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REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday, April 13

3:30 PM, Cafetorium: RLC Meeting: Respect for Differently Abled Children

Wednesday, April 15

-Teacher Luncheon hosted by 3rd & 4th grades

-6:30 PM, Cafetorium: Kidventure "Full Day"
Summer Camp Info. Meeting (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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Friday, April 17

-7:30 - 8:15 AM, Cafetorium: Lions Den Spirit Store Open

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass, presented by the 1st grade. They will perform the Call to Worship, the Mass readings, and present the Communion gifts. All are invited to attend.

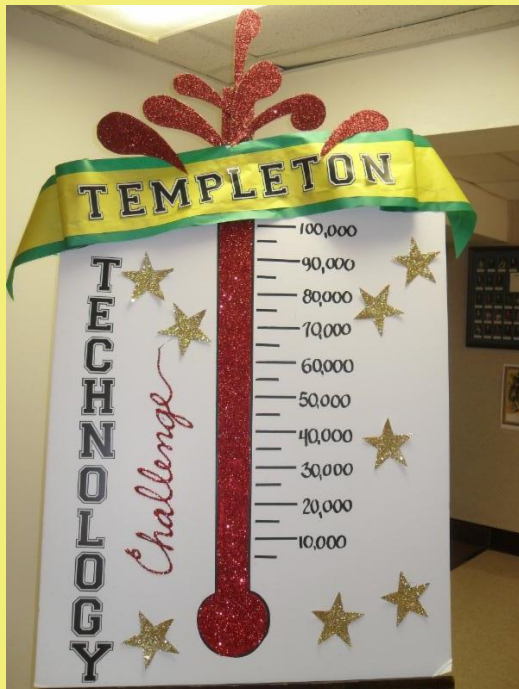
Saturday, April 18

10:00 AM, Church: Sacrament of Confirmation & Children's Choir Sings at Mass

TEMPLETON CHALLENGE RESULTS

Thanks to your support, the mercury on our Templeton Family Technology Challenge "thermometer" has exploded through the top!

Stay tuned for official results...



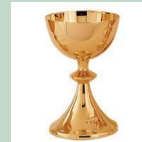
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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LIONLAND

Virtue of the Month - Love

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 "Love" this month.



Vocations Chalice

First 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.

April All-School Service Project

For the April service project, St. Mark will compete against other schools in the Diocesan-wide Food Round-Up for Catholic Charities of Dallas. Each grade will donate a particular item (see the list below). **Students may bring items to their classrooms anytime between April 1-20 (please note the early deadline).** Remember, the monthly service project counts as a grade for all students.

Preschool - Canned Beans

TK & K - Canned Meats

1st Grade - Canned Fruit

2nd Grade - Canned Soup

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION OPEN HOUSE - APRIL 29, 2015



Do you know anyone interested in Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten for their young child? St. Mark will hold an "Early Childhood Education" Open House on Wednesday, April 29 from 4:30-6:30 PM (come and go). Visitors can learn more about our programs, tour our facilities, meet our staff, and enjoy a picnic dinner. Pre-registration for the Open House is available [here](#).

BEST BOOK CONTEST RESULTS

Congratulations to the winners of "The Best Book I Read This Year" contest!

2nd-3rd grades: 1st Heather M., 2nd Amelia M., 3rd Madelin M.

4th-5th grades: 1st Marie D., 2nd Biya C. AND Theresa T., 3rd Tiffany T.

6th-8th grades: 1st Sarah H., 2nd Elena G., 3rd Joel K.

All of our first place essays will be sent on to compete at the Diocesan level.

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FIELD DAY T-SHIRT ORDERS

St. Mark Field Day will be held on Wednesday, May 27. In preparation, we need t-shirt sizing information for all students in preschool - 7th grade, as well as for all parent volunteers (shirts are provided to everyone at no charge). Please

3rd Grade - Canned Vegetables

4th Grade - Jelly (18 oz.)

5th Grade - Cereal & Oatmeal (16-17 oz.)

6th Grade - Cooking Oil

7th Grade - Dry Beans, Rice, & Pasta

8th Grade - Peanut Butter (18 oz.)

April Brag Board

Check out what 4th grade has been up to this month! As always, bring along your tablet or smartphone and scan the QR codes for more. The Brag Board is located in the breezeway between the Cafetorium and the Administration Offices.



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.

[click here](#) to order your shirt(s) by Thursday, April 16.

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (HSA) NEWS



Spring Scrip Gift Cards on Sale

April 8-24! Purchase plastic gift cards or ScripNow eCards from participating retailers and a percentage is given back to St. Mark! Over 400 retailers participate including Target, Walmart, Walgreens, Chipotle, Friday's, Hyatt, Macy's, Dillard's, Toys R Us, Kohls, and many more. Stock up for stores and restaurants that you frequent. Use the gift cards/eCards 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!

