



# ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

March 24, 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, March 24:

-2nd grade received the Vocations Chalice at today's All School Mass and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

-3rd quarter ends

-6:00 PM, Urban Rio/Upstairs Bar - 2018 Gala & Auction Info. Meeting/Happy Hour (details below)

### Monday, March 27:

-4th quarter begins

-Beginning March 27 through the remainder of the school year, the optional uniform walking shorts may be worn Monday-Thursday (no walking shorts on Fridays).

### Wednesday, March 29:

-All Morning Carpool Lines - March Service Project/Baby Shower Donation Collection for PK-5th grade families

-8:15 AM, Cafetorium - HSA General Meeting



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## QUICK LINKS

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-Report Cards Sent Home

**Thursday, March 30:**

-7:30 AM - School Advisory Council Meeting

**Friday, March 31:**

-7:50 AM - Community Prayer Walk. Meet at the cross outside the Narthex (details below).

-8:30 AM, Church - All School Mass planned by 2nd grade. All are welcome.

-3:30-4:15 PM, Church: Family Adoration (details below)

-New Student Paperwork/Fees Due

**Saturday, April 1:**

-PSIA Academic Competition (participants previously notified)

**Monday, April 3:**

-St. Mark Spirit Day (see guidelines on page 26 of the Parent Student Handbook)

-8:00 AM - Community Prayer Team Meeting

**INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS**

Attention Parents: Since we did not use our inclement weather days this year, please make note of the following calendar changes:

**\*Monday, April 17 will be a school holiday.**

**\*Thursday, June 1 will be the last day of school, and we will have 12:00 NOON dismissal on that day. The After School Program will be available until 3:00 PM. Please send a lunch with all ASP students. There will be no school on June 2.**

**ALL SCHOOL FAMILIES MUST UPDATE THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION WITH THE PARISH**

St. Mark Catholic Church is updating the parish database and they need each member to confirm their family contact information.

**\*\*THIS MUST BE DONE IN ORDER TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THE PARISHIONER DISCOUNT ON SCHOOL**

[Lion's Den Spirit Store](#)



**LIFETIME LIONS**

The March 2017 "Lifetime Lions Alumni Newsletter" is out -- [click here](#) to catch up on our alumni news!

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**NEWS FROM ATHLETICS**



**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, registration, and sponsorship opportunities. Please email [Marlene Ehring](#) for more information.

**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 YOUTH MINISTRY**

## TUITION, SO PLEASE BE SURE YOUR FAMILY'S INFORMATION IS CURRENT.\*\*

Click the following link to submit your update: <https://stmarkplano.org/2017-parish-update-form>. It only takes a minute.

## AT ST. MARK, WE SERVE: LAPS FOR LEUKEMIA RESULTS

More accolades for our annual "Laps For Leukemia" fundraiser benefitting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society! St. Mark is always a top fundraising school in North Texas, but this year we raised \$18,132.83, which is more than any other school in the entire state of Texas! That brings our grand total raised to \$146,070.61. What an amazing community we have, and how wonderful to know that we are helping to find a cure for blood cancers.

## 2017 AUCTION SURVEY

We want your feedback on this year's Gala & Auction, whether or not you attended. Please take a moment to [click here](#) and give us your thoughts so we can continue to make our annual fundraiser the best it can be. Thank you for your help!

## YOU'RE INVITED TO A 2018 GALA & AUCTION INFO. MEETING/HAPPY HOUR

**Where:** Urban Rio (Upstairs Bar)

**When:** TODAY, March 24, 6:00 PM

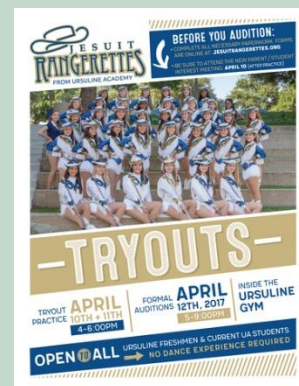
**RSVP & Questions:** [Rebecca Battles](#)

**What is it?** Do you have ANY interest in helping with the 2018 Gala & Auction? This meeting will allow you to ask questions about the process. **No commitment** is required. We want to see more parents involved with the planning and event. It is no secret that the Gala & Auction takes time and energy, but like all tasks, when broken down into smaller groups, they are easily achievable. Below is a list of a few key positions. We need 1-3 volunteers for each one. The committee usually meets once a month from September-January, and then more frequently as the event nears. Rebecca Battles is inviting any parent who is interested to come have a cocktail and some chips and salsa (it is Lent after all....no meat means extra carbs!).

**Middle School Lock-In at Amazing Jakes:** April 7-8; Cost \$40.00; Open to St. Mark members in grades 6, 7 and 8 (members can bring a friend); registration and payment deadline: Sunday, April 2. Go to [www.stmarkplanoyouth.org](http://www.stmarkplanoyouth.org) for details and registration.

**2017 Steubenville Lone Star - Life Teen:** June 23, 24, 25; Cost \$280.00; High School Conference; Registration is open to current 8th graders and seniors. [Click here](#) for details and registration.

