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REMINDERS



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."
This means that our students
consistently score in the top 15%
in the nation on standardized
tests.

[VISIT OUR WEBSITE](#)

Follow us and stay connected!

Saturday, April 30:

-3:00 PM, McGivney Hall, St. Mark Parish Center: Dominican Sisters "Learn to Pray as a Family" Workshop

Sunday, May 1:

-10:15 AM, McGivney Hall, St. Mark Parish Center: Dominican Sisters "Learn to Pray as a Family" Workshop

Monday, May 2:

-St. Mark Spirit Day (details below)

-Last Day of Spring Enrichment Clubs

-Administrator Thank You Luncheon

Monday, May 2-Friday, May 6:

-National Teacher Appreciation Week

Tuesday, May 3:

-3:30 PM: Respect Life Club Meeting: International Rosary

Wednesday, May 4:

-6:30 PM, Cafetorium: HSA General Meeting

Thursday, May 5:

-2:45 PM, Cafetorium: Youth & Government Assembly (grades 5-8)

-6:15 PM, Cafetorium: Preschool Performance (details below)

Friday, May 6:

-8:30 AM, Church, May Crowning* All School Mass: The Mass will be presented by the 2nd grade. They will offer the Call to Worship, the Mass readings, and



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The March School Advisory Council meeting minutes are now available by [clicking here](#).



Nominate Someone for a Work of Heart Award: Do you know a St. Mark teacher or staff member who goes "above and beyond" for our school community? If so, consider nominating him or her for a Work of Heart Award. Presented by The Catholic Foundation, these awards honor those who "go the extra mile" in serving our educational community. For more information about the Work of Heart award, or to submit a nomination, [click here](#). 37 St. Mark staffers have received this award since its inception in 2005.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LIONLAND



Vocations Chalice:

2nd grade was presented with the Vocations Chalice at the conclusion of today's All School Mass. They

present the Communion gifts. All are welcome.

***For May Crowning, students are asked to wear their Sunday best and bring one flower to present to our Mother Mary.**

-12:00 PM, Early Dismissal. The After School Program will be available until 6:00 PM. Please send a lunch with all After School Program students.

-Raising Cane's Fundraiser (details below)

Saturday, May 7:

-10:00 AM, Church: Sacrament of First Communion (2nd grade); Children's Choir Sings at Mass

CAROLYN EISELE NAMED DIOCESAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

We are thrilled to announce that Ms. Carolyn Eisele has been named Diocesan Teacher of the Year for the Diocese of Dallas! She was first nominated as St. Mark Catholic School's Teacher of the Year, and was then eligible to apply for the diocesan award. Applicants are vetted extensively by the diocese in many areas including lesson plans, service to the parish community, and service outside the parish community. Superintendent, Dr. Matthew Vereecke, presented Ms. Eisele with a plaque and a \$1,000 check Wednesday night at the annual Diocesan Distinguished Educator Recognition Dinner. She was also recognized at today's All School Mass. Congratulations to this talented and most

will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.



Justice: 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 "Justice" this month. [Click here](#) for the full list of monthly virtues for 2015-16.



All -School Service

Project: Service is an integral part of the mission of the Church. To help students understand that by serving others, they are serving God, they will participate in a required all-school service project each month. **Students will receive a homework grade in Religion class for each month's assignment.**

May Project: The May service project is the St. Mark Catholic School Clean Up. Each grade level will participate in caring for our school, parish, and campus during class time.

Catholic Social Teaching: Care for God's Creation

deserving educator who exemplifies St. Mark's standard of teaching!



ST. MARK SPIRIT DAY!

Monday, May 2 is St. Mark **Spirit Day!** Students may wear a St. Mark t-shirt or sweatshirt of their choosing (this includes any shirt with the St. Mark name, including Field Day shirts). These may be worn with jeans, slacks, Capri-style pants, the school skirt, or the school pants. Students may wear any closed shoe. (Sweatpants, leggings, shorts, caps/accessories, and solid green/gold shirts without the St. Mark name are not permitted.) Please follow the dress policy as written. No exceptions.

HALF DAYS ARE CANE'S DAYS AT ST. MARK!



