



# ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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**WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN**

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## REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK

### **Monday, March 23**

1:50 PM, Cafetorium: Anti-Bullying Assembly presented by Tom Scott, St. Mark alumnus and U.S. Karate Team member

### **Wednesday, March 25**

-Free Dress Day for 8th grade students (see details below)



**A NATIONAL SCHOOL  
OF EXCELLENCE**

St. Mark Catholic School is a two time recipient of the U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon Award, and has been nominated to apply for a rare third award in 2015.

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-7:15 AM, all morning carpool lines: Drop off Baby Shower donations for March service project

-8:15 AM, Cafetorium: HSA General Meeting (see more details below)

-Lenten Reconciliation, grades 2-8

### Thursday, March 26

John Paul II High School PALS Visits 5th Grade

### Friday, March 27

-7:30-8:15 AM, Cafetorium: Lion's Den Spirit Store Open

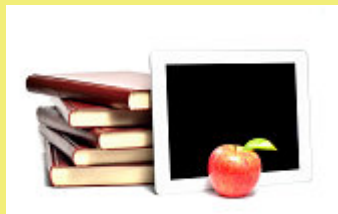
-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass - All are invited to attend. This Mass will be presented by the 7th grade. They will perform the Call to Worship, the Mass readings, and present the Communion gifts.

### Sunday, March 29

-Palm Sunday

-10:30 AM, Church: St. Mark Children's Choir Sings at Mass

## FINAL 2 WEEKS: TEMPLETON CHALLENGE!



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LIONLAND

### Virtue of the Month - Kindness

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



### Vocations Chalice

7th grade was presented with the Vocations Chalice at the conclusion of today's All-School Mass. They will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

### March All-School Service Project

The March service project is the annual Baby Shower benefitting White Rose and Birth Choice pregnancy crisis centers. It will be held at school on Wednesday, March 25. **Preschool and elementary students** will donate needed items. [Click here](#) for the list. Donations may be brought to school between March 16-24, or given to volunteers in all morning carpool lines on March 25. **Middle school students** will donate coins during lunch between March 2-20. The money collected will be used to purchase car seats for the centers. [Remember, monthly service projects count as a grade for all students.](#)

## \$88,985 ... With Two Weeks To Go!

Thanks to our very generous donors, we've nearly reached our Templeton Family Technology Challenge goal!

### **Let's not leave any funds on the table!**

Mary and Rich Templeton are matching donations up to \$100,000, which leaves us about \$11,000 shy. But with your help, we can reach our goal.

**If those families who have not yet donated will give just \$30 each, we will meet our \$100,000 target!**

Simply [click here](#) to make your donation by April 6.

And remember, for those with a company match program, those funds will also be matched 100%. It's a wonderful way to triple your donation amount.

We're on a roll, Lions! Please do your part to help us reach our technology goal, which will benefit ALL St. Mark students!

### **March Brag Board**

Check out the "incredible" things that 1st grade has been up to during the month of March! The Brag Board can be found in the breezeway between the Cafetorium and the Administration Offices. Bring along your tablet or smartphone so you can scan the QR codes and see even more!



### **Lion's Den Spirit Store Hours**

Check in at the school office on Fridays from 7:30-8:15 AM and shop 'til you drop at the Lion's Den Spirit Store located in the Cafetorium. Can't visit in person? [Place your order online anytime!](#)

### **Calling all alumni ... Join Lifetime Lions!**

St. Mark alumni are invited to join Lifetime Lions, our official alumni network. Keep up with former classmates, learn about mentoring opportunities, and volunteer for service hours. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **CARPOOL LINE REMINDER**

A reminder to follow the direction of traffic, stay alert, and listen to staff instructions in all carpool lines. Safety first!



## NEWS FROM THE ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT



**Monsignor Smyth Golf Tournament:**  
Get your foursomes together and mark your calendars for the 2015 Monsignor Smyth Golf Tournament - Friday, April 24, 2015 at The Courses at Watters Creek in Allen. This annual event, hosted by St. Mark alumni, is always a fun outing complete with a round of golf, dinner and prizes. Shotgun start at 1:00 PM. Click [here](#) for details, registration, and sponsorship opportunities!

## "BEST BOOK I READ THIS YEAR" ENTRIES DUE MARCH 31

A reminder that the "Best Book I Read This Year" contest entries are due on Tuesday, March 31. [Click here](#) for more information.

## SPRING ENRICHMENT CLUBS END MARCH 30

A reminder that Spring Enrichment Clubs end on Monday, March 30. Please make plans to pick-up your student at regular dismissal time after that date. Students in the After School Program will go there directly at dismissal. Our clubs were a great success this year, and we look forward to bringing more club opportunities to our students next fall!

