



# ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

## WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

February 10, 2017

### Prayer for the 2016-17 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 Jesus Christ with all our hearts, mind and soul.

## REMINDERS

### TODAY, Friday, February 10:

-4th grade received the Vocations Chalice at Mass and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

-Deadline to order PK-5th Grade Memory Books (details below)

### Saturday, February 11:

-Confirmation Retreat #2

### Tuesday, February 14:

-St. Valentine's Day/Free Dress/Wear Red Day: Wear as much red as you can and show just how much LOVE there is at St. Mark! There is no cost. Examples are a red (or mostly red) shirt with jeans, a white shirt with jeans and a red tie, red pants and a pink shirt, etc. The more red the better. Refer to page 25 of the Parent Student Handbook for guidelines. **Students must either wear red, or wear their school uniform.**

### Wednesday, February 15:

-Teacher Luncheon, hosted by PK & 5th grade

-Progress Reports Emailed (grades 1-8)

### Thursday, February 16:



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## QUICK LINKS

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[Admissions](#)  
[Lunch Menus](#)  
[Safe Environment](#)  
[Lion's Den Spirit Store](#)

-Student Spring Pictures: Students should be in complete uniform including the school sweater.

-St. Mark/LLS Chipotle Day: Pick-up lunch or dinner at the Chipotle location near the school. Mention St. Mark and a percent of proceeds goes towards the February All-School Service Project, "Laps for Leukemia."

**Friday, February 17:**

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass presented by 4th grade. All are welcome.

-1:30 PM, Cafetorium: John Paul II High School presents *Annie*

-Re-enrollment for current school families ends

**Saturday, February 18:**

-SMU Visioneering Competition (participants have been notified)

-30th Annual St. Mark Gala & Auction

**Sunday, February 19:**

-6:00 PM, Church: Children's Choir Sings at Mass

**Monday, February 20:**

-No School for Students: President's Day

**RE-ENROLLMENT DEADLINE ONE WEEK AWAY**

The deadline to re-enroll your child for the 2017-18 school year is one week away -- February 17. Please [click here](#) to begin the process.

**2017-18 FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIPS**

Now is the time to start working on the FACTS Grant and Aid form. It is due April 1. Additional scholarship and financial aid information is also available on the [school website](#).

**PRACTICE GOOD DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP**

Our 4th-6th grade students have been learning about being good digital citizens using the Common Sense curriculum. It is also important for students to stay safe at home. Discuss your family's values and expectations regarding social media and computer use. [Click here](#) to set up your own family media agreement with your child. Let's stay safe, think first, and stay balanced!

**SUPPLY DONATIONS FOR MAKERSPACE CLUB**

The Makerspace Club is in need of supplies. If you have any of the following items around the house and would be willing to donate them, please send them to Mrs. Samples, Room 117:



Calling All "Dads of Great Students": [Click here](#) to reserve your spot during the month of March, or for more information about our Watch D.O.G.S. program. Sign-ups are due February 15. Half days and full days are available. Please remember, you must be [Safe Environment](#) trained to volunteer.

**KEEP UP THOSE REFERRALS**

**Next Open House:** Early Childhood Education (PK-K): Wednesday, April 26, 5:30-7:30 PM, ECE Building

**School Tour Referral**

**Incentive:** Simply send someone you know to visit an upcoming Open House or take a school tour. Once they attend in person and indicate you as a referral, we'll send you a \$10.00 gift certificate to the Lion's Den Spirit Store...it's that easy!

\* Do you participate in a **neighborhood blog or website** such as [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com), or a neighborhood Facebook page? If so, please post our Open House dates (see above)! If there is room for more details, simply email [Debbie Reed](#) and she'll send them to you for posting.

Cardboard Boxes  
Plastic Containers  
Craft Supplies  
Duct Tape  
Painters Tape  
Clear Tape  
Fabric  
Foam Sheets  
Styrofoam  
Rubberbands  
Zip Ties  
String  
Yarn  
Ribbon  
Egg Cartons  
Wood Scraps  
Building Toys  
Magnetic Building Toys  
Legos  
Tinkertoys  
K'nex

### FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS

This fun, activity-filled day for students will be held on Wednesday, May 31. The Home & School Association, HSA member volunteers, and the P.E. coaches are planning many fun outdoor games for the students. **Only HSA members may volunteer on Field Day.** If you are interested in volunteering, please be sure your [Safe Environment](#) training is current for the 2016-17 school year. Not sure if you joined HSA? Contact Ashley Ternan to confirm your membership. More information on Field Day volunteer opportunities will be coming soon.

### SUMMER & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM UPDATES

#### Summer Program Update

Due to the construction that will take place on our campus this summer for our new SmartLab, St. Mark will not be hosting the Kidventure summer program. As an alternative for parents who need childcare during the summer months, we have met with the directors of the Primrose and Carpe Diem schools in both Plano and Allen, and would recommend them as an option. Both schools offer holiday drop-in and special summer programs for school-age children. We chose these two schools because of the wonderful things our parents have said about them, and we were duly impressed with their programs as well.