As a bonus, the family that places the largest purchase of gift cards will receive a gift card from HSA!

There are two ways to shop and earn money for St. Mark:

1. Order plastic gift cards. These orders will be taken April 8-24 using a paper order form which can be accessed [here](#). Simply complete the form and return it to the school office with your payment.
2. Order ScripNow eCards online. This option is available now and lasts year round. Continue purchasing and reloading cards all year long while earning money for our school. To learn how to order ScripNow eCards, please [click here](#).

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Monsignor Smyth Golf Tournament:

We've extended the registration deadline to April 18 so get your foursomes together 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!

Congratulations to JV City Track Meet Qualifiers:

The following St. Mark athletes qualified to compete at the JV City Track Meet that will be held April 11 at John Paul II High School.

Running Events:

If you have questions, please contact Miki Heiss at stmarkscrip@outlook.com.

Upcoming HSA Board Elections:

Nominations for the elected positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary are now being accepted. So far, we have the following volunteers on the ballot: Ashley Ternan for President, Erica Rivera for Vice-President, Morgan Ashwander for Treasurer, and Danielle Terhaar for Secretary. If you are interested in placing your name on the ballot, please contact Liz Delaney at elizabeth.ann.delaney@gmail.com by April 10. For information about each position, please [click here](#).

Field Day, May 27th: If you have not signed-up to volunteer and would still like to help on one of the "most fun days" of the year, please email Tara Roman, Field Day Chair, at Troman0715@yahoo.com. If you have already volunteered, you should have received an email from Tara. Please remember, volunteers must be Safe Environment trained to volunteer. [Click here](#) for more information about Safe Environment.

Barnes and Noble Book Fair, April 23-26 (and April 23-29 online): Please mark your calendar! A percentage of all purchases at Barnes and Noble during this week will go to St. Mark. More information coming soon. **Make plans to purchase books for your child's "Summer Reading" requirements, as well as his/her 2015-16 required classroom reading. See the reading lists below.**

SNEAK PEEK: SUMMER READING & 2015-16 CLASSROOM READING REQUIREMENTS

Boys:

Matthew C.-800 yard dash

Alexander G.-50 Yard Dash;
100 yard dash, 200 yard dash,
4 x 100 yard relay, 4 x 200
yard relay, 4 x 400 yard relay

Gabriel H.-200 yard dash, 4 x
100 yard relay, 4 x 200 yard
relay

Sean J.-400 yard dash, 800
yard dash, 1600 yard run, 4 x
200 yard relay

Ryan L.-100 yard dash, 200
yard dash, 400 yard dash, 800
yard dash, 4 x 100 yard relay,
4 x 400 yard relay

Greyson P.-200 yard dash,
400 yard dash, 4 x 400 yard
relay

Jack P.-200 yard dash, 100
yard hurdles, 300 yard hurdles

Mark R.-100 yard dash, 400
yard dash, 4 x 100 yard relay,
4 x 200 yard relay

Zac V.-50 yard dash, 400 yard
dash

Logan W.-50 yard dash, 400
yard dash, 4 x 400 yard relay

Girls:

Following are the books our students are required to read this summer, as well as the books they will need for classroom reading during the 2015-16 school year:

2015 Required Summer Reading:

Rising 1st - 3rd graders: Free choice books

Rising 4th graders: *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*, by Eleanor Coerr

Rising 5th graders: *Ben and Me*, by Robert Lawson

Rising 6th graders: Two books from the 6th grade [reading list](#)

Rising 7th & 8th graders: Two free choice books

2015-16 Required Classroom Reading:

3rd grade: *The World According to Humphrey **, by Betty G. Birney; *Sarah, Plain and Tall*, by Patricia MacLachlan

4th grade: *Charlotte's Web*, by E.B. White; *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, by Roald Dahl

5th grade: *A Week in the Woods*, by Andrew Clements; *There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom*, by Louis Sachar

6th grade: *Tuck Everlasting **, by Natalie Babbitt; *The Westing Game*, by Ellen Raskin

7th grade: *Shades of Gray*, by Caroline Reeder

8th grade: *To Kill A Mockingbird*, by Harper Lee

* These two books (3rd & 6th grade only) will be part of the 2015-16 pre-packaged school supplies that will be available for preorders through the school in May. If you plan to purchase pre-packaged school supplies through the school for either of these grade levels, there is no need to purchase these books separately.

