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REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Saturday, October 3:



**A NATIONAL SCHOOL
OF EXCELLENCE**

St. Mark Catholic School
is a two time recipient of the
U.S. Department of Education
"National Blue Ribbon
Award." This means that our
students consistently score in
the top 15% in the nation on
standardized tests.

[VISIT OUR WEBSITE](#)

Follow us and stay connected!

-2:00 PM, School Main Entrance: Blessing of the Pets by Father Cliff

Sunday, October 4:

-9:00 AM, Church: St. Mark Children's Choir Sings at Mass

Monday, October 5:

-St. Mark Spirit Day (see details below)
-6:30 PM, Church: 2nd Grade First Reconciliation Meeting #1
-6:30 PM, Jesuit: Catholic High School Night

Tuesday, October 6:

-3:30 PM: RLC Meeting (Respect for Refugees)

Wednesday, October 7:

-6:30 PM, Cafetorium: HSA General Meeting (please note revised date)

Thursday, October 8:

-9:00 AM, Cafetorium: Plano Fire Safety Clowns (K-3)
-2:30 PM, Bacot Gym: Homecoming Pep Rally

Friday, October 9:

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass. The Mass is planned by the 8th grade. They will offer the Call to Worship, the Mass readings, and present the Communion gifts. All are welcome.

Saturday, October 10:

-5:30 PM, Cafetorium: Boy Scout Troop 285 50th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, October 11:

-St. Mark Homecoming Games, John Paul II High School Field (JV 12:00 PM; Varsity 2:00 PM)



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LIONLAND



Vocations Chalice

8th grade was presented with the Vocations Chalice at the conclusion of today's All-School Mass. They will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.



Reverence:

Teachers discuss the Virtue of the Month with students by using stories and activities to engage them into seeing the virtue in action. Ask your child what he/she is learning about "Reverence" this month. [Click here](#) for the full list of monthly virtues for 2015-16.



All-School Service

Project

Service is an integral part of the mission of the Church. To help students understand that by serving others, they are serving God, they will participate in a required all-school service project each month. **Students will receive a homework grade in Religion class for each month's assignment.**

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

Let's give a warm St. Mark welcome to the new students who joined us this week:

Leanna M. PreK3 Mrs. Oliver
Yelena M. PreK3 Mrs. Oliver
Jonathan J. PreK4 Mrs. Escobar

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is Rosary Month. Throughout the month of October, we will be saying the rosary every Wednesday morning at 7:25 AM in the Cafeteria with any students present at that time. Students are encouraged to bring their own rosaries with them. Faculty and staff members will also say the rosary together on Tuesday afternoons during October.

CARPOOL LINE REMINDERS

Thank you, parents, for making our morning and afternoon carpool lines run smoothly the majority of the time. **Just a few reminders so that we can continue to ensure the safety of our children and our teachers:**

- *Please **drive slowly** in all carpool lines.
- *Please **do not use your cell phone**. St. Mark is a "no cell phone" zone.
- *Please **display your name sign** in your windshield on the passenger side so that teachers can easily see it.
- *In the "single family" line at the back of the school, please **do not drive on the white parking space lines**. The area between the long sidewalk and the red "fire lane" line is considered a "safety zone," both for our students and our teachers working the carpool line.

October Project: St. Mark Parish Fall Festival Donations

Students will donate needed items to the St. Mark Parish Fall Festival. A link to the list of items by grade level is shown below. Items should be taken to the grade-level religion teacher.

Catholic Social Teaching: Call to family, community and participation

Who Benefits? St. Mark Catholic Community

Due Date: October 23, 2015

Link: [Fall Festival Donation List](#)



**SCHOOL
ADVISORY
COUNCIL**

SAC Meeting Minutes

Available: The minutes from the first St. Mark "School Advisory Council" meeting of the school year are now available on the [school website](#).



**LIFETIME
LIONS**

Calling all alumni ... join Lifetime Lions, our official alumni network! Keep up with former classmates, learn about mentoring opportunities, and volunteer for service hours. Click [here](#) for more information.



LIONS DEN

Our students and our teachers thank you for your cooperation and your attention to everyone's safety.

PARISHIONER TUITION STATUS/PARISH DONATIONS

Reminder: In order to qualify for the parishioner tuition discount, the annual minimum parish donation of \$800 must be paid by December 31, 2015. You can pay by check (made out to "St. Mark Catholic Church") and submit it to the parish office, or to the school office in an envelope marked "parish donation." Or, you can use the church's electronic payment site by [clicking here](#). Recurring payments can also be set-up using this link. Please refer to page 11 of the Parent Student Handbook for more information about the parish donation.

