



## *St. Mark Catholic School*

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### Virtue of the Month – Joy

Teachers discuss the Virtue of the Month with students by using either stories or activities to engage them into seeing the virtue in action. Ask your child what he/she is learning about “Joy” this month.

### Reminders For Next Week

#### **Monday, August 25, 6:30 PM, Cafetorium: Band Parent Meeting**

Students in grades 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> are eligible to participate in the St. Mark Band program. Join us to learn more.

#### **Tuesday, August 26, 8:15 AM, Cafetorium: Room Parent Meeting**

#### **Wednesday, August 27: School Picture Day**

Please be sure your child arrives at school in full uniform, including the school sweater.

#### **Friday, August 29: School Liturgy**

Our All-School Mass will be held at 8:30 AM in the church. All are invited to attend.

### Signature Pages Due September 8

Each year, our Parent Student Handbook is distributed to all families at “Back To School Night.” It can also be accessed on our website by [clicking here](#). Each family is required to review the policies in this handbook. On page 1 of the handbook, you will find a “Signature Page.” Parents and students are asked to read the “Signature Page,” sign in the spaces provided, and return it to the school. **Please submit your signed Signature Page to Mrs. O’Connor by September 8.**

## Home & School Association (HSA) News

Welcome back to St. Mark! We are excited to welcome each one of you to this wonderful new school year.

**Start of school year:** We enjoyed seeing each of you at Back to School Night this last week. If you were not able to pay your HSA dues then, please send the [membership form](#) and check to school as soon as possible. A HUGE thank you to all of you who volunteered! We have EVERY committee and event chair position filled! [Click here](#) for the updated contact sheet for the HSA Board.

**2013-2014 Memory Books:** If you are interested in purchasing last year's Memory Book, please complete the [order form](#) and submit it with a check made payable to “St. Mark HSA.” St. Mark HSA will continue to sell last year's Memory Books while supplies last. If you have any questions, please email Annabelle Zakarian at [belz73@yahoo.com](mailto:belz73@yahoo.com).

**School Directories:** School directories will be distributed to all paid HSA members at the end of September. Please know that if any contact information is needed prior to the publication, it can be obtained in RenWeb.

**HSA Calendar:** We encourage you to check the [HSA Calendar](#) on the website for our upcoming HSA meetings. This school year we are hoping to alternate meetings between mornings and evenings to ensure all parents can attend and participate in decisions for our children.

**Room parents:** Our first Room Parent meeting will be on August 26 at 8:15 AM in the Cafetorium. Thank you to all of you who volunteered. We have been working this week on looking for volunteers in classes that are still in need of room parents. We will have the finalized list ASAP. Be on the lookout for an email from Liz Delaney.

Once again, thank you. We look forward to working with you this upcoming school year!

Liz Delaney  
HSA President

## After School Program

We are up and running in the After School Program. Spaces are filling quickly in each of the three ASP classrooms. If you are interested in your child(ren) attending the ASP on a part-time or daily basis, please submit your paperwork. Registration paperwork must be

completed annually and submitted with the \$50 registration fee per family. Please [click here](#) for registration information. Correspondence regarding registration or pick-up changes may be sent to [asc@stmcs.net](mailto:asc@stmcs.net).

### It's Time to Order 2014-15 Middle School Yearbook Ads

This year's book will be in full color! In order to guarantee ad space, you must pay for your ad by Friday, October 17, 2015. Pictures do not need to be submitted until December 5 (see below).

### Reservation of Space/Payment Deadline - Friday, October 17, 2014.

#### Ads ordered by September 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM

Ads are \$45 for one quarter page (3.25" x 4.5"), \$70 for one half page (6.75" x 4.5"), and \$120 for one page (6.75" x 9.25").

#### Ads ordered between September 6<sup>th</sup> and October 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM

Ads are \$55 for one quarter page (3.25" x 4.5"), \$80 for one half page (6.75" x 4.5"), and \$130 for one page (6.75" x 9.25").

#### Ads ordered **after** October 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM

Ads are \$75 for one quarter page (3.25" x 4.5"), \$100 for one half page (6.75" x 4.5"), and \$150 for one page (6.75" x 9.25").

**NOTE: Ad space cannot be guaranteed if ordered after October 17<sup>th</sup>.** To place an order for a yearbook ad:

1. Print and complete the ["Pictures and Layout" form](#). Submit the form, along with your photos, to Mrs. Stacy Oliver.
2. Submit your payment. Payment may be submitted in the form of cash or check (submitted directly to the school), or via electronic payment.

