



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

January 19, 2018

Prayer for the 2017-18 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 treat Jesus Christ, with all our heart, mind and soul.

REMINDERS

Today, Friday, January 19:

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

Saturday, January 20:

-Pre-Auction Mixer for Grades K-2 (details below)

Wednesday, January 24:

-8:15 AM, Cafeteria: Geography Bee

Friday, January 26:

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass presented by the 2nd grade. All are welcome.

-Re-enrollment for current families begins

Saturday, January 27 & Sunday, January 28:

-Catholic Schools Week: Students attend any parish mass in uniform (details below)

Monday, January 29-Friday, February 2:

-Catholic Schools Week celebration (details below)



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OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS DUE TO THE SCHOOL?

Now is the time to make sure all accounts are current. This includes (but is not limited to): library fines, cafeteria, after school care, late pick up, athletic fees, prefect fee, lost/missing textbooks, and tuition.

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year begins on Friday, January 26. Anyone with outstanding invoices will be blocked. Please contact the school office if you are unsure about your account status.

BAKE SALE DURING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

The 8th grade class will be hosting a bake sale during Catholic Schools Week. All proceeds will go towards their goal of sponsoring a child through the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The bake sale will begin on Tuesday, January 30 during Family Day and will be located just outside the Cafetorium. **The cost of the baked goods is simply a cash donation in any amount you choose.**



We are also adding a fun and competitive twist to the sale! Each class will be assigned either Mrs. Pantuso, Mrs. Oliver or Mrs. Opon. The teacher assigned to the class that raises the most amount of money will wear an opposing sports team shirt to school. Mrs. Pantuso will wear a Dallas Cowboys shirt (she is diehard a Redskins fan), Mrs. Oliver will wear a Texas A&M shirt (she bleeds burnt orange), and Mrs. Opon will wear a UT shirt (she bleeds maroon).

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR CSW MASSES AT AREA PARISHES

We still need a few families to represent St. Mark Catholic School at area parish Masses during Catholic Schools Week. Please [click here](#) to view the openings and to sign-up. Simply arrive a little early and stay a little while afterwards to talk with parishioners about our school. Students who attend in uniform will earn a "Dress Down Day" on February 7!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2018

Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. This year, Catholic Schools Week is scheduled for January 29-February 2. St. Mark Catholic School observes CSW with special activities each day that



QUICK LINKS

[Calendar](#)
[Lifetime Lions Alumni](#)
[Admissions](#)
[Lunch Menus](#)
[Safe Environment](#)
[Lion's Den Spirit Store](#)
[Work of](#)
[Heart Nomination](#)

USED UNIFORM SALE

Kids growing out of their uniforms? The Home & School Association will be hosting a Used Uniform Sale on Sunday, February 4 from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM in the Lion's Lair Gym.

Gently used uniform donations will be accepted in the school office between now and February 2. We are no longer accepting donations of the green uniform pants or walking shorts.

THANK YOU FROM THE STAFF



A sincere thank you to our Kindergarten and 6th grade families who hosted the January Teacher Luncheon on Wednesday. The "Super Bowl" food was the perfect remedy for the coldest day of the season. As always, we appreciate your WARM hospitality!

celebrate the people who make up our Catholic community. Click on the following links for details, paying special attention to the "Family Day Lunch Invitation," where all families are invited to enjoy lunch on campus with their child(ren):

[Parent Email](#)

[Catholic Schools Week Calendar of Events](#)

[Family Day Lunch Invitation](#)

[International Tasting Faire Information](#)

[Laps For Leukemia Pledge Form](#)

NEW FACTS PAYMENT SUMMARY FEATURE

With tax season upon us, FACTS Management would like to call your attention to a new feature that enables you to quickly and easily create a payment summary. By simply clicking "View Printable Payments Summary" on your Payments tab, you can retrieve and print a summary of payments for the year or any other specified timeframe. Each payment summary is compiled by student or customer, term, subaccount, and includes your school's Federal Tax ID number. If you have any questions regarding the new payment summary feature, please contact your FACTS customer service at 866.441.4637.

