



Weekly Message from the Principal,
Mary Ann McQueen

November 20, 2013

**JEANS DAY TO BENEFIT THE VICTIMS OF THE RECENT TYPHOON IN THE PHILIPPINES!
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2013! \$1.00**

A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE AND A REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION:

Thank you so much to all of the families who have participated in the “Annual Fund” to date. 28% of school families have participated so far and we are close to 1/2 of our goal, overall. We must reach 100% participation in this effort! Please respond today if you have not already. Thanks!

If you were unable to attend the “State of the School” meeting you can view the entire program by going to this link:

<https://vimeo.com/79271889>. The password for the video of the evening’s program is **smsvenice**. **We hope you will take the time to review the program as it makes a case for the annual fund and the need for your participation! Let us know what your thoughts are regarding the content of the vimeo!**

GRANDPARENT/SPECIAL FRIEND DAY FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2014

We are very much looking forward to Grandparents/Special Friends Day which will take place on Friday, January 31, 2013. Please go to the attached [link](#)

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1JsOAN6IQFgx2ck9hznKIOMxzGjAW_LP6qtlvekGy6l8/viewform

in order to provide the contact information for the grandparents or special friend that you would like included in this event. We want to be sure to reach out in a timely fashion to the invitees and need the information that only you can provide to accomplish this. Don’t delay, send it today! If you know that grandparents are not available to attend we would like to send them an invitation so that they can participate in other ways that are planned.

THANKSGIVING OUTREACH: HYGIENE PRODUCTS NEEDED BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2013

St. Mark School is participating in the Westside Thanksgiving Day Celebration and Dinner event for the homeless and those in need. The role that we are playing includes collecting hygiene products for distribution. The weeks of November 12 and November 18 we will be collecting the following items:

bars of soap, combs, toothpaste, deodorant, and shampoo. Travel sizes are best but other sizes are okay as well. These items will be collected in each homeroom and will be a significant part of this annual Westside outreach. Please participate in this effort! Please talk to your children about what poverty is and the importance of Christian charity towards those in need!

ADMISSION TO ST. MARK SCHOOL:

Important Message to Parents who have younger or other children who may be applying to SMS:

The deadline to let us know that you have a younger and/or other child applying to St. Mark School is Friday, November 22. Your application for admission is due on Friday, December 13. Please plan to attend an information session for admission outreach (December 3). This is a good way to be reintroduced to the program and to meet prospective families. We are receiving applications for next year and need to know which current families will be applying to SMS. We will provide a "returning family" application soon but we do need to know what your plans are for next year if you are considering SMS for one of your children! Once we hear from you we will let you know the process that we will be using for current families interested in admission for an additional child! We are eager to fold you into the process as soon as possible. Please email us at admission@stmarkschool.com by Friday, November 22, 2013.

HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS:

High school admission Open House programs:

Pacifica Christian High School, Nov 21st 7pm

Bishop Montgomery, Nov 23rd 9-12pm

Marlborough High School, Nov 23rd 9-12 RSVP to 323-935-1147

Marymount High School, Nov 24th 1-4 RSVP to 310-472-1205

Brentwood School, Dec 4th 6:15-8:45pm

St. Monica High School, Dec 7th 1-4 pm

Immaculate Heart High School, Dec 8th 1pm

New Roads, Dec 8th 2pm

Notre Dame Academy, Dec 8th 10 am & 1:30 RSVP to 310-839-5289

St. Bernard High School, Dec 8th

Thanksgiving Holiday: School will dismiss on Tuesday, November 26 at 12:30 PM. There will be no Homework Club on that day. There will be no school on Wednesday, November 27-29!