If you would like to make your payment electronically, you may do so by [clicking here](#), or by visiting the school website (see Quick Links on the homepage). Please select the 'party/activity' option. In the comment box, write **'yearbook ad' and your child's name**.

Questions about yearbook ads? Please contact Mrs. Oliver at [stacy.oliver@stmcs.net](mailto:stacy.oliver@stmcs.net).

### Get Involved In St. Mark Events and Organizations!

**St. Mark Community Carnival is Coming Up:** Save the date! The St. Mark Community Carnival is being held October 10-12. There are lots of ways to volunteer. Sign-ups will begin on September 1. [Click here](#) for more information, or contact [claudine.humphries@gmail.com](mailto:claudine.humphries@gmail.com).

**American Heritage Girls:** American Heritage Girls is the premier national character development organization for young women that embraces Christian values and encourages

family involvement. The mission of American Heritage Girls is "Building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country." [Click here](#) for more information.

**Band:** Participation in the St. Mark band is open to students in 4th through 8th grades. The program is administered and taught by Music Learning Band. [Click here](#) for more information. There will be a Band parent meeting on Monday, August 25 at 6:30 PM in the Cafetorium.

**Boy Scouts:** Since 1964, the St. Mark Boy Scouts organization has been providing boys a safe and fostering environment to grow into young men of character, faith, and integrity. It is open to boys who are 11 years old, or who have completed the 5th grade or earned the Arrow of Light Award and who are at least 10 years old. [Click here](#) for more information.

**Choir:** School and parish students in 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades are eligible to participate in the St. Mark Children's Choir. The choir performs at several liturgies throughout the school year. Practices will be held from 4:00-5:00 PM on Wednesdays. Registration forms are due September 5; the first day of choir practice is September 10. [Click here](#) for more information.

**Cub Scouts:** Cub Scouts is an organization for boys in elementary school. Emphasis is on the scouting principles of character development, spiritual growth, good citizenship, sportsmanship, family understanding, respectful relationships, personal achievement, friendly service, fun, and adventure. [Click here](#) for more information.

**Girl Scouts:** St. Mark's Girl Scouts discover fun and friendship through a myriad of experiences such as the STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), community service projects, cultural exchanges, camping, and Diocesan Catholic Award program. They promise to serve God, country, and live by the Girl Scout Law. [Click here](#) for more information.

**Respect Life Club:** Registration is open for the 2014-15 Respect Life Club, an after-school opportunity for students in grades 1st through 8th. Students experience guest speakers, fun activities, and numerous opportunities to serve others, while being reminded of the God given dignity of all human life. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Keep Sending in Those Bottle Caps

Our Art Teacher, Ms. Tammy, needs approximately 2,000 plastic bottle caps! She is working with our Middle School students to create a large "Starry Night" mosaic out of recycled bottle caps that will hang in the school. They can be all colors and sizes from beverages such as Gatorade, soft drinks, and bottled water. Ms. Tammy will give out a "Caught Being Good" coupon for each bag of 5 caps brought in.

### Follow Us on Social Media

Want to get the latest St. Mark news in real time? Follow us on social media! We are on Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest. Click on the widgets located at the top of the website [homepage](#), or connect with us as follows:

Facebook – St. Mark Catholic School - Plano, TX

Twitter - @stmarkcatholic

Pinterest – St. Mark Catholic School

## Seen & Heard Around St. Mark

Middle School Safari: On Monday, our Middle School students went on safari...a school safari, that is! They each decorated a different animal mask to wear. They were given maps and asked to explore the campus and check-in at various school offices, teachers' classrooms and other locations throughout the school. See the photo of our students on safari at the top of the bulletin!

More Baseball Stars: Last spring, current 5<sup>th</sup> graders Aaron K., Jake R., Thomas W., and Oliver C. participated in the Allen Sports Association 10U Competitive Baseball division and they took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the post season tournament. Congratulations, boys!

Also last spring, several current St. Mark 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys competed in their seventh straight baseball championship through the Allen Sports Association and took 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Four St. Mark boys were selected as All Stars from that team to compete in the AAYBA World Series Tournament (Nick G., Austin G., Charlie H., and Evan J.). A second team made up of St. Mark boys played in the 9U league and went undefeated 11-0 to win their ASA Championship. Team members were Drew A., Luke G., Austin G., Nick G., Charlie H., Jackson H., Evan J., Zach P., and Alex R. Congratulations, boys!