Plan to eat at Raising Cane's on Friday, May 6! On each early dismissal day this school year, eat at Raising Cane's across the street from the school and a percentage of your purchase will be donated back to the St. Mark Athletic Department! **Visit anytime on Friday, May 6 between 10:00 AM and 11:00 PM. Simply mention St. Mark as you place your order. Treat**

Who Benefits? St. Mark Community

Due Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2016



LIFETIME LIONS

Calling all alumni ... 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.



LIONS DEN

Get your official LION gear here! 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!](#)

This is a great place to stock up on St. Mark shirts for our Spirit Days, which are held on the first Monday of each month!

SPOTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR

Do you know anyone interested in a Catholic education for their child? St. Mark has limited availability at various grade levels. For more information or to schedule a school tour, please call

your family, and earn money for our school!

CELEBRATE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF FR. CLIFF'S ORDINATION

Please join us at a special All School Mass on Wednesday, May 18 at 8:30 AM in honor of the 20th anniversary of Father Cliff's ordination into the priesthood. HSA will be hosting a small reception immediately following Mass in the Narthex for parents (students will not attend the reception).

YOU'RE INVITED: PRESCHOOL PERFORMANCE

Attention all PK3 and PK4 parents: You are invited to attend our first big Preschool performance!

"Marching Through the Seasons"
Thursday, May 5, 2016
6:00 PM - drop off in the Cafetorium
6:15-7:00 PM - performance

The children have been practicing and can't wait to share their performance with you!

FIELD DAY DETAILS & VOLUNTEER MEETING

Student Shirt Orders: Place your student's Field Day t-shirt order by [clicking here](#). The deadline to order is May 2.

Volunteer Shirt Orders: Once student shirts are ordered, we will announce the timeframe for ordering volunteer shirts.

Volunteers:

the school office at (972) 578-0610, or visit the school website at www.stmcs.net.

St. Mark Info. Cards: We also have "information cards" available at the church and school that contain general school information. Feel free to stop by and pick some up. Pass them along to anyone who is interested in St. Mark Catholic School. [Click here](#) to see a sample.

NEW "REFERRAL THANK YOU PROGRAM"

Each year, St. Mark is honored to welcome new families to our school community, many of whom were referred by our current school families. We think you should be rewarded for bringing new families to our school! Through our new "Referral Thank You Program," your family can receive a \$500 tuition credit for referring one new family to St. Mark. Please [click here](#) for details!

ORDER YOUR ST. MARK LEGACY BRICK TODAY



Order your St. Mark Legacy Brick Today! This is a wonderful opportunity to leave your own personal and permanent impression at St. Mark for generations to come. For \$100, purchase a custom designed engraved brick with your family

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for Field Day. At this time, we are no longer in need of volunteers as all slots have been filled.

Upcoming Volunteer Meeting: There will be a Field Day Meeting for volunteers on Monday, May 9 at 7:45 AM in the Cafetorium. This meeting is for those who have already signed-up to volunteer, and have given their information to Field Day Chairperson, Tara Roman.

Safe Environment Training

Requirement: All Field Day volunteers need to have their Safe Environment Training completed or renewed/cleared by May 10 (see HSA section below). This includes signing the Volunteer Pledge Form (see HSA section below) and returning it to Mrs. O'Connor. **Anyone who does not have their training completed or renewed/cleared by May 10 will not be able to volunteer at Field Day.**



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

IMPORTANT HSA DATES:

Monday, May 2: Administrator Thank You Luncheon

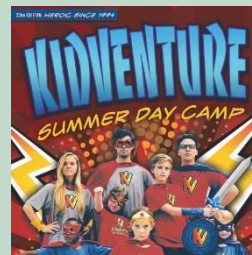
Wednesday, May 4, 6:30 PM, Cafetorium: HSA General Meeting

REMINDERS:

Helping Hands Committee:

name, ministry, organization, your child's name and graduating class, or to honor a loved one, mother, father, brother, sister, friend... the possibilities are endless. There are many ways to personalize your brick, with logos for all kinds of interests including religious symbols, sports, cheerleading, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, band, choir, and music, just to name a few. These special custom engraved bricks will become part of the entryway to St. Mark Catholic School. **Simply click here to place your order.**

START PLANNING SUMMER WITH KIDVENTURE!