GREAT FEEDBACK OPPORTUNITIES

Our teachers and staff have been privileged to receive so much positive feedback from families already this school year! We love hearing from you. We'd also like to provide you with a few opportunities to make your feedback go even further:

***GreatSchools.org** -- Anyone with a unique email address can submit a review of St. Mark Catholic School at www.greatschools.org. St. Mark has a 4-star rating at this school ranking website which is utilized by many prospective families who are searching for a school. The more positive reviews we receive, the better. Help us share our wonderful school with others!

Get your official LION gear

here! Check in at the school office on Fridays from 7:30-8:15 AM and shop 'til you drop at the Lion's Den Spirit Store located in the Cafetorium.

Can't visit in person? [Place your order online anytime!](#)

This is a great place to stock up on St. Mark shirts for our St. Mark Spirit Days, which will be held the first Monday of each month!

MONDAY IS SPIRIT DAY!

Monday, October 5 is St. Mark Spirit Day! On the first Monday of each month that we are in school, students will be allowed to wear jeans, slacks, Capri-style pants, the school skirt, school pants, or school walking shorts* with a St. Mark t-shirt or sweatshirt of their choosing (this includes any shirt with the St. Mark name, including Field Day shirts). Students may wear any closed shoe. (Sweatpants, leggings, non-uniform shorts, caps/accessories, and solid green/gold shirts without the St. Mark name are not permitted.) Please follow the dress policy as written. No exceptions.

For your reference, Spirit Days for the entire school year have been added to the electronic calendar located on the homepage of our website.

***Work of Heart Nomination** -- Nominate a teacher or staff member who you feel goes the extra mile for Catholic education. Simply [click here](#) to submit your nomination to The Catholic Foundation. Winners receive a \$500 grant and recognition on a special plaque.

***McDonald's "Teacher of the Month"** -- Simply tweet your Teacher of the Month nomination with #McDTeacher to @McD_NorthTexas and tell them in 140 characters or less why your teacher should win. Winners receive a \$100 AmEx gift card, a \$50 McDonald's Arch Card, and school supplies for the classroom. Visit @McD_NorthTexas for more information.



OCTOBER -- CELEBRATE OUR YOUTH!

All St. Mark Parishioners: During the St. Mark the Evangelist Parish 50th Anniversary Celebration, various organizations and groups will be celebrated. In October, we are celebrating and honoring the youth of our parish. **Please join us for the following Masses this weekend highlighting NET Ministries:**

October 3-4

Saturday: 5:30 PM & 7:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM; 9:00 AM; 10:30 AM; 12:00 PM; 1:30 PM; 3:00 PM; 4:30 PM; 6:00 PM

YOUTH PICNIC-MOVIE NIGHT: Saturday, October 17, 6:30 PM on the St. Mark Field. Families: Bring your picnic dinner, blanket and potluck dessert to share. Don't

*School uniform walking shorts may be worn during the first and last grading periods only.

MATH OLYMPIAD OPEN TO 3RD-11TH GRADERS

The annual MEANT (Malayalee Engineers' Association of North Texas) Math Olympiad, in partnership with UTD, will be held on October 3 at 10:00 AM at the University of Texas at Dallas in Richardson. Math Olympiad is a competition in mathematics to encourage young America to learn Math and Engineering and promote math skills among students. Any student currently enrolled in grades 3-11 can participate. [Click here](#) for more information, and [here for registration](#). Contact [Pam Steinkirchner](#) or matholympiad@meant.org if you have any questions.

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NEWS FROM ATHLETICS

***DPL Tennis Tournament** registration for students in grades 5-8 is now open. The deadline to register is October 26 at 12:00 PM. More details and registration information can be found [here](#).

***Come out and cheer on your St. Mark Lions this weekend!**

forget your Frisbees, balls and hula hoops to add to the fun! Dinner is at 6:30 PM followed by a movie at 7:00 PM (dusk).



Important Upcoming HSA Dates:

*Wednesday, Oct. 7, 6:30 PM,
Cafetorium: HSA General Meeting (please
note revised date)

Teacher Luncheon Thank You: Thank you to
all of the 2nd and 8th grade parents for
hosting a wonderful Mexican-themed
luncheon for all of our teachers this week -- it
was lovely and very much appreciated by the
entire faculty and staff!