SVDP THANK YOU

The St. Mark/St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry wishes to express its gratitude to Mrs. Opon, the teachers, staff, parents and students of St. Mark Catholic School for their continued support, and for making the November 2017 school food drive the largest ever. Special thanks to Anne Hollenbeck for her years of volunteer work at the pantry and for assuring that the Thanksgiving turkeys got to the neediest families. At St. Mark, we serve!

HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT ST. MARK!

2018-19 admission season is here! Do you know someone interested in a St. Mark education for their PK-8th grade child? Here are some ways you can help us spread the word about St. Mark:



1. REFERRALS: Encourage prospective families to register for an upcoming **Open House**, our new **Come and Play Days**, or a **private tour** at www.stmcs.net/open-house-tours. If they attend, you'll receive a \$10 gift certificate for the Lion's Den Spirit Store, and if they enroll, you could receive a [\\$500 tuition credit!](#)

2018 Open Houses:

Tuesday, January 30, 9:00-10:00 AM, Cafetorium

Tuesday, February 6, 6:00-7:30 PM, School Library

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NEWS FROM
ATHLETICS

Winter Pep Rally: January 31, 2:15 PM, Bacot Gym. Families welcome! Basketball and Cheerleading families, please [click here](#) for details about Pep Rally posters, what to wear to school on Pep Rally day, etc.



The Lion's Den Spirit Store is open every Friday morning that school is in session from 7:30-8:15 AM in the Cafeteria hallway. Can't make it in person? Shop online at www.stmcs.net/spirit-gear. Once an order has been submitted it will be bundled and ready for pick up on Friday. Note: Not all items available are offered online.

Mark your calendar:

Basketball Schedules Are Out: [Click here](#) for dates/times and plan to come out and cheer on your LIONS teams. Don't forget to visit the Lion's Den Spirit Store during all home games!

Monsignor Smyth Golf Classic:

Friday, May 4,
2018



Tuesday, March 27, 8:00-9:00 AM, School Library
Tuesday, April 24, 5:30-7:00 PM, Early Childhood Bldg. (for PK/K families)

2018 Come and Play Days:

Families with preschool/kindergarten children are encouraged to play on our playground, enjoy a snack, and get a sneak peek inside our ECE classrooms. Open to individuals and playgroups.

Tuesday, March 20, 9:00-10:30 AM
Wednesday, April 11, 9:00-10:30 AM

2. NEIGHBORHOOD BLOG/WEBSITE: Do you participate in a neighborhood blog or website such as www.nextdoor.com, or a neighborhood Facebook page? If so, please take a moment to post our Open House and "Come and Play Day" dates (see above). If there is room for a detailed description, simply email [Debbie Reed](mailto:Debbie.Reed@stmcs.net) and she'll send the information to you for posting.

3. PLACE AN OPEN HOUSE SIGN IN YOUR YARD:
Are you willing to place a sign in your front yard advertising our Open Houses? Simply email [Debbie Reed](mailto:Debbie.Reed@stmcs.net) and she'll get one to you. Signs are approximately 18" x 24" and look like this:



**Pre-Auction Mixer K-2: Tomorrow,
January 20 at the Herrera Home in
McKinney.**

**If you did not get the evite or forgot to
RSVP, you are still welcome!
Contact [Rebecca Battles](mailto:Rebecca.Battles@stmcs.net) for details.**

HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

John Paul II
High School
invites you
to attend
their Future



Cardinals basketball games tonight, January 19. Free admission, free t-shirt, free Cardinal meal deal for Middle School students. [Click here](#) for more information.

Girls: JV game starts at 4:30 PM and Varsity starts at 6:00 PM.

Boys: Varsity game starts at 7:30 PM.

K-8 students:
Join Bishop
Lynch High
School for
"Future Friar
Night"



basketball games on
Tuesday, January 23
including free admission,
free t-shirt, games, prizes
and more.
[Click here](#) for complete
details.

