



# ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

## WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

January 5, 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 5:

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

### Monday, January 8:

-St. Mark Spirit Day! Please refer to page 28 of the Parent Student Handbook for guidelines.

-8:00 AM, Room 116: Community Prayer Team Meeting

### Tuesday, January 9:

-8th Grade Service: North Texas Food Bank



4:00-8:00 PM, location @ 75 & Plano Pkwy.: St. Mark Spirit Night. Mention St. Mark at the register or the drive-thru and a percentage of proceeds will go to the 2018 Auction.

### Wednesday, January 10:

-3:30 PM: Student Council Meeting

### Thursday, January 11:



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connected!



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

-Diocesan Spelling Bee hosted by St. Mark

**Friday, January 12:**

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

-2nd Quarter Ends

**Monday, January 15:**

-No School: Martin Luther King Day

**Tuesday, January 16:**

-3rd Quarter Begins

**WELCOME NEW STUDENTS**

A warm St. Mark welcome to our newest students who joined us this week:

Cole C., 6th grade, Mrs. Noel's homebase  
Viviana F., 6th grade, Mrs. Rivera's homebase  
Marli H., 6th grade, Mrs. Rivera's homebase  
Tim K., 6th grade, Mrs. Noel's homebase  
Elena P., 4K, Mrs. Coursey's class  
Jordan V., 6th grade, Mrs. Pantuso's homebase

**2018 OPEN HOUSES: SPREAD THE WORD!**

Do you know someone interested in a St. Mark education for their PK-8th grade child? Encourage them to register for an upcoming **Open House** or our new **Come and Play Days** at [www.stmcs.net/open-house-tours](http://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!](#)



**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.

**QUICK LINKS**

- [Calendar](#)
- [Lifetime Lions Alumni](#)
- [Admissions](#)
- [Lunch Menus](#)
- [Safe Environment](#)
- [Lion's Den Spirit Store](#)
- [Work of Heart Nomination](#)

**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LIONLAND**



January's Virtue is Fidelity.



Service From the Heart

**January Project - Bag of Blessings:**

Students will decorate lunch bags, write a note/Bible verse, and fill bags with travel-sized toiletries.

**Catholic Social Teaching:**

Life and dignity of the human person

**Who Benefits?**

Samaritan Inn & Hope's Door

**Due Date:** January 26

**OPEN YOUTH HOUSE REMINDERS**

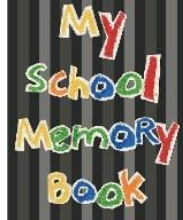
Tuesday, March 20, 9:00-10:30 AM  
Wednesday, April 11, 9:00-10:30 AM

## LAST CHANCE FOR MEMORY BOOK ORDERS

This year, we have joined the ECE/Elementary School and the Middle School memory books into one. 2017-18 will be the first all-school memory book. **This is your last chance to order a book, so don't delay -- order yours today! Price:**

**\$30. Orders are due by January**

**16.** Payment may be submitted in the form of cash or check to the school office (make checks payable to St. Mark Catholic School and indicate "Memory Book" 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 "Memory Book" and your child's name and homeroom in the "Comments" section). **8th grade families do not need to order a memory book. Each 8th grader will be given one free of charge.**



## JOIN ST. MARK DRAMA KIDS!

### DRAMA KIDS JOIN US FOR SPRING PLAYS

No nerve-wracking auditions!  
DRAMA KIDS is for everyone!

No big stars, no small stars;  
every child is a star in DK!



*Storyland Idol*  
Take a journey with us as a rapping mouse, a questionably cute monster, and a fairy godmother attempt to get their "big break" as they audition for STORYLAND IDOL. These potential "idols" will be judged by all our favorite fairy-tale stars. Will their hopes of becoming supporting roles to other famous counterparts, like Miss Muffet, Little Red, and Goldilocks come true?

**THE CHICKEN-HEARTED FOX**  
It's tough when everyone teases you for being chicken! Our "Chicken-Hearted Fox" feels she has something to prove when she goes after friendly Farmer Giles' chickens. Watch and see what happens when she finds out it's not always boldness that gets you what you need...but having the courage to explain yourself and ask...



