



# ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

## WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

March 9, 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, March 9:

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

-2018-19 New Student Application Decision Letters Mailed

### Monday, March 12-Friday, March 16:

-No School: Spring Break (details below)

### Friday, March 16:

-4:45-7:00 PM, Cafetorium: Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry

### Monday, March 19:

-School Resumes

### Tuesday, March 20:

-9:00-10:30 AM, Playground: Come and Play Day (details below)

-4:00-8:00 PM, Panera Bread/Richardson: Spirit Night benefiting Auction



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

**Wednesday, March 21:**

-3:30 PM: Student Council Meeting

**Thursday, March 22:**

-\$2.00 Dress Down Day benefiting St. Mark NET Team (refer to page 28 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#) for guidelines)

-7:30 AM: School Advisory Council Meeting

**Friday, March 23:**

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

-3rd quarter ends

-7:50 AM, Narthex: Community Prayer Walk

**Saturday, March 24:**

-Private Schools Interscholastic Association academic meet (PSIA): Participants have been provided with details.

**Sunday, March 25:**

-Palm Sunday

-10:30 AM, Church: Children's Choir Sings at Mass

**INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS ARE NOW SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

Please mark your calendars. Since we did not use our two inclement weather days earlier in the school year, **April 2 and April 20 will now be considered school holidays for students and staff.**

**GET READY FOR THE 2018 S.T.E.M. FAIR!**

Save the Date! The 3rd Annual St. Mark Catholic School STEM Fair takes place on Friday, April 27. Food trucks will be available starting at 4:30 PM, with the STEM Fair lasting until 8:00 PM!

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Drones. Virtual Reality. Star Wars Characters. Robots. Food Trucks. Prize Drawings. Goody Bags. And Much More! Don't miss this family event featuring STEM-related, interactive booths sponsored by corporations, non-profit organizations, universities, and more. Kids and grown-ups alike have fun learning about the many ways that science,

**QUICK LINKS**

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

**SAFETY CHANGE**

**Attention all school families:** In our efforts to increase our school



security, as of Monday, March 19, all entry doors to the school will remain locked at all times. This impacts morning drop-off. **The following two doors will no longer be used during morning drop-off:**

**Door 1-** the breezeway door coming in from the middle school carpool line in the back of the school

**Door 2-** the door leading from the school to the church

Students who have historically used these doors in the morning will now need to enter through another door.

Just a reminder, any 1st-8th grade student arriving after 7:55 AM must enter through the main school door and receive a tardy slip from the Receptionist.

Thank you for supporting our continuing efforts to keep St.

technology, engineering and math are used in today's businesses and in our society.

**Sponsor a Booth. It's Free!** Does your company utilize science, technology, engineering or math? Do you have a STEM-related hobby? If so, please consider sponsoring an interactive booth at the STEM Fair. Booth sponsorships are free, and provide a great opportunity to share your career or hobby with hundreds of people in the St. Mark community. If you're interested, please contact Pam Steinkirchner at [pam.steinkirchner@stmcs.net](mailto:pam.steinkirchner@stmcs.net).

**T-Shirt Orders:** Get your 2018 S.T.E.M. Fair t-shirt! Don't miss your chance to commemorate this awesome event. Shirts will be pink with black lettering, and are \$8.00 each. Orders will be taken from now through April 6. Be sure to place your order during this period to ensure you and your student get the correct sizes. Print the [order form](#) and follow the payment instructions. Your order form must be submitted to the school office regardless of how you pay. After the event, students may continue to wear these shirts during P.E. classes and on school Spirit Days.

### HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT ST. MARK!

Do you know someone interested in a St. Mark education for their PK-8th grade child? Limited openings are available in select grade levels. 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](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, 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

Mark a safe place to pray and learn.

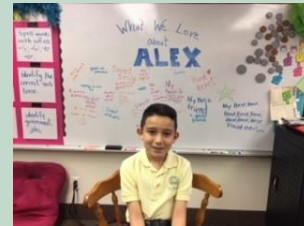
### SPRING BREAK REMINDER

Spring Break = next week!



If you will be leaving early today or returning late, please email [rene.oconnor@stmcs.net](mailto:rene.oconnor@stmcs.net) and let her know.