Auction Volunteers Needed: Want to help
plan this fun night? Contact Eric Librea
at eric.librea@sbcglobal.net, or Paola Colon
at paolabcolon@icloud.com for more
information and volunteer opportunities.

Reminders: All volunteers must sign and
return a "Volunteer Pledge Form" before the
first day of volunteering. This form can be
found in the [Volunteer Handbook](#). Also,
volunteers must be Safe Environment trained.
[Click here](#) for more details.

**Link Your Shopper Cards & Earn Money for
St. Mark:** Remember to link your Kroger, Tom
Thumb and Target cards to St. Mark. Kroger
cards need to be re-linked every year. [Click
here](#) for more details.

Upcoming Football Games:
Join our Cheerleading squads
and cheer on our St. Mark Lions!

Varsity

*10/4, 12:00 PM vs. POP @ JPII

Upcoming Volleyball Games:

5th Grade

*10/3, 10:00 AM vs. St. Rita @
St. Rita

*10/3, 11:00 AM vs. SPX @
St. Rita

6th Grade D1

*10/3, 9:00 AM vs. St. Joseph @
St. Mark

6th Grade D2

*10/3, 3:00 PM vs. Holy Family
@ St. Rita

*10/3, 4:00 PM vs. St. Rita @
St. Rita

7th Grade D1

*10/3, 10:00 AM vs. POP @ St.
Mark

*10/3, 12:00 PM vs. St. Rita @
St. Mark

7th Grade D2


*10/3, 1:00 PM vs. Bishop
Dunne @ St. Mark

*10/3, 3:00 PM vs. IC @ St.
Mark

Box Tops: Keep saving those Box Tops! They will be counted throughout the year and prizes/parties awarded. Be sure to write the grade level on the baggies when you turn them in.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 285 - 50TH ANNIVERSARY

To All Troop 285 Scouts, Past and Present:
The upcoming 50th anniversary celebration of Troop 285 will celebrate our troop's past, present and future. In recognition, a State Proclamation will be issued and read by State Senator Van Taylor. Merit badges and rank advancements will be recognized, and several scouts will earn their Eagle Scout ranks. We hope you'll join us for this very special occasion on October 10 at 5:30 PM in the Cafetorium.



**Looking for
Former Scouts of
Troop 285 !**

Help us celebrate the
50th Anniversary
of the Troop's inception this coming
October 10, 2015

The troop is seeking the names, emails and
locations of former Scout masters, assistant
Scout masters, and scouts from Troop 285
Please contact Sylvia Garcia-Meier at:
50th@t285.us

DON'T WAIT, PARTICIPATE!

8th Grade D1

*10/3, 9:00 AM vs. St.
Monica @ St. Monica

Upcoming Cross Country Meet:

*10/3 (Jesuit Classic) @
Norbeck, Dallas

5th-8th Girls - 11:00 AM
5th-8th Boys - 11:25 AM

**For complete game/meet
schedules, [click here](#).**



ST. MARK HOMECOMING

St. Mark Homecoming is just
around the corner and
everyone is invited to
participate in our
Homecoming traditions ...

Pep Rally: Our Homecoming
Pep Rally will take place
on Thursday, October 8 at 2:30
PM in the Bacot Gym. **Parents
are invited to attend.** All of our
fall sports teams will be
recognized (Cheerleaders, Cross
Country, Football, Volleyball),
and our Spring 2015 DPL
Champion JV Softball team will
also be recognized.

Fall athletes are encouraged to
wear their team jersey over
their school uniform to school,

**Saturday, October 31:
Two great events, same great day ...**



**All Souls 1K/5K Run,
Saturday, October 31:**

The All Souls Run is a great way for you to take part in a wonderful community event which honors our loved ones who have passed away, and raises funds for the St. Mark Catholic School Athletic Department!

Last year's proceeds went to new volleyball and basketball uniforms, baseball equipment, resurfacing of gym flooring, and several other items that the school's athletic department needed.

Register: Registration is now open. Anyone can register, so help spread the word! **Find our registration table next to the Lions Den Spirit Store in the Cafeteria every Friday morning between now and race day. Or, simply visit www.allsoulsrun.com.**

Volunteer: Volunteers are needed to man the water station, cheer on runners, marshal the route, and help participants register. Adult volunteers over the age of 18 must be [safe-environment](#) trained.