#### After School Program Update

Some of you have also inquired about the future of our After School Program due to the SmartLab taking over its current location. ASP at St. Mark will continue (and always will), though its location will

**\*And don't forget our Referral Thank You Program:** Refer a new family to St. Mark and you could receive a \$500 tuition credit. [Click here](#) for details.

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HELPING TO SPREAD  
THE WORD ABOUT OUR  
WONDERFUL SCHOOL  
COMMUNITY!**



**Monsignor Smyth Golf Classic - Registration Now Available:** This annual event, hosted by the Class of 2002, is scheduled for May 19, 2017. [Click here](#) for information and registration. We are looking for volunteers to head various committees. Please email [Marlene Ehring](#) if you are interested.

**Basketball Season:** [Click here](#) for game schedules. Come out and cheer on your LIONS! And don't forget to visit the Lion's Den Spirit Store during home games for all of your St. Mark gear!

**Registration is Open for Spring Sports:** The deadline to register is

change due to the SmartLab. While we have not yet made a final decision on its new location, please know that we will share this information with you as soon as it is finalized.



## HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

**2016-17 Preschool-5th Grade Memory Book:** Memory books are now available for pre-order! To place your order online, simply visit [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com) and enter "St. Mark Catholic Lower School" when prompted. You may also order your memory book by filling out the order form that was sent home last week. You may submit cash or check to Rene O'Connor in the front office. Checks should be made out to *St. Mark Catholic School* and on the memo line please indicate "memory book." The cost of the memory book is \$25. Quantities are limited. **The deadline to order is TODAY, February 10.** Please contact [Beth Salava](#) or [Aisling Peden](#) with questions.

**Teacher Luncheon:** A Teacher Luncheon will be hosted by Preschool and 5th Grade parents on February 15. A Sign-Up Genius was sent out to those grades. If parents in Preschool and 5th Grade didn't receive the email, please contact your Room Parent or [Christy Russo](#).

### Volunteer Opportunities:

**PK3-2nd Grade Readers/Paper Pullers Needed:** The HSA would like to extend our appreciation to our Classroom Reader and Paper Puller volunteers for their gift of time. We still have available spots this year. If you are interested or have questions, please contact [Jill Dourty](#).

**Box Tops:** Please continue to collect Box Tops! Be sure to write the grade level on the baggies when you turn them in to the school office. **And new this year... in addition to collecting Box Tops from product labels, you can earn bonus Box Tops via the [Box Tops app](#) available for both iPhone and Android devices.** It's free and easy to use! Simply load the app, pick from the offers, and scan a copy of your paper receipt. These offers can be repeated. The school is listed as **st mark catholicschool** when you create your log in (note spacing). Or you can search school ID: 184443. Please consider adding the app to your phone and using it when you purchase groceries. This is free money for the school! If you have any questions, contact [Holly Lewis](#) or [Jennifer Pike](#).



February 28. Click [Baseball/Softball](#) or [Track & Field](#) for details.

### **Download Game Photos:**

Check out the [Dallas Parochial League Smug Mug photo site](#). View and purchase photos from recent events.

### **Coach Safe Environment Training:**

All volunteer coaches for Baseball, Softball, and Track must submit their [Safe Environment](#) certification to [Marlene Ehring](#) as soon as possible.

## ST. MARK CELEBRATION OF LOVE

St. Mark presents the annual "Celebration of Love," an evening of love, laughter, dinner, dancing and marriage enrichment on Saturday, February 11 at 6:45 PM in the St. Mark Parish Center Great Room. [Click here](#) for details.



Join Holy Trinity Seminary for upcoming Public Masses on February 12 and 26 at 9:15 AM at 3131 Vince Hagan Drive, Irving, TX 75062. All Are Welcome!

## FRENCH MASS AT CISTERCIAN

Mrs. Denvir invites French students, and anyone interested, to attend a special French Mass on

**Amazon School Rewards Program:** St. Mark earns money when you shop at Amazon through the link on our school website. **We've made it even easier for you by adding the Amazon "a" logo at the very top of the homepage, next to the social media links:**



**Earn Money for St. Mark by Grocery Shopping:** Link your Tom Thumb and Kroger shopper cards to St. Mark today by [clicking here](#) and earn money for our school simply by shopping for groceries. Kroger cards must be relinked each year.

**Safe Environment:** A reminder that you must be [Safe Environment](#) cleared to volunteer in any capacity at school. Contact [Toni Jobs](#) with questions.

