

The Jesuit College Preparatory School Crew Team is



hosting two summer rowing camps for boys and girls in 5th-8th grades (including rising freshmen). St. Mark alum **Conar Ehling '11**, former Jesuit Crew Captain and

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

May's prayer intention for our school: For our First Communion Candidates.

A prayer for our First Communion Candidates:
Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of the Eucharist You left us the outstanding manifestation of your limitless love for us. Thank You for giving these children the opportunity to experience this love in receiving the Sacrament for the first time. May your Eucharist presence keep them ever free from sin, fortified in faith, pervaded by love for God and neighbor, and fruitful in virtue, that they may continue to receive You throughout life and attain final union with You at death. Amen.



Upcoming Events:

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

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.

LION PRIDE!

Catholic Math League is a national math competition in which hundreds of Catholic schools throughout the nation participate to aid in the development of their students' mathematical skills.

This year, St. Mark Catholic School received Math 6 National Championship First Place, and Math 6 Division 2 Championship First Place! Additional congratulations to the following students for their outstanding performance on the Catholic Math League tests this year:

current member of the Varsity Crew team at the University of Delaware, will coach the rowing camps for the second year in a row. Session I: June 26-30; Session II: July 10-14, 8:00-11:30 AM. No experience necessary. [Click here](#) for details and registration.

JESUIT SUMMER BASEBALL CAMPS

The Jesuit College Preparatory School Baseball team is hosting three summer camps for boys in grades 3-8. Week 1: June 5-9; Week 2: June 12-16; Week 3: June 19-23. [Click here](#) for details and registration.

JESUIT 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.

FRENCH MASS AT CISTERCIAN

Mrs. Denvir invites you to attend an upcoming French Mass at Our Lady of Cistercian Abbey on Sunday, May 21 at 10:30 AM, 3550 Cistercian Road in

Algebra I:

Bobby V. - St. Mark Catholic School First Place
Matthew C. - St. Mark Catholic School Second Place
Aenghus D. - St. Mark Catholic School Third Place

7th Grade:

Alonso T. - Catholic Math League Division 2 Third Place; St. Mark Catholic School First Place
Jake R. - St. Mark Catholic School Second Place
Tiffany T. - St. Mark Catholic School Third Place

6th Grade:

Renil G. - Catholic Math League National First Place; Catholic Math League Division 2 First Place; St. Mark Catholic School First Place
Theresa T. - Catholic Math League Division 2 Second Place; St. Mark Catholic School Second Place
Austin G. - St. Mark Catholic School Third Place

5th Grade:

Max Z. - Catholic Math League Division 2 First Place; St. Mark Catholic School First Place
Gabby L. - St. Mark Catholic School Second Place
Sophie L. - St. Mark Catholic School Third Place

4th Grade:

Donte T. - Catholic Math League Division 2 First Place; St. Mark Catholic School First Place
Austin A. - St. Mark Catholic School Second Place
Reagan S. - St. Mark Catholic School Second Place

3rd Grade:

Ethan S. - St. Mark Catholic School First Place
Quyendi T. - St. Mark Catholic School Second Place
Pedro R. - St. Mark Catholic School Third Place



Way to go, LIONS! Thank you to all of this year's participants.

Irving. Follow along in French, volunteer to do a reading, and enjoy French snacks afterwards.

**SEEN & HEARD
AROUND ST. MARK**

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

May Crowning:



2nd Grade Sunflower Song:



2017 S.T.E.M. Fair



Fr. Cliff's Auction Dinner:



Soccer Stars:

Student Work of Heart Awards: At today's All School Mass, we celebrated all of our students who chose to participate in each of the 2016-17 monthly All School Service projects. Each was presented with a "Student Work of Heart" medal. These students gave of their time, talent and treasure to benefit others throughout the school year, and we are so proud to celebrate their spirit of giving. Medals were awarded to students by grade level. Here is just a sample ...



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Prayer Partners:



Nurse Appreciation Week:



Band Concert:



PK "A Fairy Tale Evening":



3rd Grade "Meet the Author":



Piano Champ:



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