Interested in Bishop Lynch
Cheerleading?



[2018 Auction Tickets Are On Sale Now - Click Here!](#)



Quarter Two Auction Challenge: Our Q2 winner of a VIP experience on Auction night is David Cowen. Thank you, David and Mireya Cowen, for your generous donation to the St. Mark teachers!

New Challenges

Challenge 1: All tickets purchased between now and 2/14 (Early Bird Sale Ends) will be entered into a drawing for a free hotel room night stay. Buy two tickets, get put in the drawing twice!

Challenge 2: All teacher tickets purchased between now and 2/1 will go into a drawing for either a free VIP experience (\$75 value), or a free hotel room stay. Each ticket is only valid for entry into one drawing.

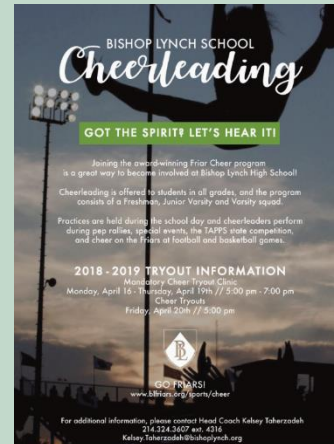
Challenge 3: All teacher tables purchased from now until 3/1 will get 2 VIP experiences and a bottle of wine on the night of the event

How You Can Help the Auction:

1. Buy your tickets: Simply purchasing a ticket is a donation to the school.
2. Buy a teacher ticket: We have a large need for parents/ organizations to sponsor teacher tickets. This is a tax deductible donation and can be purchased on our [Auction website](#).
3. Auction Sponsorship: Do you own a small business that would help support St. Mark Catholic School? Contact [Jennifer Pike](#) to get details on our sponsorship packages.
4. Auction Donations: Do you work for a cool company that would like to donate a product to be auctioned-off or coupons for our swag bags? Do you have connections to a local business that would benefit from advertising their products and services to our community? Contact [Rebecca Battles](#) for details.

Upcoming Auction Events:

Pre-Auction Mixers: As each mixer date approaches, email invitations will be sent to families via Renweb. You will receive an invitation to your grade-level mixer. However, please keep in



**Jesuit
Cheer Pre-
Tryout
Meeting:**



Is your child interested in becoming a Jesuit cheerleader? Come to the Parent/Cheerleader Informational Meeting on Tuesday, February 6 from 6:00-7:00 PM in Hughes Hall at Jesuit. [Click here](#) for details.



Do you know a faculty or staff member who has gone the extra mile for the education community at St. Mark? Consider nominating him or her for a Work of Heart Award through the Catholic Foundation. It's quick and easy. Award recipients are recognized at an All School Mass with a certificate and a check. [Click here](#) for details and the nomination form.

mind that you are welcome to attend any or all of the mixers -- we simply ask that you RSVP to each one. If you don't receive an email invitation to the mixer you wish to attend, please reach out to [Sherry Mehring](mailto:Sherry.Mehring).

Parents attending the Pre-Auction Mixers will have an opportunity to vote/rank a predetermined list of items helping determine how 2018 Auction dollars will be used. After all mixers are complete, the final decisions will be announced by Mrs. Opon. You must attend a mixer to receive a voting/ranking ballot.

Save the Dates:

*K-2 Mixer: January 20, 2018 @ the Herrera home in McKinney
[RSVP Here](#)

*6-8 Mixer: February 9, 2018 @ the Velasquez home in Plano
[RSVP Here](#)

Family Fun Fundraisers:



On January 30, we celebrate "Family Day" during Catholic Schools Week. Kendra Scott will be on site with a pop-up event. Details were recently sent to families via email, including a [Pre-Order Form](#). This is a great way to buy Valentine's Day or Mother's Day presents for that special lady in your life! Or moms....this is a way to simply treat yourself!

Please return the Pre-Order Form to jenn.rich@kendrascott.com and Caitlin.jordan@kendrascott.com by January 23 (note the extended deadline).

