



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

February 23, 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, February 23:

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

Monday, February 26:

-Spring Enrichment Clubs begin (details below)

Wednesday, February 28:

-Reconciliation - Grades 2-8

Thursday, March 1:

-Read Across America (details below)

Friday, March 2:

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

-3:35-4:15 PM, Church: Family Adoration

-4:30 PM, Church: Children's Stations of the Cross

-4:45-7:00 PM, Cafetorium: Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ANNUAL SURVEY



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Please check your email -- you should have received one from "Curt Adams" at The Oklahoma Center for Education Policy. This is the official 2017-18 school survey and we are hopeful that all families will respond as we use the results to shape our future plans. **This is the only survey we will do this year and it will take the place of our local school survey that we normally conduct at the end of the year.** Participation is voluntary and responses are anonymous. No one from the school will know who participated or see individual responses. **English and Spanish versions are available. The survey window is February 20-March 6, 2018. If you do not receive a survey, please let us know.**

SPRING ENRICHMENT CLUBS BEGIN MONDAY

Spring Enrichment Clubs begin next Monday, February 26. Please refer to the email you received from Mrs. Opon for your child's club location and pick-up time. All children enrolled in the After School Program will be walked over to the ASP building to wait for their regular after school pick-up ride. In case of late pick-up, your child will be taken to the After School Program where late charges will accrue. Please mark your calendar -- the last day of Spring Clubs is April 23.

READ ACROSS AMERICA

Join the fun as we celebrate "Read Across America," the nation's largest celebration of reading, focusing coast-to-coast attention on the importance and the joys of reading. This event coincides with Dr. Seuss' birthday each year. St. Mark will celebrate on Thursday, March 1. Students may **wear a crazy hat to school**, and they should be sure to **have a book with them** as we will all "stop, drop and read" together at 8:45 AM. In addition, the cafeteria will be serving the always popular "**Green Eggs and Ham**" for lunch.



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

[Lunch Menus](#)
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SUMMER PROGRAM UPDATE

We regret to announce that after much due diligence, St. Mark will not be offering a summer daycare program in 2018. We are truly sorry for any inconvenience this may cause some of our families. The good news is that we are already in the planning stage for the summer of 2019 and feel very confident we will be back on track to offer this option to our families in the future.

BUY A PRETZEL & SUPPORT THE YEARBOOK

The Middle School Yearbook elective will be selling soft-baked pretzels to students next week to raise money to cover the cost of printing the yearbook. Pretzel orders will be taken during class time from February 26-March 1. Pretzels are \$2.00 each. Exact change is appreciated. Payment must be made during the order process. The warm pretzels will be delivered to students during school as a morning snack between 9:00-10:30 AM on March 2. We will not be able to accommodate any orders on March 2, so if your child would like to enjoy a warm pretzel in class, be sure that he/she pre-orders and pays between February 26-March 1. Please help support the yearbook and enjoy a tasty treat!



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Spirit Store, and if they enroll, you could receive a [\\$500 tuition credit!](#)

2018 Open Houses:

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) and she'll send the information to you for posting.



March 6 is "Morning Drop-Off" for auction donations in all carpool lines (including class basket, parent, and organization donations). We will also have a drop-off location at the Smyth Pastoral Center located at the corner of 15th Street and Alma. If you have large items to drop-off, please use the Smyth Pastoral Center location so we don't create traffic back-ups.

Volunteer Opportunity

We are in need of volunteers to help take donations at each drop-off location, and to help us wrap auction baskets. **If you have 45 minutes to spare on March 6 to take auction donations, or if you would like to help Michelle Martin, Ashley Ternan and Rebecca Battles make our auction baskets worthy of an Oscar on March 8, 9, or 23, please [sign-up here](#).**

NEWS FROM ATHLETICS

All Star Basketball Games: The DPL 18th Annual All-Star Basketball games will be held at Bishop Dunne High School on Tuesday, February 27. The girls play at 6:00 PM and the boys play at 7:15 PM. Stay tuned -- your St. Mark All Star players will be announced next week!

Basketball Season: [Click here](#) for game schedules 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!



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:

Monsignor Smyth Golf Classic:
Friday, May 4, 2018



HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

Save the Date for the MISSION: RALLY Camo Carnival! Join the Bishop Lynch community for food, games, prizes, 3-on-3 basketball, bounce houses and more on Sunday, February





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

Ticket sales will close March 30, 2018.

Auction Package Previews:

Father Cliff's "Dinner for 12" auction package has been created - a "Feast of French Faire." Check out the [Auction website](#) for details on what to expect from our favorite Pastor at this year's Live Auction!