All volunteers who register on or before 10/15/15 will get a free t-shirt! Students who register to run, or register to volunteer, will get a free dress day!

and cheerleaders wear their cheer uniform to school.

Pep Rally Posters for Athletes:

Every year at the fall pep rally, parents have the opportunity to design and display a "spirit poster" for their athlete. If your student is a fall athlete (Cross Country, Football, Volleyball, Cheerleading), please create a poster and deliver it to the Bacot Gym by 8:00 AM on October 8. Posters should have dimensions of 22" x 28" and may not contain glitter. Any poster with glitter will not be displayed for the pep rally.

Homecoming Games: Come out and show your LION PRIDE at our annual Homecoming football games! Both the JV and Varsity games will take place on Sunday, October 11 at the John Paul II High School field. Kick-off times are:

Junior Varsity: 12:00 NOON
Varsity: 2:00 PM

This is a great opportunity to bring the whole family and cheer on our LIONS!

MIDDLE SCHOOL POPCORN SALE

The Middle School yearbook elective will be selling popcorn to all students (PK3-8) next

Service hours are available.

There will be a mandatory volunteer meeting on 10/28/15 (details to follow).

Questions? Please feel free to email or call Tiffany Duncan at tlduncan34@yahoo.com, or at 214-728-0588.



**Parish Fall Festival,
Saturday, October 31, 7:00 AM-10:00 PM:**

Come and enjoy a SAFE and FUN Halloween at St. Mark! The Fall Festival includes the All Souls Remembrance 1K/5K Run, delicious food, games, vendors, raffle (cash prizes) and door prizes, book sale, craft show, obstacle course, inflatables, Trunk or Treating, and live entertainment on two stages.

Volunteer: Want to volunteer at the Fall Festival? [Click here](#). Remember, volunteers over the age of 18 must be [Safe Environment](#) cleared. Service hours are available.

Raffle Ticket Sales: Raffle ticket sales begin after all Masses on October 3-4. Please [click here](#) if you can help sell tickets after Masses in October. Raffle tickets for sale/purchase were in the "Back to School Night Packets." Please return the money and ticket stubs in an envelope marked "Festival" to the school. If you need more to sell, please contact Ann Rossigno at 972-533-5355 or ask Ms. O'Connor at the front office.

week to raise money to cover the cost of printing the yearbook. Popcorn orders will be taken during class time on Monday, October 5 through Thursday, October 9. Popcorn bags are \$2.00 each. Choose from Butter, White Cheddar or Salsa. Exact change is appreciated. Payment must be made during the order process. The popcorn will be delivered to students during school as a morning/afternoon snack on October 13. If your child would like to enjoy a bag of popcorn, be sure that he/she pre-orders and pays between Monday, October 5-Thursday, October 9. Extra bags may be ordered for your child to bring home, or to have for extra snacks during Standardized Test week. Please help support the yearbook and enjoy a tasty treat!

**SIGN-UP NOW FOR
NOVEMBER WATCH D.O.G.S.
DAYS**



Dads: [Click here](#) to reserve your spot during the month of November. Sign-ups are due October 15. Half days and full days are available. Please remember, you must be [Safe Environment](#) trained to volunteer.

Craft Fair Registration: [Click here](#): Craft Fair Registration Form

3v3 Basketball Tournament Registration: [Click here](#): 3v3 Basketball Registration Form

The basketball tournament is open to boys and girls from 5th-8th grade. Please contact [Eric Librea](#) if your son or daughter is interested in playing in the tournament. Space is limited -- only four teams per division.

Plan to Donate to the Fall Festival: The school is organizing a donation drive for October. More details will follow soon.

Need more details? Please contact [Claudine Humphries](#), [click here](#) for the festival website, or follow the [Parish Fall Festival](#) on Facebook!

SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

Vocations Awareness Week: Vocations Week kicked-off on Monday for our 5th-8th grade students. Father Cliff attended the sessions and talked with our students about the significance of each vocation. The week began with the introduction of the new **NET Team of eight young adults assigned to St. Mark, and our Youth Minister, Matthew Cantrell** (who also happens to be a former St. Mark student). They spoke about missionary work, both in our community and beyond, and how excited they are to give a year (or more) of their lives to serve the Lord. [Click here](#) for more on St. Mark's Youth Ministry, or visit their [Facebook page](#). On Tuesday, the **Diocese of Dallas Vocation Director for Women Religious, Tammy Grady**, gave our students an overview of the dozen orders of women religious in the Diocese and shared

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT AT JESUIT

Attention Parents of 7th/8th Grade Students: High School Night 2015 takes place Monday, October 5 at 6:30 PM at Jesuit. All 7th and 8th grade students **ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT** are invited to attend. All Catholic high schools around Dallas will be in attendance and will be giving presentations. You and your child will be able to choose three of the presentations to attend that evening. [Click here](#) for the details and agenda. There is also a link on the website to view each of the school's admission policies. Don't miss this great opportunity to learn about your child's potential high school opportunities!



HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY

St. Mark Catholic School has formed a special relationship with [Holy Trinity Seminary](#) and takes great pride in supporting our future priests. Following are upcoming opportunities to become involved:

***Join Us for Public Masses at Holy Trinity Seminary @ 9:15 AM:**

October - 4th, 11th, & 25th

her personal vocation story as a Lay Consecrated Woman of Regnum Christi, whose community is called to awaken within the hearts of Catholics their baptismal call to holiness and active participation in the Church's mission of building the Kingdom and evangelizing culture. For more information, click [here](#) or [here](#). On Wednesday, our students met a **Cistercian monk, Father Ignatius Peacher, O.Cist**, who is a monk and priest from Our Lady of Dallas Cistercian Abbey in Irving. Father Ignatius, a multi-linguist and a fine arts teacher at Cistercian Prep, as well as the Novice Master at Cistercian Abbey, shared his fascinating call to monastic life and gave the students a wonderful insight into the life of a monk following the vows of Obedience, Poverty, Chastity, and Stability. Come and pray with the Cistercian monks any Sunday at the 9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of Dallas Cistercian Abbey. More information can be found at www.cistercian.org. On Thursday, our students welcomed one of our homegrown priests, **Father Jason B. Cargo V.F., who is the Pastor of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Corsicana**, and whose parents are still very active members of St. Mark. He spoke about his journey to the priesthood and how it took him a long time to say "yes" to the call. For more information about his parish, visit www.iccorsicana.org. And finally on Friday, we had the pleasure of welcoming one of our very own, **Holy Trinity seminarian Parker Thompson (St. Mark Class of 2011)**, who started as a freshman at Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving in August, and who shared with us his vocation story and call to the diocesan priesthood. Please come and support Parker and all the seminarians at Holy Trinity Seminary by attending one of the

November - 1st, & 15th
January - 24th, 31st
February - 7th, 14th, 28th
April - 3rd, 17th, 24th

Address: 3131 Vince Hagan Drive, Irving, TX 75062

Questions about the Public Masses? Call or text Agnes Denvir, VP of Vocations, President-Elect Serra Club of North Central Dallas. Cell: 214-607-2391, agnes.denvir@stmcs.net or agnesdenvir@gmail.com.

MRS. DENVIR INVITES EVERYONE TO ATTEND FRENCH MASSES AT CISTERCIAN

Because St. Mark offers French as a middle school elective, Mrs. Denvir would like to extend an invitation for students and families to attend the French Masses at Cistercian. "I would love to see students and their families join us at least once during the year because it's great to attend the Mass in a different language and to participate," she said. There is an opportunity to do the readings, and there is even a little get-together including French food bites at the end of every Mass. Masses take place at Our Lady of Dallas Cistercian Abbey in Irving every 3rd Sunday of the month at

public masses throughout the year. The next one is this Sunday at 9:15 AM. See more details at right, or [click here](#). Most importantly, our students learned that they need to listen for God's call to service, and pray daily for their vocation so God may guide them in their ongoing discernment to the vocations of marriage, consecrated single life, priesthood, or religious orders. **We are thankful for our Pastor Father Cliff for being a fantastic supporter of vocations and a wonderful leader in spreading awareness.**



St. Mark Career Week: Thank you to the nearly 50 parents who presented information about their careers to our 1st-4th graders this week! We heard from a **CPA, engineers, registered nurses, doctors, pharmacists, an aerospace machinist, a public safety officer, a forester, a firefighter, a medical physicist, a state representative, and a food company executive**, just to name a few. Our students learned that they can become anything they desire, thanks to our wonderful parent volunteers who took time out of their day to share with our students.

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Anti-Bullying/Kindness Assembly: Today, our students gathered after Mass to participate in our annual Anti-

10:30 AM with Fr. Ignatius O.Cist (who just spoke to our students during Vocations Week), and/or Fr. Roch O.Cist. Upcoming French Mass dates: October 18, November 22, December 20, January 17, February 21, March 20, April 17, and May 15.