"ALICE IN WONDERLAND" SPRING MUSICAL

Keanne A.-50 yard dash, 800 yard run, 1600 yard run, 4 x 400 yard relay

Madelyn B.-400 yard dash, 100 yard hurdles

Giselle H.-50 yard dash, 800 yard run, 4 x 400 yard relay

Hailey J.-4 x 400 yard relay

Kate K.-200 yard dash, 400 yard dash

Courtney M.-50 yard dash, 100 yard dash, 200 yard dash, 400 yard dash, 4 x 400 yard relay

Field Events:

Boys:

Alexander G.-Long Jump

Gabriel H.-High Jump

Ryan L.-Discus

Jack P.-Shot Put

Mark R.-Long Jump

CJ W.-Shot Put

Girls:

Giselle H.-Shot Put

Hailey J.-High Jump

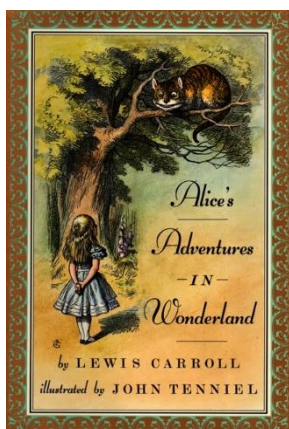
Kate K.-Discus

Overall Team Rankings:

JV Girls ranked 6th overall and JV Boys ranked 14th overall out of 15 events scored. The St. Mark JV Track Team ranked 10th overall

Join the middle school "Spring Musical" elective on Thursday, April 30 at 6:30 PM in the Cafetorium for their production of "Alice in Wonderland." Tickets are \$5.00 at the door and all proceeds benefit our Fine Arts Department. You won't want to miss our wonderful performers, the staging and design by Father Cliff, and musical direction by our own Patty Corsi!

[Click here](#) to see a recent story about the production that appeared in the *Dallas Morning News*' "NeighborsGo Plano."



POPCORN SALE BENEFITTING MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK

The Middle School yearbook elective will be selling popcorn to students next week to raise money to cover the cost of printing the yearbook. Popcorn orders will be taken during class time on Monday, April 13-Friday April 17. Popcorn bags are \$2.00 each. Choose from Butter, White Cheddar or Salsa. Exact change is appreciated. Payment must be made during the order process. The popcorn will be delivered to students during school as a morning snack between 9:00-10:30 AM April 21. We will not be able to accommodate any orders on April 21 so if your child would like to enjoy a bag of popcorn

with 30 events scored. Special thanks to Coach Dave Henderson who coached this team solo this season!

Come out and cheer on your St. Mark Lions! Visit the [DPL website](#) for more information.

Upcoming Track Meets:

4/11 - JV @ John Paul II (City)

4/18 - Varsity @ Bishop Lynch

Upcoming Baseball Games:

4/12, 12:00 PM (JV vs. All Saints) & 3:30 PM (JV vs. St. Rita) @ Oran Good Field

4/12, 1:45 PM, Varsity vs. St. Rita @ Breckenridge

4/15, 7:15 PM, JV vs. MIS @ Oran Good Field

Upcoming Softball Games:

4/12, 1:30 PM, JV vs. St. Monica @ Oran Good Field

Important Dates for 2015-16 Athletes/Parents:

NOTE CHANGE: Tuesday, April 21, 6:30-7:30 PM, Cafetorium: School Sports Information Night (for incoming 5th grade students). **At 7:30 PM, a Cheer Information Night will be held for all students who are interested in our 2015-16**

in class, be sure that he/she pre-orders and pays between April 13-17. Please help support the yearbook and enjoy a tasty treat!

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS

Our local Catholic high schools offer summer sports camps for kids of all ages. As we receive their brochures, we will make them available in the school lobby, or you can click to learn more: [Bishop Lynch](#), [Cistercian](#), [Jesuit College Prep](#), [John Paul II High School](#), [Ursuline Academy of Dallas](#)

SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

Preschool/TK Visited by the Dentist: Thank you to Plano Pediatric Dentistry who visited with our Preschool and Transitional Kindergarten students on Wednesday. The students learned all about good dental habits including how to brush and floss to keep plaque and cavities away.



Kindergarten Learns About Iron in Cereal: Our kindergarteners did a science experiment this week to determine if cereal actually contains iron. They crushed cereal, added water and mixed it well. The mixture was then spread into a thin layer inside a plastic baggie. Using a very strong magnet, the students were able to separate the iron particles from the rest of the cereal/water solution. See the photo below

JV and Varsity cheerleading squads.

-Thursday, April 23, 6:30-8:00 PM, Cafetorium: Fall Volleyball Parent Information Meeting (6th-8th grade students)

-Monday, April 27 - Friday, May 1: Volleyball Evaluation Week (each grade will participate in a 2.25 hour session which will be held after school in the Bacot Gym; official schedule TBD)

GO LIONS!

DON'T WAIT, PARTICIPATE!



