



# ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

## Weekly School Bulletin June 3, 2022

Loving God, Creator of all things, we thank You for the gift of this year at St. Mark Catholic School, and we look forward to summertime and days of light, warmth and leisure.

Let all the gifts we enjoyed this year, and will enjoy this summer, deepen our awareness of Your love for us. Bless our 8th grade graduates during the next phase of their lives, and this fall, may we safely return to continue our Catholic education and grow yet closer to You. Amen.



Our Patron, St. Mark

### A Few Scenes From This Week

To see everything happening on campus, follow us on social media.





**Field Day**



**8th Grade Graduation**



**Roll-Up Day**

## Upcoming Dates

**Today, Friday, June 3:** 12:00 PM Early Dismissal; the After School Program is available until 3:00 PM; Report Cards; 4th Quarter Ends; Raising Cane's Fundraiser (details below)

**Tuesday, June 14:** Popsicle Playdate from 6:00-7:00 PM on the St. Mark Playground

**Tuesday, July 12:** Popsicle Playdate from 6:00-7:00 PM on the St. Mark Playground

**August 7:** Back To School Sunday - Mass at 8:30 AM in the Church; Breakfast & Information Fair from 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM in the Cafetorium & Gyms

**August 10:** Pop-In Meet & Greet from 9:00-10:30 AM in both buildings

**August 11:** First day of school; HSA Parent Breakfast at 7:30 AM in the Cafetorium; First Quarter Begins



Dear Parents: One of my favorite things about the stories of Jesus was His knack for seeing who people could become and helping them move in that direction. He knew love had the power to transform anyone at any time. We hope you have felt the love from St. Mark as we helped your children grow academically, socially, and spiritually through this school year.

Thank you to our parents for choosing St. Mark Catholic School and for putting great trust in us to protect, care for, nurture, and to educate your children each day. Thank you for your tolerance, patience, and flexibility as we returned to a normal environment. Thank you for reading our many emails and for your positive feedback and support during difficult decisions. We are truly blessed to have you in our community, and we value the partnership that we have formed with you and your generosity in sharing your time, talent, and treasure.

I would like to deeply thank our faculty and staff for their dedication and passion for the students at St. Mark. Our teachers truly change lives, and we see it every day. Thank you for your support, laughter, resiliency, and grace. Thank you for your professionalism, your teamwork and for helping to build a community of which we can all be proud.

I would like to thank and congratulate our students this year. Despite the challenges and changes they encountered getting back to normal, I could not be prouder of them for going through this school year with strength and courage. We have experienced the importance of drawing upon our Catholic faith to help guide us, to give us hope, and to remind us of the many blessings we have in our lives.

We are encouraged and hopeful about our future as we bring the 2021-2022 school year to a close. Our re-enrollment rate was one of the best in the Diocese and our enrollment of new families continues to grow. Our graduates left us with **85% continuing to Catholic high schools** and earning **\$296,500 in scholarships**. We have safety/security enhancements planned for the summer along with other various building projects that will be unveiled at Back-to-School on Sunday, August 7.

May God continue to bless you and your family with safety and peace. Happy Summer!

Peace and prayers,



Pam Steinkirchner  
Principal



## Summer Packet

Each year, St. Mark publishes a "Summer Packet" that contains important information that families need to know during the summer months and the start of the next school year. The packet also includes **required and optional grade-level summer assignments** that enable students to continue building their skills.

The "2022 Summer Packet" was sent to all families via email on Thursday. You can [access a copy here](#), and it is also posted on the school website under the "Parents" tab.

**PK-7th grade families:** Please take a moment to review the packet now and allow yourself and your student(s) plenty of time to complete the action items.

**8th grade families:** Please read the information about cafeteria balance refunds and the opportunity to donate your used uniforms.



## Mark Your Calendar

Don't miss out on summer fun and important back-to-school events!  
[Click here for a printable list.](#)



## Summer Office Hours

### June 6 through June 23

The school office will be open Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

### June 24 through July 31

The office will be closed for staff vacations. Messages will be checked periodically and return calls will be made when office personnel and/or administration are available.

### August 1-10

The office will re-open Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. The office will be closed from 12:00-1:00 PM for lunch, and periodically during staff development. Please call ahead if you plan to stop by to ensure someone will be in the office to greet you.

### August 11

First day of school; regular office hours take effect: Monday - Friday, 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Please remember that office staff is limited during the summer months, and faculty access to email will be especially limited this summer due to a server upgrade. If someone does not answer the phone, please leave a message on the voicemail and your call will be returned. Office staff email will also be monitored throughout the summer.



## Thank You

A huge thank you to Jaslyne's family for donating the incredible charcuterie board to the 8th grade graduation reception. It was fabulous (and delicious)!



## Carpool Placard Advertising Opportunity

The Auction Committee provides carpool name placards to all school families in August. These placards are displayed in everyone's front windshields during afternoon pick-up. Nine (9) ad spaces (1.9" square) are available on the back of the placard at \$500 each, with proceeds benefitting the 2023 Auction. Parents and businesses that wish to advertise on the carpool placards should send a logo to [Ashley Ternan](#) by July 15. Payment can be submitted by check (made out to St. Mark Catholic School), or via the [electronic payment site](#) (choose "Auction" in the drop-down menu and indicate "carpool placard ad" in the Comments section).