## JESUIT RANGERETTES TRYOUTS



## JPII BELLES JUNIOR CLINIC

**Auction Website Set-up and Upkeep:** This person will help load pictures, descriptions of items, ticket sales, etc.

**Solicitations - sounds scary, but it isn't:**

\*Large Corporation Solicitations - These people will be delivering letters and tax exempt forms to local businesses, following up and retrieving donations.

\*Alumni - These people will handle contact with our generous alumni and alumni families to seek repeat or first time donations. This involves phone calls and possibly mailings.

\*In-Kind Solicitations - These people will handle cash donations from families, businesses, etc.

**Event Night Coordination:**

\*Event Night Layout and Decorations - The bulk of work will fall in the February-April 2018 timeframe.

\*Planning dinner tables, silent auction and live auction decorations

\*Creating signage for the event night

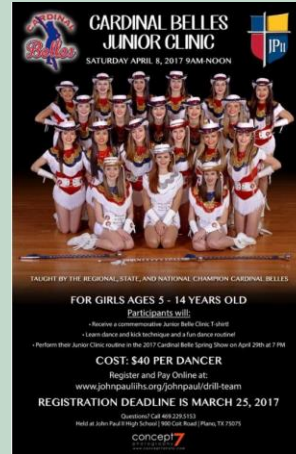


**HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

**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.

**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.

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 catholicschool** when you create your log in (note spacing). Or you can search school ID: 184443. In addition, Sam's Club has a special promo via the app for 100 bonus Box



**BISHOP LYNCH SUMMER CAMPS**

This summer, Bishop Lynch High School is offering athletic, academic and art camps for students in grades K-8. Lunch will be included for all campers and there are many opportunities for parents to pair two camps and make it a full day of fun. [Click here](#) for more information, and [here](#) for a printable flyer.

**JESUIT SUMMER THEATER FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS**

Jesuit College Preparatory School is offering an intensive 3-week Summer Theater program for 6th-8th grade students. [Click here](#) for details, or contact [Chris Patterson](#) (St. Mark Class of 2004).

**CISTERCIAN CHEER TRYOUTS**

Cistercian Cheerleading is open to Ursuline students and girls with a Cistercian relative.

Tops (\$10!) when you purchase 3 General Mills products. This offer can also be repeated. If you have any questions, contact [Holly Lewis](#) or [Jennifer Pike](#).



**Amazon School Rewards Program: Weddings? Graduations? Be sure to shop at Amazon for all of your gift (and everyday) needs!** St. Mark earns money when you shop through the link at the top of our [homepage](#).

**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 training session will take place on April 6 at 6:00 PM in McGivney Hall in the St. Mark Parish Center.

### ST. MARK COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM

**March's prayer intention for our school:** For our Parish and its members.

**Family Adoration:** Please bring the whole family and join us, next Friday, March 31, 3:30-4:15, in the sanctuary, for adoration. NET team members will be leading us in praise and worship music, explaining what adoration is, and providing some time for silent prayer. Planning to attend? Want to skip the carpool line? Email [Kathleen Frye](#) if you would like to meet your child(ren) in the sanctuary.



**Lenten Challenge:** Keep the challenge going! Haven't started yet? It's not too late! It is very simple. Just reach out to one person in our school community this week and tell them that you would like to pray for him/her and his/her family by name every day for one week and ask them to pray for you and your family by name every day for this week. Next week, you each ask someone different to do the same. Continue the challenge until Easter.

### Upcoming Events:

\* Our next Community Prayer Walk will be held NEXT Friday, March 31. We will meet by the cross in front of the Narthex at

Join them for a pre-tryout meeting on April 11 at 5:30 PM. Tryout clinics take place April 18-20 from 4:30-7:00 PM, and tryouts take place April 21 at 4:30 PM. To register, visit [www.hawkscheerdallas.com](http://www.hawkscheerdallas.com).

### AT&T STADIUM EGGSTRAVAGANZA

On April 13 from 6:30-9:00 PM, AT&T Stadium is opening its doors for a fun night of games, tours and door prizes for families from all over DFW. [Click here](#) for details and registration. Questions? Contact Nick Ackels, AT&T Stadium Account Executive (and Jesuit alum) at (817) 892-4665.

### SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

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

#### Mrs. Denvir - U.S. Citizen



#### PK-3 Rainbows:



#### Book Tasting:

7:50 AM. Please join us in praying the rosary as we walk the perimeter of the school and church. We will meditate on the joyful mysteries while praying for the teachers, students, administration, clergy, school, etc.

\*Family Adoration will be held NEXT Friday, March 31, 3:30-4:15 PM in the sanctuary.

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

## KEEP UP THOSE REFERRALS

**Next Open House:** Early Childhood Education Family Picnic & Open House (PK-K): Wednesday, April 26, 5:30-7:30 PM, ECE Building. [Click here](#) for details and pre-registration.

**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 date (see above). If there is room for more details, simply email [Debbie Reed](mailto: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!**

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**Spanish Videos:**



**PK-3 Nature Walk:**



**Grade Weather:**



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