Calling all

Dads! May is your final opportunity to volunteer for a half day or a full day at school as a Watch D.O.G.S. Dad during the 2014-15 school year. You must sign-up by April 15. For more information, [click here](#).

PLEASE NOTE: THE WATCH D.O.G.S. WEBSITE IS CURRENTLY UNABLE TO SCHEDULE VOLUNTEERS. TO SIGN-UP FOR MAY, PLEASE EMAIL ANDREW JACKSON DIRECTLY WITH THE DATE

showing a black line of iron between a student's fingers!

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Second Grade "Flat Stanley": Our second grade class is working on their "Flat Stanley" project. They are reading all about Flat Stanley's adventures, and sending him on a few of their own. Each student has created a "Flat Stanley" and will mail him to a friend or family member in a domestic or international location. From Texas to Massachusetts to Ohio to Florida, Ireland, Scotland, France, Brazil and Vietnam, Flat Stanley will surely be well-traveled this year! Students are required to include a letter with Flat Stanley, written using the "friendly letter" format they learned about in class. Finally, the students will each have the opportunity to bring their teacher's Flat Stanley home and journal their adventures with him.

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Third Grade Multiplication Sundaes: Third graders have been learning their 1-12 multiplication tables this year. As they master each level, they build a paper version of an ice cream sundae in class with "12" being the cherry on top. Once everyone completes all 12 levels, they are treated to the real thing. On Thursday, they received an ice cream sundae party! Who knew multiplication tables could be so fun??

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Third Grade Visits Heritage Farmstead: Our third grade students visited Heritage Farmstead this week and learned all about life and work on a typical farm during the pioneer days. They also enjoyed Pioneer Day at school this week where

**YOU WISH TO
VOLUNTEER AT**
watchdogs@stmcs.net.

You will need to be Safe Environment cleared before you can serve. [Click here](#) for more information on Safe Environment Training.

We also need dads who can help for a half day or full day on Field Day (May 27).

A special note of thanks from Andrew Jackson, Watch D.O.G.S.

Coordinator: Thanks to all of the dads who have served at the school this year. It is such a privilege for me to be a part of such a great group of dads who have sacrificed their time to be a part of the school day and help in the ways that they have. I look forward to continuing the program next school year.

Parish Fall Festival Planning Meeting: It is time to begin planning the 2015 Parish Fall Festival & Raffle. Help is needed in all areas including: Graphics, Solicitations, Raffle, Food, Games, Entertainment, Volunteers, Safe Environment, and Set-Up. All are welcome to participate!

Event Date: October 31, 2015

they were able to wear pioneer hats and play games that children may have played during that time. This is all part of their "Sarah, Plain and Tall" reading unit.

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Mrs. Davenport's Fourth Grade Class Enjoys Pasta Lunch From LLS: On Tuesday, Mrs. Davenport's 4th grade class enjoyed their well-deserved Olive Garden lunch provided by the Leukemia/ Lymphoma Society. Her class raised the most money during our February "Laps For Leukemia" service project!

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Planning Meeting: Monday, April 27 at 7:00 PM, Smyth Pastoral Building, West Wing, Rm. 209.



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

Kidventure Full-Day Summer Camp Info.

Meeting: Join us for a special "Camp Night" at St. Mark on Wednesday, April 15 from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Cafetorium. Come and learn all about Kidventure and the exciting full-day camps they will offer at St. Mark this summer. The Kidventure staff will be on hand to talk about the program, share a fun slide show and give out some great camp prizes! [Click here](#) for more information or follow the event on [Facebook](#).

IN ALUMNI NEWS ...

BL Inducts Alumni Into NHS:

Several St. Mark alums were inducted into the Bishop Lynch High School chapter of the National Honor Society this week: Casey B. (Class of 2013), Kelly K. (Class of 2012), Kristen L. (Class of 2013), Brianna T. (Class of 2013), Trey T. (Class of 2013), and Emma W. (Class of 2013). Congratulations to all!

Alums Win at Drill Team

Nationals: The John Paul II High School Cardinal Belles drill team was recently in Galveston competing in a national drill team competition. They did very well and brought many titles back to JP II including first place for Team Jazz, first place for Team Lyrical, first place for Team Pom, and second place for Team Novelty. St. Mark alumni members are Caroline G. (Class of 2014), Mary W. (Class of 2013), Lacey L. (Class of 2012), and Audrey E. (Class of 2012).

LION PRIDE!



**Just some of the
many reasons we're so**

proud to be St. Mark Lions

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Correction to Last Week's PSIA Results: We are pleased to learn that St. Mark placed **SECOND** overall out of 13 participating schools in the Private Schools Interscholastic Association academic competition held last month at St. Pius X! Amazing job, everyone!

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