### 30TH ANNUAL GALA & AUCTION

1 week and counting until the 30th Annual Gala and Auction! We are almost at capacity.....[click here](#) and buy tickets. **The deadline is Monday, February 13.**



It is time to start preparing for the auction. Now is the time to check out the [auction website](#), as live and silent auction items have been added for early viewing. Start talking with your friends about what trips, dinners, etc. you want to buy together as a group. In the coming week, we will be sending out more information about what to expect the night of the event. Stay tuned to your e-mail, the Weekly School Bulletin, child's folders, and Facebook.

**LAST TICKET INCENTIVE:** Anyone who purchases tickets between now and **February 13** will be placed in a raffle for a free night stay at the Marriott Legacy Town Center to be used the night of the event or prior to the end of 2017 AND two bottles of wine at their table the night of the event. If you have previously purchased a ticket and would like to be entered into this drawing, you may purchase additional tickets for friends or faculty members.

Also note that anyone who purchases a table (10 tickets totaling \$750) will receive two bottles of wine at their table the night of the event.

Your kiddos will get in on the ticket purchase incentives too:

\*Students whose parents attend and are from the class with the best parent turnout, will get an ice cream party at Sweet Firefly! **The current frontrunners are in a 3-way tie: Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Eisele, Mrs. Ferri (64%) followed closely by Mrs. Helm (63%) and Mrs. Johnson (59%).**

Sunday, February 19 at 10:30 AM at Our Lady of Cistercian Abbey, 3550 Cistercian Road, Irving, TX 75039. There is an opportunity to do a reading during the service, and French snacks are served immediately following the Mass.

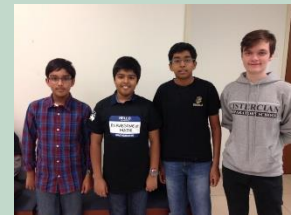
### SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

A few scenes from this week. To learn the stories behind these photos, visit our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages!

#### Intel Shoots Video:



#### Math Counts Team:



#### Girl Scouts Visit Capitol:



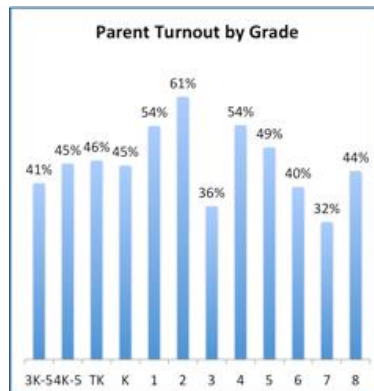
#### Student Auction Reminders:

\*Students whose parents attend and are from the grade level with the best parent turnout, will get an afternoon of bowling, bounce houses, etc. The current frontrunner is 2nd grade at 61% followed closely by 1st and 4th grades (54%) and 5th grade (49%).

Winners will be announced next week.

Check out the turnout by class and by grade level so far:

Parent Turnout by Class			
Rank	Grade	Teacher	%
1	2	Mrs. Stephanie Brooks	64%
1	2	Ms. Carolyn Eisele	64%
1	5	Mrs. Krissy Ferri	64%
2	1	Mrs. Patty Helm	63%
3	MS	Mrs. Becky Johnson	59%
4	4	Mrs. Christina Flores	58%
5	3K-5	Mrs. Megan Oliver	55%
6	2	Mrs. Victoria Crider	54%
7	4K-5	Mrs. Rosemary Coursey	53%
7	4	Mrs. Helene Mercado	53%
7	4	Mrs. Sarah Samples	53%
8	1	Mrs. Eileen Bongiovanni	50%
8	1	Mrs. Erin McCormick	50%
8	MS	Mrs. Patti Orchowski	50%

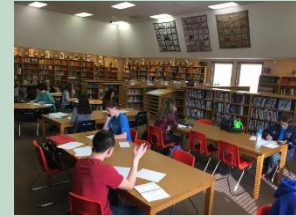


**2017-18 AUCTION COMMITTEE:** If you are interested in joining the 2017-2018 auction committee, please email [Rebecca Battles](mailto:Rebecca.Battles) for more information.

### ST. MARK COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM

**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.

**Please pray for our Confirmation candidates as they attend their retreats:** *Father, guide these candidates as they prepare for Confirmation. Strengthen them in their baptismal promises, build them into the kingdom of your Son, and*



Fun in Spanish:



Blanket Delivery:



Virtues of the Month:



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seal them with the Spirit of your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Upcoming Events:**

\*Join us every Monday at 2:30 PM in the Church Cry Room to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for our school and country.

\*The next Community Prayer Team meeting will take place on March 6 at 8:00 AM in Room 142.

**"HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL" AT BISHOP LYNCH**

The Blackfriars Guild of Bishop Lynch High School announces its spring musical, "High School Musical." Performances begin March 3 and will run for two weeks. [Click here](#) for more information. In addition, on March 5, BL will hold a "Halftime Party" during intermission for kids 10 and under. [Click here](#) for details.



**PK4 Rainbows:**



**8th Grade Communication:**



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