



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

January 12, 2018

Prayer for the 2017-18 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 treat Jesus Christ, with all our heart, mind and soul.

REMINDERS

Today, Friday, January 12:

-3rd grade received the Vocations Chalice at Mass today and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

Monday, January 15:

-No School: Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday, January 16:

-3rd Quarter Begins

Wednesday, January 17:

-Teacher Luncheon hosted by Kindergarten & 6th grades

-Report Cards sent home

Friday, January 19:

-7:50 AM, Narthex: Community Prayer Walk

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass presented by the 3rd grade. All are welcome.



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social media and help us
spread the word about our
wonderful school!

Saturday, January 20:

-Auction Mixer: Kindergarten-2nd grade

NEW FACTS PAYMENT SUMMARY FEATURE

With tax season upon us, FACTS Management would like to call your attention to a new feature that enables you to quickly and easily create a payment summary. By simply clicking "View Printable Payments Summary" on your Payments tab, you can retrieve and print a summary of payments for the year or any other specified timeframe. Each payment summary is compiled by student or customer, term, subaccount, and includes your school's Federal Tax ID number. If you have any questions regarding the new payment summary feature, please contact your FACTS customer service at 866.441.4637.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2018

Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. This year, Catholic Schools Week is scheduled for January 29-February 2. St. Mark Catholic School observes CSW with special activities each day that celebrate the people who make up our Catholic community. Click on the following links for details, paying special attention to the "Family Day Lunch Invitation," where all families are invited to enjoy lunch on campus with their child(ren):



[Parent Email](#)

[Catholic Schools Week Calendar of Events](#)

[Family Day Lunch Invitation](#)

[International Tasting Faire Information](#)

[Laps For Leukemia Pledge Form](#)

HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT ST. MARK!

2018-19 admission season is upon us! Do you know someone interested in a St. Mark education for their PK-8th grade child? Here are some ways you can help us spread the word about St. Mark:



1. REFERRALS: Encourage prospective families to register for an upcoming **Open House**, our new **Come and Play Days**, or a private tour at www.stmcs.net/open-house-tours. If they attend, you'll receive a \$10 gift certificate for the Lion's Den Spirit Store, and if they enroll, you could receive a [\\$500 tuition credit!](#)

QUICK LINKS

[Calendar](#)

[Lifetime Lions Alumni](#)

[Admissions](#)

[Lunch Menus](#)

[Safe Environment](#)

[Lion's Den Spirit Store](#)

[Work of Heart Nomination](#)



**SCHOOL
ADVISORY
COUNCIL**

Minutes from the November 16, 2017 SAC Meeting are now available [here](#).

USED UNIFORM SALE

Kids growing out of their uniforms? The Home & School Association will be hosting a Used Uniform Sale on Sunday, February 4 from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM in the Lion's Lair Gym.

Gently used uniform donations will be accepted in the school office between now and February 2. We are no longer accepting donations of the green uniform pants or walking shorts.

LAST CHANCE FOR 2017-18 YEARBOOK ORDERS

This year, we have joined the ECE/Elementary School and the Middle School yearbooks into one.



2017-18 will be the first all-school yearbook. **This is your last chance to order a book, so don't delay -- order your's today! Price: \$30. Orders are due by January 16.** Payment may be

2018 Open Houses:

Tuesday, January 30, 9:00-10:00 AM, Cafetorium
Tuesday, February 6, 6:00-7:30 PM, School Library
Tuesday, March 27, 8:00-9:00 AM, School Library
Tuesday, April 24, 5:30-7:00 PM, Early Childhood Bldg. (for PK/K families)

2018 Come and Play Days:

Families with preschool/kindergarten children are encouraged to play on our playground, enjoy a snack, and get a sneak peek inside our ECE classrooms. Open to individuals and playgroups.

Tuesday, March 20, 9:00-10:30 AM
Wednesday, April 11, 9:00-10:30 AM

2. NEIGHBORHOOD BLOG/WEBSITE: Do you participate in a neighborhood blog or website such as www.nextdoor.com, or a neighborhood Facebook page? If so, please take a moment to post our Open House and "Come and Play Day" dates (see above). If there is room for a detailed description, simply email [Debbie Reed](mailto:Debbie.Reed@stmcs.net) and she'll send the information to you for posting.