St. Mark

Summer Camps With

Kidventure: We are pleased to once again offer full-time summer camps on the St. Mark campus with Kidventure. Kidventure is in its 22nd season of summer camp. This year's theme is **Summer Quest 2016**, a comic book come to life. Each week provides a new and unique adventure.

General registration for Kidventure's Summer Quest 2016 Day Camp is now available at <http://kidventure.com/register>.

If you know any St. Mark families that are in need of help due to a birth, sickness, death or any life changing event, please [click here](#) to contact the Helping Hands Committee.

Attention Volunteers: All volunteers must sign and return a "Volunteer Pledge Form" before the first day of volunteering. This form can be found in the [Volunteer Handbook](#). Also, volunteers must be Safe Environment trained. [Click here](#) for more details.

Link Your Shopper Cards & Earn Money for St. Mark: Remember to link your Kroger, Tom Thumb and Target cards to St. Mark. Kroger cards need to be re-linked every year. [Click here](#) for more details.



Box Tops: Congratulations to the 3rd grade! They won the last Box Tops competition for the school year and received a free dress day on April 28!

SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

Confirmation: Congratulations to our 8th grade students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday. As always, it was a glorious morning filled with family and faith. Abbot Peter Verhalen, O. Cist officiated. A very special thank-you to our teachers and staff who prepared our students well, and to our wonderful 7th grade families for all of their hard work that resulted in a beautiful reception after the ceremony.

Click to select your child's Summer Quest adventures.

For more information, please visit <http://kidventure.com/plano-summercamp/>, or call [214.303.9789](tel:214.303.9789).

FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE ...

IMPACT Testing: The IMPACT test provides baseline concussion testing for students. Students must be at least 11-years-old to qualify. If you'd like your child to participate, please make an appointment by [clicking here](#).



NEWS FROM THE ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

Track & Field: Come out and cheer on your LIONS teams! Upcoming meets:

Varsity Track

Saturday, April 30, Jesuit

Saturday, May 7, JP II

Saturday, May 14, Bishop Lynch (City Meet)

Baseball: Come out and cheer on your LIONS team! Upcoming games:

JV vs. St. Patrick, May 1, 1:45 PM, @ Oran Good #2

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Cub Scouts: The Cub Scouts of Pack 285 recently held their Spring Campout at Bonham State Park. The scouts participated in many outdoor activities and sports including fishing, hiking, learning about producers and consumers, soccer, Frisbee, and basketball. They also enjoyed a family dinner and campfire, where many stories, jokes and songs were shared. It was a lot of fun for the boys and for the parents.

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IN ALUMNI NEWS...

Congratulations to the following alumni who were recently inducted into various high school honor societies:

Bishop Lynch High School

Margaret G. '13 - National Honor Society

John Paul II High School

Cherish A. '14 - National Honor Society

Daniel A. '14 - National Honor Society;
Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica (Spanish Honor Society)

Kolbe B. '14 - National Honor Society

Jason B. '14 - National Honor Society

Dylan C. '14 - National Honor Society

Trevor F. '14 - National Honor Society

Softball: Come out and cheer on your LIONS team! Upcoming games:

JV vs. St. Thomas, April 29, 5:30 PM @ Huffhines #2

JV vs. All Saints, May 6, 5:30 PM @ Huffhines #2

Fall 2016 Sports Registration:

Registration for the following 2016 fall sports is now open. Registration fees for each sport are indicated. Please click the links below for more information about each sport.

[Volleyball](#) (\$115) - Registration deadline: May 13, 2016

[Football](#) (\$115) - Registration deadline: May 27, 2016

[Cheerleading](#) (\$45 - please note revised fee) - Registration deadline: May 6, 2016

*Please note that registration for 2016 Cross Country has been moved back to August. The Cross Country registration fee will be \$70. More details will be provided at that time.