**February 2:
Metro-Plex Parent's Night Out**

**February:
Pei Wei Spirit Night**

Lenten Project: This year for Lent, to help our students learn to give back, the Auction Committee will be holding a "penny war" to raise funds for the students' outdoor water fountain. More details will be coming after Christmas break, but have your students start saving their pennies, nickels and dimes!



**HOME & SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION**



Middle School Lock-In at Amazing Jake's: January 26-27, 2018; open to all St. Mark members with children in grades 6-8; \$40.00; [click here](#) to register; registration deadline is Wednesday, January 24, 2018

Calling all High Schoolers - DCYC/Dallas Catholic Youth Conference:

February 23-25, 2018; open to all St. Mark members with children in grades 9-12; limited spots at St. Mark pricing of \$85; [click here](#) to register; registration deadline is Wednesday, January 17, 2018

K OF C "FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE"

The St. Mark Knights of Columbus Council 6065's *Father and Daughter Dance* will be held on January 27 in the St. Mark Cafetorium from 7:00-9:00 PM. Cost is \$30 per couple and \$10 for each additional daughter. For additional information, please [click here](#) or contact John Krumholtz at krumholtz1@verizon.net.

LION PRIDE!

St. Mark was represented by two teams at the Quiz Bowl Tournament held at Cistercian Preparatory



Announcing the St. Mark Talent Show, presented by HSA! Stay tuned -- a representative from HSA will be speaking to all grades at Mass soon.



2018 HSA General Meetings:

*March 28, 6:30 PM, Cafetorium: HSA 3rd General Meeting

*May 2, 8:15 AM, Cafetorium: HSA 4th General Meeting



Looking to volunteer? Check out the master [Sign Up Genius](#) link and all the ways you can help out.

ECE Music Help: Mrs. Schell needs help with the PK3 classes as students learn basic movement and music skills. Be ready to dance, skip and play instruments! The volunteer position is open to ALL volunteers, not just PK3 parents. You must be current on your Safe Environment certification to participate. [Click here](#) to sign-up.



Earn additional funds for St. Mark Catholic School by clipping Box Tops For Education from a variety of products, AND earning bonus Box Tops via the Box Tops app. Each Box Top submitted earns \$.10 for St. Mark. [Click here](#) for details. For more information, please contact Holly Lewis at anglophilefootballfanatic@gmail.com or Jennifer Pike at jenniferjslp@gmail.com.

ST. MARK COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM

School on January 13. Both teams performed very well! 7th grade team members were Louis T., Jeremiah B., Renil G., Sebastian R., and Jonas A. The team won half of their games and ended up in 10th place overall. Louis T. ranked 8th out of 81 students. 6th grade team members were Anthony N., Sebastian R., and Jozsi A. They made it to the quarter finals and Anthony N. ranked 3rd overall. GO LIONS!

SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

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

Lana N. Poem to be Published:

Seaside
Shining down
like soft rays
In the darkness
of the fro
and of the waves
against the rocky shore
where I stand
looking out into the deep
with the moonlight on my
back
and water at my feet
calmness of the sea
beauty of the moon
all belongs to me
and from me
soon to you

Senor Wooly Video Shoot:

The mission of the Community Prayer Team is to provide ways that we, as a community, can come together and pray throughout the year. For more information about our Prayer Team, [click here](#).



January's Prayer Intention for our School: For the finances of our church and school

This Week's Prayer: Please pray for our Confirmation candidates: Father, guide these candidates as they prepare for Confirmation. Strengthen them in their baptismal promises, build them into the kingdom of your Son, and seal them with the Spirit of your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Upcoming Events:

*Thanks to all who attended the Community Prayer Walk this morning! It was a lovely and prayerful event. Our next Community Prayer Walk will be held on Friday, March 23.

*Our next Community Prayer team meeting will be Monday, February 5 at 8:00 AM.

*Family Adoration will be Friday, March 2, 3:50-4:15 PM in the sanctuary. Stay tuned for details!

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PK MLK Day:



Alumni News:



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