



**Weekly Message from the Principal,
Mary Ann McQueen**

January 29, 2014

AUCTION PACKETS SENT HOME TODAY!!!!

AUCTION NEWS: Get ready for the upcoming rollout of the Auction 2014! Look for emails about details related to this event. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2014!!!!** MARINA CITY CLUB IS THE PLACE! THIS IS GOING TO BE A FUN, ELEGANT AND CELEBRATORY EVENT!

The Great Gatsby Party (Auction) on April 5, 2014

The kick-off to the auction will take place on Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 6:00 pm in the school building! Plan to attend and learn more about the fun! Babysitting will be provided to those who sign up first! Call the main office and look for details to be sent out in the next two days!

Upcoming Dates:

1/29/2014 Parent appreciation Day- It was awesome! Thank you parents!

1/30/2014 Student Appreciation Day- Free Dress

1/31/2014 Grandparents Mass/Reception

2/4/2014 Prospective Parent Tour @ 8:00 am

Progress Reports will be sent home on Monday, February 10, 2014

2/7/2014 Teacher Appreciation Day

OPEN HOUSE AND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:

Open House was a huge success due to the tremendous effort put forth by teachers, students and parents. We received some lovely email messages and notes from guests and they were so impressed with the students and St. Mark generally! Thank you to everyone who helped!

Parent Appreciation Day today was really special due to the sincere messages communicated by the students and the care and attention to detail of the teachers and staff! Thank you to all who came out to share in assembly and to the song prepared by the students under the direction of Yvonne Frontera!

STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY:

Tomorrow, January 30, is Student Appreciation Day and students are allowed to wear their P.E. clothes or play free dress. They can wear shorts, jeans or casual pants. Uggs can be worn but they must bring an additional pair of shoes for recess for safety reasons!

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, 2014. Invitations were sent in the mail weeks ago and we have already received many replies! Parents, we know that some of you may be attending mass and/or the reception on that day because you are assisting an older grandparent or special friend. Please let us know if this is the case so that we are sure to plan accordingly. There will be some parking on half of the yard but we would like to reserve that for grandparents to shorten their walk. Please park in the neighborhood if you will be arriving separately from the grandparents in your family. We are all looking forward to this special time with grandparents of SMS students as well as special friends. Thanks to all who have volunteered to help with the details of this event! Your help is very much appreciated!

GRANDPARENT/SPECIAL FRIEND DAY PICTURES NEEDED and must be submitted by tomorrow, Thursday, January 30, 2014

Pictures are needed of grandparents for a special banner that will be displayed. If you send an original picture we can make a color copy. Please put pictures in an envelope with your student's name and grade so we may return them.

THE BOOK FAIR continues until this Friday! Students will be attending during their library time. Checks can be made payable to St. Mark School. Questions: let us know!

ADULT SPIRIT WEAR

Official St. Mark Spirit wear available for purchase, what a fun way to show off your Lion Pride. Samples of jackets, beanies, hats and sweatshirts are in the office for 2 more weeks.