Prayer for the 2018-19 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.

DUST OFF THOSE BOOTS, AND GET READY TO KICK-UP YOUR HEELS AT ST. MARK'S BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!

St. Mark Catholic School
"Boot Scoot & Boogie" Auction
Saturday, March 2, 2019
6:00 PM - 12:00 Midnight
Southfork Ranch

Enjoy a BBQ buffet, cash bar, armadillo races, mechanical bull, games of chance, strolling magician, line dancing lessons, and of course, a wide variety of silent and live auction items to bid on, as we raise funds benefiting the St. Mark Catholic School community!

Pre-Auction Mixers
Saturday, January 19, 2019
ECE-2nd Grade: Happy Hour at the Hoke's
3rd-8th Grade: Mixer at the Delaney's
*Evites were emailed to all families last week. Please RSVP using the Evite link by January 16.
*Students whose parents attend a mixer will receive a Dress Down Day on Tuesday, January 22!
*Special thanks to the Hoke and Delaney families for hosting these events -- we are so grateful!

Stay tuned to the Weekly School Bulletin and the Auction web page for more information about tickets sales.
Questions? Email andy.crider@live.com.

REMINDERS

TODAY, Friday, January 11:
- 3rd grade received the Vocations Chalice at All School Mass and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

- 2nd Quarter Ends

Monday, January 14:
- 3rd Quarter Begins

- St. Mark Spirit Day! See guidelines on page 27 of the Parent Student Handbook.

Wednesday, January 16:
- Report cards

- St. Mark Geography Bee

Thursday, January 17:
- Preschool Pajama Day

Friday, January 18:
- 8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass presented by 3rd grade. All are welcome.

Monday, January 21:
- NO SCHOOL: Martin Luther King Day

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

A warm welcome to the new students who joined us this week:

3K:
Luke R. - Mrs. Oliver

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Follow us and stay connected!

Like what you see?
"Like" and "share" on your social media!

QUICK LINKS

Calendar
Lifetime Lions Alumni
Admissions
Lunch Menus
Safe Environment
Lion's Den Spirit Store
Work of Heart Nomination

FAITH IN ACTION
Catholic Schools Week, the national celebration of Catholic education, is fast approaching -- January 26-February 1! This year's theme is #BEGOLDEN.

You'll want to stay informed about all the important dates and events so that you and your child are prepared each day. Details were sent to families via email earlier this week and are always available on the school website.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for Family Lunch Day on Tuesday, January 29! In-N-Out Burger will be on campus and you are invited to pre-order lunch for your entire family by January 16. Cost is $5.00 per lunch. Click here to print the order form and submit with your payment.

We look forward to celebrating the 2019 Catholic Schools Week with our entire community.

HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT ST. MARK!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Gratitude

Service From the Heart:

January Project:
Thank you for supporting Catholic education.

Catholic Social Teaching:
Solidarity

Who Benefits?
St. Mark community

Due Date:
January 25, 2019

ST. MARK SUMMER PROGRAM

Back by popular demand, St. Mark will be hosting the "Kidventure" summer program on our campus in 2019! Dates are June 3-August 2 (you may pick and choose your weeks), and the program will utilize the After School Program building. More details to follow soon. In the meantime, for general
The 2019-20 admission season is here! Do you know someone interested in a St. Mark education for their PK-8th grade child?

Here are two ways you can help us spread the word about St. Mark:

1. **REFERRALS:** Encourage prospective families to register for an upcoming Open House, the ECE Come and Play Day, 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!

**2019 Open Houses:**
- Tuesday, January 29, 9:00-10:00 AM
- Tuesday, February 5, 6:00-7:30 PM
- Tuesday, March 26, 8:00-9:00 AM
- Tuesday, April 23, 5:30-7:00 PM (for prospective PK/K families)

**2019 Come and Play Day:**
- Tuesday, April 9, 9:00-10:30 AM
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 individual families and playgroups.

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 and she'll send the information to you for posting.

**POPcorn SALE BENEFITING YEARBOOK**

The Yearbook will be selling popcorn to all students (PK3-8) next week to raise money to cover the cost of printing. Popcorn orders will be taken during class time between Monday, January 14 - Thursday, January 17. Popcorn bags are $2.00 each. Choose from Butter, White Cheddar, Salsa, or Kettle. Exact change is appreciated. Payment must be made during the order process. If your child would like to enjoy a bag of popcorn, be sure that he/she pre-orders. Please help support the yearbook and enjoy a tasty treat!