3. PLACE AN OPEN HOUSE SIGN IN YOUR YARD: Are you willing to place a sign in your front yard advertising our Open Houses? Simply email [Debbie Reed](mailto:Debbie.Reed@stmcs.net) and she'll get one to you. Signs are approximately 18" x 24" and look like this:



submitted in the form of cash or check to the school office (make checks payable to St. Mark Catholic School and indicate "Yearbook" and your child's name/homeroom on the memo line), OR you can make your payment electronically by [clicking here](#) (select the "Memory/Yearbook" option and write "Yearbook" and your child's name and homeroom in the "Comments" section). **8th grade families do not need to order a yearbook. Each 8th grader will be given one free of charge.**

JOIN ST. MARK DRAMA KIDS!

OPEN YOUTH HOUSE REMINDERS

Open Youth House with the St. Mark NET Team resumes today. If you would like your Middle School student to go on Friday afternoon, email Mrs. Open no later than 12:00 NOON



[2018 Auction Tickets Are On Sale Now - Click Here!](#)



Quarter Two Auction Challenge: Our Q2 winner of a VIP experience on Auction night is David Cowen. Thank you, David and Mireya Cowen, for your generous donation to the St. Mark teachers!

New Challenges

Challenge 1: All tickets purchased between now and 2/14 (Early Bird Sale Ends) will be entered into a drawing for a free hotel room night stay. Buy two tickets, get put in the drawing twice!

Challenge 2: All teacher tickets purchased between now and 2/1 will go into a drawing for a free VIP experience (\$75 value).

Challenge 3: All teacher tables purchased from now until 3/1 will get 2 VIP experiences and a bottle of wine on the night of the event

How You Can Help the Auction:

1. Buy your tickets: Simply purchasing a ticket is a donation to the school.
2. Buy a teacher ticket: We have a large need for parents/ organizations to sponsor teacher tickets. This is a tax deductible donation and can be purchased on our [Auction website](#).
3. Auction Sponsorship: Do you own a small business that would help support St. Mark Catholic School? Contact [Jennifer Pike](#) to get details on our sponsorship packages.
4. Auction Donations: Do you work for a cool company that would like to donate a product to be auctioned-off or coupons for our swag bags? Do you have connections to a local business that would benefit from advertising their products and services to our community? Contact [Rebecca Battles](#) for details.

Upcoming Auction Events:

Pre-Auction Mixers: As each mixer date approaches, email invitations will be sent to families via Renweb. You will receive an invitation to your grade-level mixer. However, please keep in mind that you are welcome to attend [any or](#)

each Friday. Students not on the list will go to regular dismissal.



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

HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

Join Bishop Lynch High School for "Future Friar Night" basketball games on January 23 including free admission, free t-shirt, games, prizes and more. [Click here](#) for complete details.



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NEWS FROM ATHLETICS



The Lion's Den Spirit Store is open every Friday morning that school is in session from 7:30-8:15 AM in the Cafeteria hallway. Can't make it in person? Shop online at www.stmcs.net/spirit-gear. Once an order has been submitted it will be bundled and ready for pick up on Friday. Note: Not all items available are offered online.

all of the mixers -- we simply ask that you RSVP to each one. If you don't receive an email invitation to the mixer you wish to attend, please reach out to [Sherry Mehring](#).

Parents attending the Pre-Auction Mixers will have an opportunity to vote/rank a predetermined list of items helping determine how 2018 Auction dollars will be used. After all mixers are complete, the final decisions will be announced by Mrs. Opon. You must attend a mixer to receive a voting/ranking ballot.

Save the Dates:

*K-2 Mixer: January 20, 2018 @ the Herrera home in McKinney

[RSVP Here](#)

*6-8 Mixer: February 9, 2018 @ the Velasquez home in Plano

[RSVP Here](#)

Family Fun Fundraisers:

We have a few more family fundraisers coming in 2018. Stay tuned for complete details:



Thank you to everyone who supported our Chick-fil-A Spirit Night on Tuesday. We raised \$163.62 towards our Auction goal!



On January 30, we celebrate "Family Day" during Catholic Schools Week. Kendra Scott will be on site with a pop-up event. Details were recently sent to families via email, including a [Pre-Order Form](#). This is a great way to buy Valentine's Day or Mother's Day presents for that special lady in your life! Or moms....this is a way to simply treat yourself!