Classes held at  
St. Mark Catholic School  
Grades K-5th Wednesdays; 3:40-4:40pm  
Register now at [dramakids.com/tx3](http://dramakids.com/tx3)  
or call (972) 363-2369

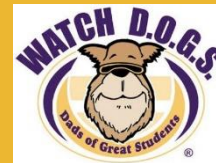
## INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

As we transition into the winter months and the possibility of inclement weather, please be reminded that school closing or delayed opening will be announced on television channels **NBC (5) AND ABC (8)**, either the evening before or between the hours of 6:00 and 7:00 AM. E-mail and text notification will be made via Renweb along with a posting on the school website.

Open Youth House with the St. Mark



NET Team resumes on Friday, January 12 (no Open Youth House today). Please remember, if you would like your Middle School student to go, email [Mrs. Opon](#) no later than 12:00 NOON on 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.

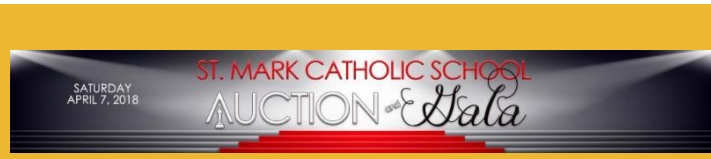
## HIGH SCHOOL APP & ISEE DEADLINES APPROACHING

**8th grade parents:** Please be mindful of upcoming Catholic high school application and ISEE registration deadlines. Check the individual high school websites for application due dates and visit <https://iseeonline.erblearn.org/> for ISEE test dates/registration.

Refer to page 23 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#) for the full policy details.

## COLD WEATHER ATTIRE

As temperatures are dropping, please ensure that your child is wearing a coat and appropriate attire for the colder weather. Recess/PE will continue to be held outside until wind chill temperatures drop below 32 degrees. See page 32 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#), or the Uniform Guideline sheets posted on the [school website](#) for approved cold weather attire.



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



**Quarter Two Auction Challenge:** Winners will be announced next week!

### 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

## 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

## LIONS DEN

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](http://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.

**Mark your calendar:**

### Spring Pep Rally:

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

### Monsignor Smyth Golf Classic:

Friday, May 4, 2018



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 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 19, 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:



**January 9, 4:00-8:00 PM: Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night**  
Location: Plano Parkway & 75/Central Expressway  
Mention St. Mark Spirit Night at the drive-thru or register and a percentage of the proceeds benefit the 2018 Auction

**January 30, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM: Kendra Scott Gives Back**  
Visit the Pop-Up Booth on Family Day during Catholic Schools Week; 20% of proceeds benefit the 2018 Auction.

**February 2: MetroPlex Parent's Night Out**

**February: Pei Wei Spirit Night**

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 Open Youth House:** Middle School Open Youth House with the St.

Mark NET Team resumes on Friday, January 12. Email [patricia.opon@stmcs.net](mailto:patricia.opon@stmcs.net) if your child wants to attend.

**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

**K OF C "FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE"**

**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, Cafetorium: HSA 3rd General Meeting

\*May 2, 8:15 AM, Cafetorium: 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 Box Top submitted earns \$.10 for St. Mark. [Click here](#) for details. For more information, please contact Holly Lewis at [anglophilefootballfanatic@gmail.com](mailto:anglophilefootballfanatic@gmail.com) or Jennifer Pike at

The St. Mark Knights of Columbus Council 6065's *Father and Daughter Dance* will be held on January 27 in the St. Mark Cafetorium 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](mailto: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!

### Alumni Visit 8th Grade:



### Santa Letter Drop @ Make A Wish:



### Snow @ PK Christmas Party:

[jenniferjslp@gmail.com](mailto: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](#).



**Prayer Requests:** It is a blessing to be able to pray for each other. 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 Event:**

\*The next meeting is January 8 at 8:00 AM in Room 116 (between 4th and 5th grades).



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