



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

February 17, 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 17:

-6th grade received the Vocations Chalice at Mass and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

-Re-enrollment for current families ends (details below)

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

Thursday, February 23:

-7:30 AM: SAC Meeting



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Friday, February 24:

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass presented by 6th grade. All are welcome.

-2017-18 New Student Applications/Fees Due

Monday, February 27:

-Spring Enrichment Clubs Begin

RE-ENROLLMENT DEADLINE IS TODAY

TODAY is the deadline to re-enroll your child for the 2017-18 school year. Please [click here](#) for instructions.

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](#).

STUDENTS CAN'T WAIT FOR SMARTLAB!!

Parents: **Excitement is building for the new SmartLab coming to campus this fall!** To help prepare students for what they can look forward to next year, your child saw the [SmartLab video](#) in class today showing what the lab will look like, as well as a sampling of the amazing activities and projects they will get to experience. Needless to say, our entire campus is buzzing with energy and excitement! Be sure to ask your child what he/she is looking forward to the most. Is it the 3D printer? Building with K'Nex? Composing music? Designing a house? It will be fun to hear what areas they are interested in now, compared to this time next year when they've engaged those interests, *and so many more*, in the SmartLab! We are honored and privileged to bring this unique, cutting-edge learning facility to DFW, and hope you'll join in the excitement -- **St. Mark is truly taking education to new heights!**

INTEL SECURITY VIDEO FEATURES STUDENTS

THANK YOU

Thank you to our Preschool and 5th grade families for the amazing "Tailgate Party" luncheon you hosted for the faculty and staff on Wednesday -- hot dogs, burgers, wings, chili -- always a WINNER!

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, 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.

***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.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

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:

Cardboard Boxes
Plastic Containers
Craft Supplies

Last week, St. Mark was honored to host a video crew on our campus representing Intel Security. Students were interviewed for a video that ultimately aired at the end of their CEO's address at the RSA cyber security conference in San Francisco this past Tuesday. See it for yourself below.



Intel RSA_Voices From the Future

Our students made quite an impression on the team. Here's what they had to say:

"During our time at St. Mark, we learned so much about how your students think about technology. One thing that surprised us is how mature and clear-eyed they are about what it means to be safe online. This resulted in a message with much more impact and meaning than we could ever have anticipated. It actually sharpened and improved our presentation to the 40,000 RSA attendees who will be listening to these youngsters at the end of our CEO's speech. Their wisdom became a clarion call to action for our industry, so we couldn't be more impressed, or grateful. And of course, their dreams for the future simply inspire. Now, we want to be superheroes, too."



HOME & SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION

Junior Achievement: Junior Achievement is underway. This program teaches students entrepreneurship, work readiness, and financial literacy skills. Thank you to all the volunteers who make this possible. If you have any questions, please contact [Kathleen Frye](#).

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.

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NEWS FROM ATHLETICS



Monsignor Smyth Golf Classic - Registration Now Available: This annual event, hosted by the Class of

Box Tops: Our deadline of February 21 is quickly approaching. 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. Box Tops that expire March 1, 2017 are still good.

Don't forget to add 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 catholic school** when you create your log in (note spacing). Or you can search school ID: 184443. If you have any questions, contact [Holly Lewis](#) or [Jennifer Pike](#).

You can help the school win 5,000 Bonus Box tops by going to www.boxtops4education.com/earn/sweepstakes daily. It expires on 3/12/17.



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 Jobes](#) with questions. **The next Safe Environment class is March 2, 6:00 PM, in McGivney Hall at the Parish Center.**

30TH ANNUAL GALA & AUCTION

2002, is scheduled for May 19, 2017. [Click here](#) for information, registration, and sponsorship opportunities. Please email [Marlene Ehring](#) for more information.

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 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.



Join Holy Trinity Seminary for an upcoming Public Mass on February 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 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.

YOUNG MEN'S SERVICE LEAGUE FOR HIGH SCHOOL BOYS & MOMS

The day has officially arrived. Tomorrow is the 30th Anniversary Gala & Auction!



We have over 350 people attending the event this year, and many new live and silent auction items up for bid. Class and Grade-Level ticket incentive winners will be announced at the event. The final raffle drawing winner will be contacted directly. See you tomorrow!

A few reminders as you prepare for the event:

What to bring:

- *Cell Phone - Fully Charged
- *Credit Card
- *A Smile and Dancing Shoes

Agenda for the evening:

- *6:00 PM - FREE cocktail hour, registration and silent auction begins; Beer from TUPPS and wine will be served
- *6:45 PM - Doors open for Dinner; Cash Bar begins
- *8:00 PM - Live auction begins

Hotel:

- *Check-in for hotel rooms is 3:00 PM or later
- *Parking is free in the parking garage; Valet is \$17 for the event night, or \$24 overnight
- *Remember to drink responsibly. If in doubt, UBER!

Early Bidding:

If you are a ticketed guest and included your mobile number when you registered, you will receive a text message at about 1:00 PM today with a link to access the mobile auction site. DO NOT share this link or text with anyone else except your spouse. That link is your profile and anyone who uses that link will be bidding on your behalf. Once you receive the text and click on the link, you will be led to a screen that will ask you to either "Download BidPal app" or "Continue to auction." Selecting "Continue to auction" is best so you don't have to deal with possible issues with your phone OS. Once you click on "Continue to

Young Men's Service League (YMSL) is an organization of mothers and sons. This group has been organized to initiate and encourage young men to pursue philanthropic involvement in their community and to provide an opportunity to enhance mother/son relationships. Membership is open to mothers of sons who are entering 9th grade. Enrollment begins March 5. For more information, visit <https://ymslcardinal.chapterweb.net/> or contact [Pat Rohmer](#) or [Mary Bondi](#).

JESUIT/URSULINE CHEER PRE-TRYOUT MEETING FOR 8TH GRADE GIRLS & BOYS

Calling all 8th grade girls and boys planning to attend Jesuit/Ursuline who are interested in cheer. A pre-tryout meeting will be held on Monday, February 27 at 6:00 PM in Hughes Hall at Jesuit. [Click here](#) for details.



"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.



SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

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

Valentine's Day:

auction," you are IN! You can search for items by keyword, item number, or category. You can create a watch list, start placing bids or max bids. Doing this now will allow you more time at the event to just have a great time! NOTE: The fixed-price items (such as teacher experiences) will NOT be available for early bidding and will only be available starting at 6:00 PM on Saturday, February 18.

A more detailed Survival Guide is posted on the [auction website](#).

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 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.

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5th Grade Puppet Theater:



8th Grade Valentines:



Preschool Pom-Pom:



Scoring and Slipping:



Lunch Bunch With Mrs. Opon:



PK4 Friendship:



7th/PK Rosary for the Bishop:



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