**WATCH D.O.G.S.**

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 serve.

**FUN FACTS ABOUT THE STAFF**
**Did you know?**

5th grade teacher, Mrs. Ostermann, grew up in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, attended LSU, has a degree in Construction, was a flight attendant, has two sons and one daughter, and loves to sew and do needle work.

**COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM**

Welcome to the St. Mark Community Prayer Team. It is our goal to bring the St. Mark community closer to Christ and to each other. There will be numerous opportunities for you to get involved this school year. Even if you are unable to participate in person, we invite you to join in from where you are. For more information about the Community Prayer Team, please click here.

**Prayer Walk:** Please join us on Friday, January 18 at 7:50 AM at the cross outside the St. Mark Narthex for a Community Prayer Walk around our school and church buildings. We will be praying for St. Mark students, families, faculty, staff, and religious. After the Prayer Walk, parents are invited to join the school community for Mass at 8:30 AM in the church. If you are not able to
Shop the Lion's Den Spirit Store for all of your spirit wear needs! It is open every Friday morning that school is in session from 7:30-8:15 AM in the Cafetorium. 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.

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and got to enjoy some time off. December brought in 386 Box Tops! That's an additional $38.60 for St. Mark Catholic School. Our school total is now $408.70. Way to go! Thank you to all who have submitted. Here are the class standings (Box Tops per student) which include November and December. The collection will continue until our next submission at the end of February:

5th grade: 192 Box Tops = Averaging 3.84 Box Tops/Student
3rd grade: 127 Box Tops = Averaging 2.49 Box Tops/Student
1st grade: 119 Box Tops = Averaging 2.16 Box Tops/Student
2nd grade: 75 Box Tops = Averaging 1.74 Box Tops/Student
4th grade: 81 Box Tops = Averaging 1.69 Box Tops/Student
6/7/8th grades: 122 Box Tops = Averaging 0.64 Box Tops/Student
TK/K: 135 Box Tops = Averaging .59 Box Tops/Student
Preschool: 7 Box Tops = Averaging .14 Box Tops/Student

5th grade is still in the lead, BUT there is still time to submit. Start saving for January’s collection. Please turn in any Box Tops you have collected by January 31. Please carefully cut out unexpired Box Tops from participating brands (expiration date must be visible); place in a Ziploc (which conveniently has Box Tops!) or envelope; clearly write your child's grade/teacher on it; and turn them in to your child's teacher by January 31. Box Tops submitted without grade/teacher on them will count towards our overall goal but we will not be able to keep track of them for the competition. Each Box Top submitted earns $.10

Prayer Requests: The school has a Prayer Table available to anyone visiting campus (family members, etc.) which is located in the hallway between the Administration offices and the Cafetorium. Everyone is welcome to place prayer requests in the box on the table. These intentions will be taken to Mass on Fridays as part of the offering.

Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention: In addition to your prayers for our St. Mark community of students, families, teachers, staff and religious, we hope you will also remember Pope Francis' monthly intentions:

January: Evangelization - Young People: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Around the Parish

8th Annual Knights of Columbus Father-Daughter Dance

Join us for food, dancing, games and pictures!

Saturday, January 26, 2019
7:00-9:00 PM
School Cafeteria

$30/couple
($10 each additional daughter)
Get ready for the 2nd Annual St. Mark Talent Show!
The Talent Show will take place Saturday, April 6. More details will be coming soon!

2018-19 Volunteer Opportunities: The Home & School Association cannot be successful without amazing volunteers to help in our school. There are many ways you can share your time and talents in the new school year.

*Click here for a link to the Sign-Up Genius for HSA Committees/Events. All positions are available on a first come, first serve basis.

*Want to volunteer in your child's classroom? Click here to access individual classroom sign-up links for grades PK-2nd.

Earn Money for St. Mark by Simply Shopping at Kroger: Enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards program and a percentage of your purchases will go directly to the St. Mark Catholic School Home & School Association. Click here for complete instructions. Kroger cards must be relinked to St. Mark every 12 months.

PAW PRIDE!

Congratulations to Theresa T. who won 1st Place at the Diocesan Spelling Bee on Thursday and now advances to the Dallas County Private School Bee in February!
Congratulations to the St. Mark Band that won 1st Place in the Youth Division in the Richardson Christmas Parade!

Congratulations to all of our #BEGOLDEN students who were honored at this week's All School Mass.