Please return the Pre-Order Form to jenn.rich@kendrascott.com and Caitlin.jordan@kendrasco.com by January 23 (note extended deadline).

February 2: Metro-Plex Parent's Night Out

Mark your calendar:

Spring Pep Rally:

January 31, 2:15 PM, Bacot Gym.
Families welcome!

Monsignor Smyth

Golf Classic:

Friday, May 4, 2018



Do you know a faculty or staff member who has gone the extra mile for the education community at St. Mark? Consider nominating him or her for a Work of Heart Award through the Catholic Foundation. It's quick and easy. Award recipients are recognized at an All School Mass with a certificate and a check. [Click here](#) for details and the nomination form.



Middle School Lock-In at

Amazing Jakes: January 26-27, 2018; open to all St. Mark members with children in grades 6-8; \$40.00; [click here](#) to register; registration deadline is Wednesday, January 24, 2018

Calling all High Schoolers -

DCYC/Dallas Catholic Youth Conference: February 23-25, 2018; open to all St. Mark members with children in grades 9-12; limited spots at St. Mark pricing of \$85; [click here](#) to register; registration deadline

is Wednesday, January 17, 2018

February: Pei Wei Spirit Night

Lenten Project: This year for Lent, to help our students learn to give back, the Auction Committee will be holding a "penny war" to raise funds for the students' outdoor water fountain. More details will be coming after Christmas break, but have your students start saving their pennies, nickels and dimes!



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



Announcing the St. Mark Talent Show, presented by HSA! Stay tuned -- a representative from HSA will be speaking to all grades at Mass soon.



2018 HSA General Meetings:

*March 28, 6:30 PM, Cafeterium: HSA 3rd General Meeting

*May 2, 8:15 AM, Cafeterium: HSA 4th General Meeting



Looking to volunteer? Check out the master [Sign Up Genius](#) link and all the ways you can help out.

ECE Music Help: Mrs. Schell needs help with the PK3 classes as students learn basic movement and music skills. Be ready to dance, skip and play instruments! The volunteer position is open to ALL volunteers, not just PK3 parents. You must be current on your Safe Environment certification to participate. [Click here](#) to sign-up.



Earn additional funds for St. Mark Catholic School by clipping Box Tops For Education from a variety of products, AND earning bonus Box Tops via the Box Tops app. Each

K OF C "FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE"

The St. Mark Knights of Columbus Council 6065's *Father and Daughter Dance* will be held on January 27 in the St. Mark Cafeterium from 7:00-9:00 PM. Cost is \$30 per couple and \$10 for each additional daughter. For additional information, please [click here](#) or contact John Krumholtz at krumholtz1@verizon.net.

SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

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

Diocesan Spelling Bee @ St. Mark:



8th Grade Serves at NTFB:

Box Top submitted earns \$.10 for St. Mark. [Click here](#) for details. For more information, please contact Holly Lewis at anglophilefootballfanatic@gmail.com or Jennifer Pike at jenniferjslp@gmail.com.

ST. MARK COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM

The mission of the Community Prayer Team is to provide ways that we, as a community, can come together and pray throughout the year. For more information about our Prayer Team, [click here](#).



January's Prayer Intention for our School:
For the finances of our church and school

This Week's Prayer: A Prayer for the New Year. God, thank you for a new year. As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what You want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

Prayer Requests: When you ask someone to pray for an intention, you bless them as much as they are blessing you with their prayers. Please don't be shy in asking for prayers. Requests can be sent to [Kathleen Frye](#) or [Liz Quarles](#). Please indicate if your prayer can be shared through the email chain and/or at our monthly meetings. If you want it kept confidential, you can place it in the Prayer Box on the school Prayer Table (hallway between the Admin. offices and cafeteria). This Prayer Box is included in the Mass intentions on Fridays and is prayed over during meetings.

Upcoming Events:

*Our next Community Prayer Walk will be held on Friday, January 19. We will meet by the cross in front of the Narthex at 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.

*Our next Community Prayer team meeting will be Monday, February 5 at 8:00 AM.



PK3 & PK4 "P" Week:



Winter Olympics:

*Family Adoration will be Friday, March 2 from 3:50-4:15 PM in the Sanctuary. Stay tuned for more details soon!

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