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.



New Challenges:

Challenge 1: Winners of a free hotel room night are Luis and Veronica Marques!

Challenge 2: Winners of a free hotel room night are Aaron and Angie Baldwin!

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

Upcoming Auction Events:

25 from 1:00-5:00 PM. All events will take place on the BL campus and admission is FREE! Proceeds benefit the BL Tuition Assistance Fund.

During the Camo Carnival, the MISSION: RALLY raffle drawing will be held. You could win a car, laptop, or VISA gift card. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Questions? MissionRally@bishopolynch.org.

Calling all kids ages 4-10! You are invited to a "Barn Party" on Sunday, March 4 during the



intermission of BL's 2:00 PM matinee performance of "Footloose the Musical." Plus, wear jeans and boots and join the cast on stage after the show for a dance party! Show tickets are \$10. Group rates are available. To make your reservation, email terry.may@bishopolynch.org.



Open Youth House: There will be NO Open Youth House today, February 23.

Lenten Fish Fry Service Opportunity for Grades 6-8: March 2 and March 16. To sign-up, please visit www.stmarkplanoyouth.org (under "Service") or contact Cristy Mijares at 972-578-9583 or cmijares@stmarkplano.org.

BINGO KNIGHT

Join the St. Mark



March 6 - Carpool line drop-off for all auction donations (baskets, class crafts, corporate donations, etc.)

March 20: Panera Bread, Richardson: Spirit Night

May 11: Metroplex Spirit Night (rescheduled)



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

We are in need of volunteers for Junior Achievement. If you are interested, please check out the [Sign-Up Genius](#).



JA classes span five weeks, and each class is taught once a week for 30 minutes. All teaching materials are provided. The volunteer works directly with the classroom teacher to schedule sessions that are convenient for both. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact [Kathleen Frye](#) or [Angela Coulter](#).

Hear ye, Hear ye! Did you hear about the class that won the Box Tops Challenge without even playing? Neither did we! Let's play! Box Tops are due TODAY! Please carefully cut out unexpired Box Tops from participating brands; place in a Ziploc or envelope; clearly write your child's grade/teacher on it; and turn them in to your child's teacher by February 23. Box Tops submitted without grade/teacher on them will not count for this competition. Classroom/ Homebase winners will receive 5 points on a quiz/exam for grades 3-8 and winners in PK3-2 will receive a special treat. Thank you for your support!



All registered Talent Show participants and alternates have been sent a detailed email with information regarding rehearsals. If you have not received an email, please contact Jolea Broome at jo_cool@sbcglobal.net.

Knights of Columbus Council 6065 for "Bingo Knight" benefiting pro-life charities on Saturday, February 24. Social hour begins at 6:00 PM and Bingo starts at 7:00 PM. Register online at www.squareup.com/store/6065 for \$25, or \$30 at the door. Grand prize is a \$600 gift card. Must be 21 years old.

SAVE THE DATE FOR ST. MARK VBS

Save the date for Vacation Bible School at St. Mark Catholic Church: July 16-20, 2018!



Join us for Mass with the seminarians on Sunday, February 25 at 9:15 AM at Holy Trinity Seminary, 3131 Vince Hagan Drive, Irving. Mass is followed by a reception with the seminarians.

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!

Destination Imagination Champs!



Dallas County Spelling Bee:



2018 HSA General Meetings:

*Please note that the March HSA meeting is being replaced by the Talent Show.

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

VOLUNTEER



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.

ST. MARK SCRIP PROGRAM: Purchase gift cards for gifts, or stock up for stores and restaurants that you frequent. Use the gift cards as you would your own cash or credit cards. Tell family and friends - anyone can order and St. Mark receives a percentage from every sale! Orders are accepted year round.



ST. MARK COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM

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](#).



February's Prayer Intention for our School: For other schools in the Diocese, the high school our children will attend, as well as those they may never enter.

Family Adoration: Please bring the whole family and join us next Friday, March 2 from 3:35-4:15 PM in the sanctuary for adoration. NET team members will be leading us in praise and worship music, explaining what adoration is, and providing some time for silent prayer. Planning to attend? Want to skip the carpool line? Email your child(s) homeroom teacher if you would like to meet your child(ren) in the sanctuary by the breezeway door (entrance next to the cry room).



Choctaw Recognition:



Staff Community Soup Luncheon:



Upcoming Events:

- *Family Adoration: Friday, March 2, 3:35-4:15 PM, Sanctuary
- *Prayer Team meeting: Monday, March 5, 8:00 AM, Room 116
- *Community Prayer Walk: Friday, March 23, 7:55 AM, Narthex

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