2016-17 Volleyball Open Gyms & Team Evaluations:

Open Gyms will be held the Sunday, Monday and Tuesday prior to Team Evaluations on Wednesday. Open Gym sessions

Caroline G. '14 - National Honor Society;
The National Junior Classical League Latin
Honor Society

Alec I. '14 - Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica
(Spanish Honor Society)

Amanda L. '14 - National Honor Society

Lauren M. '14 - National Honor Society

Katie M. '14 - National Honor Society

Allison N. '14 - National Honor Society;
The National Junior Classical League Latin
Honor Society

Will O. '14 - National Honor Society

Carter P. '14 - National Honor Society

Kyle Schichl '14 - National Honor Society

Lovejoy High School

Lexie P. '14 - National Honor Society

Rowing Success: Congratulations to
Dominic M. '15 and **Avery B. '15** who are
members of the Jesuit College Preparatory
School Crew team. Their boat placed 2nd
in the Men's Junior Novice 4+ race at the
Route 66 Sprints Invitational regatta held
in Tulsa, OK this past weekend.

Valeria M. '14 is serving as the Prop
Master for the Ursuline Academy of Dallas
spring production entitled "And A Child
Shall Lead."

are two hours long and include one
hour of skills review and one hour of
live game drills. Students may
attend any or all of the Open Gym
sessions, and pre-registration is
NOT necessary.

Team Evaluation sessions take
place on Wednesdays, and last
for two hours. They are conducted
by outside staff and are closed to
spectators.

Varsity (Rising 7th/8th Graders)

Open Gym: May 15-17, 4:00-6:00
PM, Bacot Gym

**Team Evaluations: May 18, Bacot
Gym**

-Rising 7th graders: 4:00-6:00 PM
-Rising 8th graders: 6:15-8:15 PM

Junior Varsity (Rising 5th/6th Graders)

Open Gym: May 22-24, 4:00-6:00
PM, Bacot Gym

**Team Evaluations: May 25, Bacot
Gym**

-Rising 5th graders: 4:00-6:00 PM
-Rising 6th graders: 6:15-8:15 PM



**Upcoming Raising
Cane's Fundraisers Benefitting the
Athletics Department:**

-May 6, 2016

-May 19, 2016 (8th grade finals)



LION PRIDE!

Correction to the 4/21/16 bulletin:

Congratulations to Brayden W., member of the JV Track Team, who finished third in the 50 Meter Dash and received a medal at the Dallas Parochial League City Meet.

Mathfax: Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding performance on the Mathfax tests:

Algebra I

Sarah H., Algebra 1 Div. 2, 4th Place, St. Mark 1st Place

Megan W., St. Mark 2nd Place

Tia T., St. Mark, 3rd Place

Pre-Algebra

Emily S., St. Mark 1st Place

Sixth Grade

Jake R., St. Mark 1st Place

Tiffany T., St. Mark 2nd Place

Cristian T., St. Mark, 3rd Place

Fifth Grade

Austin G., Catholic Math League National 3rd Place, Catholic Math League Div. 2 1st Place, St. Mark 1st Place

Theresa T., Catholic Math League Div. 2 2nd Place, St. Mark 2nd Place

-June 3, 2016

FROM THE NET TEAM

Let Us Adore

7:30-9:30pm @ St. Mark's Church



Let us Adore is a evening of Eucharistic Adoration, led by the NET Team, that is full of charismatic praise and worship as well as silence. Young and old are invited to pray together as a parish community.

Feb 12th • March 10th • March 31st
April 14th • May 6th



Middle School

Open Youth House: This popular weekly get-together for 6th-8th graders takes place every Friday from 3:30-6:00 PM at the St. Mark Youth House, located behind the church. It is an opportunity to hang out with the NET Team and other students from the community. Notify Patricia Opon by Thursday of each week if your student wishes to attend. St. Mark students are escorted to the Youth House by NET Team members immediately following dismissal. A [Youth Ministry Enrollment Form](#) must be submitted for each participant on an annual basis.