MS. WILLIAMS NEEDS BOTTLE CAPS

Art teacher, Ms. Williams, is collecting bottle caps. She needs blue, green, yellow, orange, red, black and clear. If your child brings in a minimum of 20 caps at once, he/she will receive a "Caught Being Good" certificate!

AT ST. MARK, WE SERVE.

Last Friday, our faculty and staff came together to give back to the community at Hope's Door and St. Vincent de Paul. It was a great afternoon of volunteering for these two worthy causes.



Bullying/Kindness Assembly. **St. Mark alumnus Tom Scott (Class of 2004 and Pan Am Olympic Gold Medalist in Karate)** from the [Academy of Classical Karate](#) in Plano spoke to our students using "sports" metaphors, and told them that they control their own actions and behaviors, and their that behaviors, both positive and negative, are choices. Our students really took ownership of the concept by presenting posters, songs and skits showing anti-bullying and kindness in action. Every St. Mark student also pledged to be kind to others and to prevent bullying in the spirit of "LION PRIDE" by signing large posters which will be displayed prominently in our hallways. They discussed the fact that St. Mark is their school and their "home away from home," and it's up to them, in large part, to maintain the supportive and caring environment that they want for themselves and for all St. Mark students. Nice job, students!

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Fall Enrichment Clubs Begin: Our Fall Enrichment clubs kicked-off with a bang this week! Hundreds of St. Mark students of all ages are participating in activities ranging from Chess and Engineering to Art and Math clubs. Learning while having fun is the goal!

3rd Grade Flat Francis: In celebration of Pope Francis' recent visit to the U.S., our 3rd grade students did a project where "Flat Francis" was sent out into the world and they wrote about his travels.

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STEM TAKES CENTER STAGE AT ST. MARK

3rd Grade Engineering Challenge: 3rd grade recently took the "Paper Chair Engineering Challenge." Each group figured out how to create a paper chair with only paper and tape that could support a small stuffed animal.

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4th Grade Uses iPads: Our 4th grade students are learning about a variety of uses for the iPad, including using Osmo for drawing.



IN ALUMNI NEWS...

Tristan S. (Class of 2012) and former St. Mark student **Gabe B.** (both current seniors at Bishop Lynch), are the BL Varsity Football Captains this year.

3rd Grade Studies Live Creatures:

On Tuesday, our 3rd grade students looked at the body parts and structures of live snails, ladybugs and worms to determine ways to classify them. One student exclaimed, "It sure is different to look at the real thing instead of a picture!"

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8th Grade Communication Skills: Our 8th grade students have been practicing their personal communication skills. Recently, they did an exercise where one person was blindfolded and had to direct their partner to put together a puzzle without touching the person or the puzzle pieces.

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4th Grade Volleyball Success:

Congratulations to 4th graders Erin D., Gianna F., Eliana G., Corina H., Lindsay K., Aleia L., Gabby L., Gabriela M., Madelin M., Brinly M. and Nataly M. who recently won a volleyball tournament through the Plano Sports Authority (PSA). Coaches are Veronica M. and Chris K.

Jordan S. and Emma W. (Class of 2013 and current juniors at Bishop Lynch) are Varsity Cheer Captains at BL this year.

Tyler S. (Class of 2012 and current senior at Bishop Lynch) recently earned his Eagle Scout rank with St. Mark Troop 285.

Congratulations to **Caroline G.** (St. Mark Class of 2014 and current sophomore at John Paul II) who was nominated for the Sophomore Homecoming Court at JP II.



LION PRIDE!



hikeforlife

Thank

you to everyone who participated in the 2015 "Hike For Life!" The St. Mark Catholic School "Respect Life Club" Team finished in first place for fundraising for the second year in a row! But even better, our team raised \$4,710 for mothers and babies! That's \$1,600 more than last year. Our school and club were recognized at the opening ceremony of the Hike For Life, and Mr. James Widman, Coordinator for Plano HFL, said that our team was an

inspiration to him and all of the hikers. We also had several door prize winners from St. Mark in the "Knowledge Quest" and "New to Life" search contest/drawing: Adrienne F., Maria Q., Samuel D. and Ambrose D. Raising Cane's is donating gift certificates for all St. Mark students as a reward for surpassing our fundraising goal of \$3,100, and Bahama Bucks is donating a snow cone party for RLC members at an upcoming club meeting. Congratulations to all who were involved!

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