



**Weekly Message from the Principal
Mary Ann McQueen
Thursday, February 18, 2016**

AUCTION/RAFFLE:

Have you purchased your Carnival in Rio auction tickets yet? We are selling tickets on the yard at drop off and pick up on Wednesday, February 24. Stop by and get your tickets before we're sold out. Or visit the auction

website: <http://www.stmarks.onlineauctionbook.com>.

Remember, you must "Register" before you can purchase tickets.

Start gathering those donations. Many businesses in the area are looking for opportunities to support our community and get positive publicity in the process. Donation forms are available in the front hallway and downloadable on our website under the "Support" tab, "22nd Annual Auction."

Sign up to help with the auction. We need people to set up, work a shift or two during the auction, clean up and much more. Get your service hours in and have fun at the same time! To sign up go to: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C4AAAA922A1FE3-stmark
See Auction Flyer for more information about our Auction-

RAFFLE NEWS and CONTEST UPDATES!!!!:

Two books of raffle tickets were sent home a few weeks ago and the contest has begun! Students participated in determining the prizes this year and raffle chairs Trina Wilson and Caroline Vance have done a terrific job of organizing the entire raffle run-up to the Auction! Have fun selling! See attached flyer for prizes.

The class that has the most improvement in sales by tomorrow (the class with the most new students to have sold two or more books of tickets) will win two free dress tickets for each student!

The class with the highest percentage of students who have sold two or more books by tomorrow will also win two free dress tickets for each student in the class!

RICE BOWL SUNDAY:

Join in the Saint Mark community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. This weekend, you are invited to attend an open house for Rice Bowl Sunday on February 21. The event will be held in the parish hall from 8:00am-1:30pm and will be open to all ages. The event will feature cooking demonstrations and food samples, media presentations, interactive sessions, a fair trade sale, and free donuts and fair trade coffee for all! Join us and learn how you can help to end the cycle of poverty at home and around the world. Please see the flier attached for more information.

Catholic Education Foundation Scholarships:

If you are planning on applying for financial assistance for next year, please contact the office and we will be happy to send an application to you. All applications must be submitted to the school office no later than March 15, 2016 to be considered.

MUSICAL INFORMATION - Recruiting the crew for Aladdin!

1. Students in grades 3-8 are welcome to work on props, painting and costume work. Students in 6-8 are welcome to do more "behind the scenes" work with possibly sound, lights, makeup and backstage management.
2. Meeting will be in Mrs. Harrington's room from 3:15-4:15.
3. Students do not have to pay until they decide if they want to participate. This is an informational meeting. When you do join, you will get a t-shirt and your name in the program! Cost is \$50.00.
4. We will meet every Wednesday from 3:15 until 4:30.
5. Any Virtus trained parents that are interested in helping on Wednesday afternoons, please contact Mrs. Harrington @ tharrington@stmarkschool.com to let her know.
6. Students already in the cast are not permitted to be part of the crew.

ROARIN' MORNING- DON'T MISS OUT:

AVOID THE UPROAR that will occur when your kid finds out you forgot to submit a guest for Roarin' Morning (formerly called Grandparents' Day) on Friday, April 15. Search your email for "FAQ" if you need to get caught up on details.

We've had a ton of responses, which brings us closer to our goal of 100% participation for every St. Mark family. This here is your last chance to submit a guest before paper invitations are sent to guests in the mail. We understand if all the grandparents wish to attend, but ask that you limit Godparents or good friends to one guest per student. You can register your guest(s)

here: <https://docs.google.com/a/stmarkschool.com/forms/d/1WTV3cbIwLwcAf7I7fLOQrfpug9WUXxoNsGOxB00W2XI/viewform>

ACCREDITATION AND PARENTS:

Thank you to all our parents who were able to attend the WASC Accreditation Visiting Team meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2016. We had more than 35 families attend of various grades and experiences with the school. The school board also met with the visiting team and the feedback that we received from the visiting team was incredibly affirming. More reporting to come...

UPCOMING DATES:

Tuesday, February 23, 2016	Admissions Outreach from 8-10 AM
Wednesday, February 24, 2016	Auction Meeting at 7:45 AM
Friday, February 26, 2016	No School – Religious Education Congress
Friday March 4, 2016	Full Dress Uniform- 4th Grade leads 8AM Mass
Friday, March 4, 2016	6th, 7th & 8th Grade Net Retreat
Monday, March 7, 2016	PAC Meeting at 7:45 AM
Wednesday, March 9, 2016	Jeans Day
Friday, March 11, 2016	Full Dress Uniform- 5th Grade leads 8AM Mass
Saturday, March 12, 2016	2nd Grade Reconciliation 9:15 AM
Monday, March 14, 2016	Pi Day at lunch time
Monday, March 14, 2016	Board Meeting at 5:30 PM
Friday, March 18, 2016	Full Dress Uniform- 6th Grade leads 8AM Mass
Saturday, March 19, 2016	2nd year Communion Meeting 9-10:30 AM
Saturday, March 19, 2015	Auction!!