Renil G., Catholic Math League Div. 2
3rd Place, St. Mark 3rd Place

Fourth Grade

Max Z., Math 4 Div. 1, 4th Place, St. Mark
1st Place

Peter K., St. Mark 2nd Place

Gabby L., St. Mark 3rd Place

Third Grade

Donte T., Catholic Math League
1st Place, Catholic Math League Div. 2
1st Place, St. Mark 1st Place

Benjamin B., St. Mark 2nd Place

Jackson D., St. Mark 3rd Place

In addition, St. Mark received a Math 5
Division 2 Championship 1st Place.

Thanks to all of our Mathfax participants.
Awards will be distributed at the end of
the year.

A Poet in our Midst: Congratulations to
7th grader, Sean J. His poem, *Trolls*, was
published on the Diocese of Dallas
Catholic Schools Office website. [Click here](#)
to read it.

Hockey Success: Congratulations to 2nd
grader, Vincent C., and his hockey team
from the McKinney Dr. Pepper Stars
Center, who won the championship for
their 8 & under division of the Dallas Stars
Metro Hockey League.

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HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY

St. Mark Catholic School has
formed a special relationship with
[Holy Trinity Seminary](#) and takes
great pride in supporting our future
priests.

**Join Us for Public Masses at Holy
Trinity Seminary @ 9:15 AM:**
May 1st

Address: 3131 Vince Hagan
Drive, Irving, TX 75062

**Questions about the Public
Masses?** Call or text Agnes Denvir,
VP of Vocations, President-Elect,
Serra Club of North Central Dallas.
Cell: 214-607-2391,
agnes.denvir@stmcs.net or
agnesdenvir@gmail.com.

FRENCH MASSES AT CISTERCIAN

Mrs. Denvir extends an invitation to
St. Mark French students, and any
students/families who are
interested, to attend the French
Masses at Cistercian. There is an
opportunity to do the readings, and
to sample some French snacks at
the end of every Mass. Masses take
place at Our Lady of Dallas
Cistercian Abbey in Irving every 3rd
Sunday of the month at 10:30
AM. Upcoming date: May 15.

AT ST. MARK, WE SERVE.

Congratulations to the St. Mark
Catholic School community! We

2nd Grade Soccer: The Plano Sports Authority "Thundercats" had another great season finishing in 3rd place in the top PSA recreation division. St. Mark students on the team are Sophia G., Leah D., Grace F., Diya C., Audrey M., Sneha M., and Addison V. Great season, girls!

DRAMA KIDS SUMMER CAMP



Drama Kids International is now enrolling for summer camps. Children participate in fun activities that help them think more creatively and learn new acting and confidence-building skills through plays, improvisations, silent scenes, mini-scripts, theater games and more. [Click here](#) for more details. To register, visit dramakids.com/tx3 or call (972) 363-2369.

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collected 70 pairs of shoes for St. Mark parishioner, Isabella. The 70 pairs put her over the top towards her 1,000 pair goal. She collected 1,001 pairs in all! Special thanks to our middle school students who visited our classrooms and informed students about this project. Isabella will be donating the shoes to www.soles4souls.org.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAMS

Our local Catholic high schools offer summer camps for kids of all ages. As we receive their brochures, we will make them available in the school lobby, or you can click below to learn more:

[Bishop Lynch High School](#)
[Cistercian Preparatory School](#)
[Jesuit College Preparatory School](#)
[John Paul II High School](#)
[Ursuline Academy of Dallas](#)

JESUIT SUMMER BASKETBALL OPPORTUNITIES

Jesuit College Preparatory School is offering two unique summer basketball programs, in addition to the Jesuit basketball summer camps offered via the link above:

*Breakfast Club - A twice per week basketball skills session from 7:00-8:00 AM

*Summer Teams - Boys or girls (2nd - 8th grades). Practices at Jesuit. Games at Sportsplex or PSA.

Weekend tournaments for select teams.

If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please contact Jonathan Alexander, Jesuit Varsity Basketball Assistant, at jalexander@jesuitcp.org.

JESUIT 'LIL RANGERETTE SUMMER CAMP

The Jesuit Rangerettes drill team offers a summer camp for girls in preschool-6th grade. The camp will take place June 20-24 from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM at Jesuit. Please [click here](#) for more information and registration.

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