### SPREAD THE LOVE



Have you heard about the St. Mark "Spread the Love" program? Each grade level is coming up with unique ways to spread positive words and good feelings among students. In this day and age when we hear so much negativity in the news, we feel it's our obligation to lift our students up and encourage peers to show each other kindness. The reactions have been nothing less than extraordinary. Take the 2nd grade "Compliments" project, for example, shown above. Follow our progress on [Facebook!](#)

### LOWDOWN FROM THE LION'S LAIR

Direct from the SmartLab, the News Broadcast Club presents

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](http://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) and she'll send the information to you for posting.



**Only 3 weeks remaining to purchase your 2018 "A Night at the Oscars" Gala & Auction tickets!**

**We need to sell 100 more tickets to meet our attendance goal. If we sell those 100 tickets before March 30, the Auction Committee will provide ice cream for the entire school!**

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

Ticket sales will close March 30, 2018.

*Tuition Raffle*

**How to Play:**

**March 19, 2018 - April 5, 2018**

Raffle ticket sales will be open from March 19 until April 5 at 11:59 PM.

Parents will receive one pre-printed raffle ticket with the purchase of their child's cross art via the [Auction website](#).

"Lowdown from the Lion's Lair" for the week of March 5, 2018.



**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 April. Sign-ups are due March 15. Half days and full days are available. Please remember, you must be [Safe Environment](#) trained to volunteer.

### **SUPPER OF EXCELLENCE**

Thanks to our fabulous chefs for this month's "Supper of Excellence": Stephanie Brooks, Marlene Ehring, Beth Kyle, and Tammy Williams. A Spanish feast awaits the fortunate family that won this package at last year's Auction!

Less than a month until this opportunity is up for bid again! For 2018, there are a few new twists -- multiple families can bid, meals during individual months are available, and each will have a book-related theme. Don't miss your chance to have one or more amazing dinners prepared for your family. [Click here](#) to buy your 2018 St. Mark Auction & Gala tickets now.

### **HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES**

The price of the cross art with a raffle ticket is \$25.

Raffle ticket will be delivered in your child's take-home folder/backpack on April 6.

If you have more than one child, each cross purchased will have 1 raffle ticket.

This is the only way to obtain a raffle ticket prior to the event.

#### **April 7, 2018 (at the Auction)**

All Auction attendees will have the option of purchasing a lapel pin that will have a pre-printed raffle ticket(s) attached. Payment will be via BidPal.

There will be a published cut-off time for purchases at the event.

Silver lapel pin (with 1 raffle ticket attached) can be purchased for \$25.

Gold lapel pin (with 5 raffle tickets attached) can be purchased for \$100.

You can purchase as many silver or gold lapel pins as you like.

This is the only way to obtain raffle ticket(s) at the event.

#### **Drawing**

All raffle ticket stubs will be placed in a bin and a drawing will be held at the Auction.

The winner does not have to be present to win.

The winner must provide the following information: name, address, social security number (which will need to be verified against the actual social security card).

#### **Prize**

St. Mark Catholic School tuition voucher valued at \$3,000 for the 2018-19 school year.

IRS reportable winnings and income tax withholdings will be done in accordance with IRS regulations.

#### **Questions?**

#### **High School Scholarship**

**Opportunity:** The Catholic Daughters Court #2100 is offering their annual \$500 Josephine Ames Scholarship for an 8th grade student entering Catholic high school in the fall of 2018. Please [click here](#) for information and the application. Students may also obtain hard copies from Mrs. O'Connor and Mrs. Oliver.

#### **Young Men's Service League**

**(YMSL):** The YMSL offers a wonderful way for mothers and their high school age sons to spend time together serving the community (and earning high school service hours). The Cardinal YMSL chapter is home to many of our St. Mark alumni families, and they are looking for new members. For any 8th grade boy interested in joining, now is the time. Boys do not need to attend JP11 to become a member. Enrollment runs from March 5-April 15, 2018. For more information about the organization, [click here](#). Those interested in joining may contact [Maria Ligad](#) (mother of **Nicholas Ligad '15**).



**Calling all new Ursuline Academy freshmen and current students:** 2018-19 Jesuit Rangerettes drill team tryout practices, formal auditions, and informational meetings are coming up in April. [Click here](#) for full details.

Please contact [auction@stmcs.net](mailto:auction@stmcs.net).