## 8TH GRADE WINS "CHANGE FOR LIFE" CONTEST

Congratulations to our 8th grade class -- they filled their "Change For Life" jar first during this month's coin collection benefitting the White Rose and Birth Choice centers. They have earned a free dress day on Wednesday, March 25!

## SUPPORT SCOUT TROOP 285 AND SAVE

**Baseball and Softball Season:** Schedules will be posted March 21. For more information about season dates, please [click here](#).

## GO LIONS!

### HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (HSA) NEWS

**HSA Meeting:** HSA will hold its third general meeting for all parents on March 25. Join us at 8:15 AM in the school cafeteria to meet other parents, and to learn more about upcoming volunteer opportunities. **Mrs. Opon will discuss the new uniform policy and provide an update on the technology initiative.** We will also be discussing officer and committee chair positions for the 2015-2016 school year. The class with the most parents in attendance will win a class snack party! In addition, all students whose parents attend will receive a "5 points on a test" pass!

**Upcoming HSA Board Elections:** Nominations for the elected positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary are now being accepted. If interested, please contact [elizabeth.ann.delaney@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.ann.delaney@gmail.com) by April 10. For information about each position, please [click here](#).

**Prefecting Guidelines:** The HSA has compiled instructions and general information about the St. Mark prefecting program for parents to reference. Please take a moment to review them before your next prefecting duty by [clicking here](#).

Boy Scout Troop 285 will be selling "Camp Cards" in all afternoon carpool lines today. Purchase a card for \$5.00, then save \$5.00 at Kroger, \$10.00 at Dick's Sporting Goods, plus additional savings at area retailers such as Wendy's, Sonic, Hawaiian Falls, Bass Pro Shops and Legoland. Support our St. Mark scouts and save!

### DON'T WAIT, PARTICIPATE!



**Registration Going On Now For St. Mark Summer Camps:** It's not too late to register for St. Mark full-day and part-time summer camps! A variety of weeklong camp themes are available. [Click here](#) for more information and registration.



**The 2015 Carnival Committee is Seeking Volunteers:** The 2015 St. Mark Carnival will be held October 30-November 1 and we are looking for committee members and ideas! Right now, we are in particular need of: **Raffle Chair, Volunteer Coordinator, Graphic Design/ Advertising Chair and Solicitations Chair.**

## MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN AT AMAZING JAKE'S

6th, 7th and 8th graders: Join youth from St. Mark, All Saints, Our Lady of Angels and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton for a great night of fun, fellowship, games and pizza! Meet us at the St. Mark Cafetorium on Friday night, April 10, at 10:00 PM. We will walk from the Cafetorium over to Amazing Jake's and will get to play all night long! Parent pick-up will be back at St. Mark at 6:30 AM on Saturday, April 11. The cost is \$40 per student. Call the Youth Ministry Office at (972) 578-9583 to sign-up.

## SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

**5th Grade Presents Lorax Projects:** This week, our 5th grade students were challenged to recycle discarded household items and repurpose them into something useful. You'll find an incredible display of creativity on exhibit in the Library including desk organizers, bird feeders, and snack dispensers!

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**Troop 285 in the News:** [Click here](#) to read an online article that appeared in the *Dallas Morning News* "NeighborsGo Plano" section about St. Mark Troop 285's recent campout.

**Preschool Enjoys St. Patrick's Day Fun:** St. Patrick puppets, a search for a Leprechaun shoe, and pretending to be snakes following St. Patrick to the ocean -- it's all part of "a day in the life of a St. Mark preschooler!"

Please contact Claudine Humphries at [claudine.humphries@gmail.com](mailto:claudine.humphries@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping at this year's event.

## IN ALUMNI NEWS ...

**Alums Earn Boy Scout Awards:** Congratulations to 2011 alumnus and current senior at Bishop Lynch High School, Joseph G., who recently earned his Eagle Scout rank. St. Mark directly benefitted from Joseph's Eagle Scout project, which was the landscaping of the parking space area in the school's front circle.

Congratulations are also in order for Class of 2014 alumni and current freshmen at John Paul II High School Kyle S., Will O., Kolbe B., and Jason B., along with Class of 2012 alumnus and current junior at John Paul II, Joseph B.. They recently earned their Boy Scout Ad Altare Dei Medals. This award is given to scouts who dedicate themselves to learning about the church's seven sacraments and live them through service to the community.

## LION PRIDE!



**Art History Elective:** While it may appear that our Art History students were laying down on the job, they actually learned that painting the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel must have been hard work for Michaelangelo!

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Just some of the many reasons we're so proud to be St. Mark Lions ...

**Boy Scouts Earn Awards:** 8th grader Mark V. earned his Eagle Scout rank on March 2. In addition, 8th grader Jace B. earned his Ad Altare Dei medal. Congratulations on these accomplishments!

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