## Wanted: 2023 Auction & Gala Chair

Do you like working with people and planning special events? If the answer is yes, the 2023 Auction needs you! We are in search of the next Auction & Gala Chair or Chairs. Grab your spouse or your closest buddies and reach

out to [Ms. Steinkirchner](#). You'll receive all the support you need from the school staff as well as this year's Auction Chair who will provide comprehensive details to assist you every step of the way.

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and all proceeds fund projects that directly benefit students.

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### From the School Nurse

If your student is currently keeping a medication in the School Nurse's office (including but not limited to Epi-Pens, inhalers, prescription medication, or over-the-counter medication), please arrange to pick it up by the last day of school. Any medication that is left at school over the summer will be disposed of, per school policy.

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### AFTERSCHOOL



### 2022-23 After School Program Registration Now Open

Registration for the 2022-23 After School Program is currently open. Spots are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. If your child will participate, please register now as classes fill quickly.

Information about the After School Program, including the 2022-23 After School Program Handbook, [can be found here](#). Please review the handbook and then complete the registration form using the link located on the last page.

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### Now Accepting Used Uniform Donations

St. Mark is accepting gently used uniform donations between now and Thursday, June 9. Please drop them off in the school office. Note that from June 6-9, summer office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

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### Around the Campus



**Optional  
Uniform  
Sweatshirts  
Available for  
Purchase**

Optional uniform  
sweatshirts are

**Today is the day!**

now available online at the Lion's Den Spirit Store for a limited time. A limited number of sizes are currently in stock. This sweatshirt can replace the school sweater or vest Monday - Thursday only. [Students should follow dress code guidelines accordingly.](#) A uniform shirt must be worn underneath. We suggest sizing up to allow for growth.

[Please click here for complete details and to place an order.](#)

2022-23 Preschool, TK & Kindergarten families: Mark your calendars!

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POPSICLE PLAYDATES

When? June 14, 6:00-7:00 PM & July 12, 6:00-7:00 PM

Where? St. Mark Catholic School Playground

Who? All 3K, 4K, TK, and Kindergarten LIONS



**2022 SCHEDULE**  
OPEN REGISTRATION: FEB. 4, 2022  
SUMMER CAMP 2022: JUNE 6-AUGUST 5

**LEARN MORE**  
KIDVENTURE.COM/  
PLANO-SUMMER-CAMP

AGES 3-5 & ENTERING 1ST-5TH GRADE

FIELD TRIPS ARE BACK

NEW EVENTS

ROCK CLIMBING

ARCHERY

A collage of four photos: a child climbing a rock wall, a school bus, a child holding a bow and arrow, and a child in a red shirt.

**JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER AT RAISING CANE'S**  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2022**  
**BETWEEN 10 AM - 9 PM**

MENTION ST. MARK AND A PORTION OF SALES WILL BE DONATED TO OUR SCHOOL  
LOCATION: ACROSS THE STREET FROM CAMPUS

A photograph of a plate of Raising Cane's chicken fingers and french fries.

DECATS

The DeBusk Enrichment Center for Academically Talented Students (DECATS) seeks to identify and challenge gifted and talented students through an intensive course study during a three-week summer session. Students qualify to participate based on standardized test scores. Congratulations to the following students who will attend the program this year:

Junior DECATS (grades 3-5): **Ethan A., Nicholas B., Carlos H., Sophia H., Maggie D., Dylan E., Michael F., Luke H., Ria J., James K., Jacob M., Hailey O., Kellan Q., Owen W.**

Senior DECATS (grades 6-8): **Christopher B., Joseph B., Clara C., Carter D., Charlie D., Cooper D., Ansley D., Will G., Omar J., Sterling K., Brandon L., Zeke R., Madison S., Hudson W.**



## Fall 2022 DPL Sports Registration

Please click the individual links below for more information.

DPL Sports - Deadline = 6/16/22

\*[Boys JV Flag and Varsity Flag or Tackle Football](#)

\*[Girls Varsity Flag Football](#) (dependent upon DPL formation of girls league)

\*[JV & Varsity Cross Country](#)

\*[Girls JV and Varsity Volleyball](#)

\*[Co-ed Varsity Volleyball](#)

[Please click here for online registration](#). No fees are due until teams have been formed. Fees will be charged to your FACTS account once teams have been submitted to DPL.

Dates for volleyball skills evaluation sessions (if needed), as well as all sports team practice dates TBD.



## High School Opportunity

**MATH+ ADVANCED MATHEMATICS AT JESUIT:** This summer, Mr. Kendrick Pitts, Math Instructor at Jesuit Dallas, will teach an Advanced Mathematics class, Math+, which will focus on Applied Number Theory. Math+ courses explore one major idea included in Stanford University's introductory math sequence. It consists of world-class content tailored to younger students and serves to get students excited about math, and to help prepare them for advanced math classes, standardized exams, and more. \*Girls and boys, rising 6th-9th graders, may participate. \*Dates: 6 Sessions, June 24 - July 1 \*Classes will meet daily from 3:30-4:30 PM at Jesuit. \*[Click here for complete details](#). \*For registration, visit [www.redwoodprep.com](http://www.redwoodprep.com).

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