**1. What is the Auction?** The annual school Auction is the largest fundraiser at St. Mark. Monies raised go towards various improvements such as the SmartLab, playground equipment, and the school gymnasiums, just to name a few examples from recent years. Specific Auction details will be sent via email to attendees closer to April 7.

**2. What is the VIP Reception?** The VIP reception is new this year, and begins at 5:00 PM (one hour prior to general admission). Those in attendance will receive complimentary wine and beer, as well as a chance to talk with the Principal and Assistant Principal. Attendees will also enjoy an extra hour to view the Silent Auction tables, place bids, and add items to their "watch lists." Simply add the VIP experience to your evening when prompted during the ticket sale process on the [Auction website](#). If you have already purchased your tickets and want to add a VIP experience, please email [auction@stmcs.net](mailto:auction@stmcs.net) and the Auction Committee will assist you.

**3. What is for sale at the Auction?** The Auction items/packages are divided into two categories: Live Auction and Silent Auction. The Live Auction is held the night of the event in the ballroom following dinner and includes items such as sky diving experiences, large trips, and other packages/experiences. The Silent Auction is held 100% through online bidding. Silent Auction items include the class baskets (that all school families donate to), teacher experiences, and various items donated by local or national businesses. Bidding on both Silent and Live Auction items is only open to those who attend the event. You must purchase a ticket to be given access to the online bidding site.

**4. Should I attend the event even if I prefer not to spend a lot of money?**

Your ticket purchase alone will help the Auction Committee reach its financial goal. New this year, we have included low-price items, many of which were created by the sweet hands

For registration information, [click here](#).



## 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:

**Monsignor Smyth**  
**Golf Classic:**  
Friday, May 4, 2018





of our children. Our goal is that everyone can walk away with a purchase from the Auction.



### Upcoming Auction Events:

- \*March 20: Panera Bread, Richardson: Spirit Night
- \*May 11: Metroplex Spirit Night (rescheduled)



### HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

**Field Day T-Shirts:** Heads-up ... be on the lookout after Spring Break for the Field Day t-shirt order form. Information will be sent to parents and the form will be posted on the school website at that time. Field Day t-shirts are provided to everyone at no charge.



All registered Talent Show participants and alternates have been sent a detailed email with information regarding rehearsals. If you have not received an email, please contact Jolea Broome at [jo\\_cool@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jo_cool@sbcglobal.net).



### 2018 HSA General Meetings:

- \*Please note that the March HSA meeting is being replaced by the Talent Show.
- \*May 2, 8:15 AM, Cafetorium: HSA 4th General Meeting



Join us for Mass with the seminarians on Sunday, March 25 at 9:15 AM at Holy Trinity Seminary, 3131 Vince Hagan Drive, Irving. Mass is followed by a reception with the seminarians.

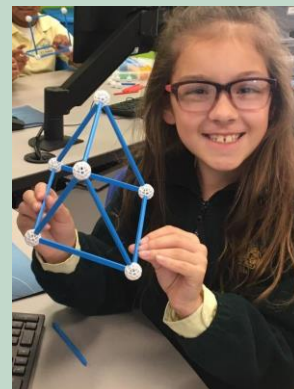
### SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

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

### Family Lent Services:



### 2nd Grade SmartLab:



### Spread the Love Bulletin Board:

**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.

**St. Mark Scrip Program:** Purchase gift cards for gifts, or stock up for stores and restaurants that you frequent. Use the gift cards as you would your own cash or credit cards. Tell family and friends - anyone can order and St. Mark receives a percentage from every sale! Orders are accepted year round.



### 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](#).



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

**Please join our students in praying our school prayer:** Lord, help us to come together as a community to support one another, encourage one another, and show each other kindness. Amen.

**Upcoming Events:**

\*Community Prayer Walk: Friday, March 23, 7:55 AM, Narthex

\*Community Prayer Team Meeting: Monday, April 6, 8:00 AM, Room 116



**Art History/Jackson Pollock:**



**1st Grade Landforms:**



**PK4 Humpty Dumpty Magnets:**



**PK4 Clues:**





ENJOY A SAFE, FUN-FILLED,  
SUN-FILLED SPRING BREAK!

SCHOOL RESUMES ON MONDAY, MARCH 19.

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