



# ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

## WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

October 13, 2017

### Prayer for the 2017-18 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.

## REMINDERS

### Today, Friday, October 13:

-4th grade received the Vocations Chalice and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming weeks.

### Monday, October 16:

-2nd Quarter Begins - No more uniform walking shorts until 4th quarter.

-7:15 PM, St. Mark Field: Boy Scout Troop 285 Open House (details below)

### Tuesday, October 17:

-6:30 PM, JP II Campus: St. Mark Info. Night at John Paul II High School (details below)

### Wednesday, October 18:

-7:15 AM, Cafetorium: Community Rosary (details below)

-Report cards sent home (grades 1-8)

### Thursday, October 19:

-9:00 AM, 2:30 PM, 6:30 PM, Cafetorium: 4th grade Fall Play



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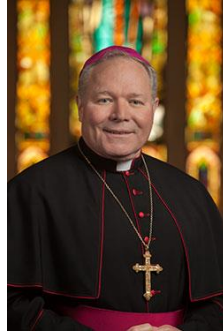
-Box Tops due for 1st quarter drawing (details below)

**Friday, October 20:**

-No School: UD Ministry Conference

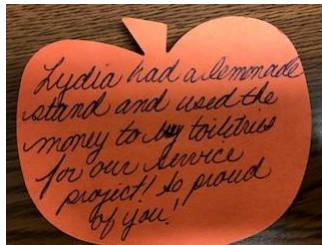
### SMARTLAB DEDICATION CEREMONY

We are honored to announce that Bishop Edward J. Burns will officially dedicate and bless the St. Mark SmartLab. The ceremony will take place on Thursday, November 2 at 8:00 AM in the Bacot Gym, followed by SmartLab tour and a reception. All St. Mark families are invited to attend. Watch your email for the formal invitation. Please mark your calendar for this special event.



### MEANINGFUL SERVICE

October's All School Service Project that we kicked-off last week -- **Blankets of Love** -- has already seen great student involvement. As you know, students have been asked to donate coins to help defray the cost of materials for the blankets they will be making for veterans later this month. As we try to move away from simple monetary donations and towards more meaningful service experiences, teachers are encouraging students to find creative ways to earn money for projects such as these. An example is shown here. One of our students was recognized for organizing a lemonade stand and using proceeds to purchase toiletries for the January service project. Nice job, Lydia -- way to think ahead and serve others! Many of our All School Service Projects ask for our students' time and talent, but when they call for donations, please encourage your children to think of their own creative ways to earn money. It becomes a much more personal experience. Thank you for your continued support.



**YOU'RE INVITED: ST. MARK BOY SCOUT OPEN HOUSE**

### [Work of Heart Nomination](#)

### NO MORE WALKING SHORTS BEGINNING MONDAY

As the first quarter ends, a reminder that students may not wear the uniform walking shorts again until the start of the 4th quarter.

### OPEN YOUTH HOUSE

Open Youth House with the NET



Team is going great this year! Mrs. Opon says "thank you" to all the wonderful parents who remember to email her on Thursdays giving permission for their children to attend the following day. Please know that even when the school has early dismissal or is closed altogether on a Friday, the Youth House is still open from 3:30-6:00 PM -- parents just need to provide transportation for their children to get to/from the Youth House on those days.

### LOWDOWN FROM THE LION'S LAIR

Direct from the SmartLab, the News Broadcast Club Presents:

Attention families with boys in 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades:

Join St. Mark Boy Scout Troop 285 for an Open House on Monday, October 16 from 7:15-8:30 PM on the St. Mark field. Bring your son and enjoy food and scouting activities while learning more about how the Boy Scouts can help him grow into a young man of character, faith, and integrity. Since its inception in 1965, 137 scouts from Troop 285 have earned their Eagle Scout rank, the benefits of which last a lifetime.



Through the program, boys engage in activities that help them grow intellectually, physically, and spiritually. Emphasis is placed on building academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills, citizenship skills, and their Catholic faith, all influencing their adult lives.

Questions? Contact Ben Guthrie at [ben.guthrie01@gmail.com](mailto:ben.guthrie01@gmail.com) or Ray Reed at [reed1945@aol.com](mailto:reed1945@aol.com).

#### 4th ANNUAL ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE 1K "COFFEE WALK" & 5K RUN!

Run/walk in memory of a loved one while supporting our Athletics Department. Everyone is welcome -- students, parents, friends, family, strollers, wheelchairs. New this year is our **FAMILY PACK** option for a family of 3-8 runners. Receive 20% off your total registration fee by using the comp code "FAMILY!" Save even more by taking advantage of our Early Bird rates and register by October 20. Also, don't miss the new **pancake breakfast, hair braiding, and face painting!** [Click here](#) for full details.



#### ST. MARK "TRUNK OR TREAT" - OCTOBER 28

Dress up in your costumes and enjoy some fall fun and a little candy on Saturday, October 28 from 4:30-5:30 PM in the St.



Mark school parking lot between the playground and the field. The Girl Scout troops of St. Mark are proud to organize and sponsor this event for the fourth year in a row. If you'd like to donate candy for the event or decorate your car trunk or truck bed for the event, please contact Elena Mappus



"Lowdown from the Lion's Lair" - Week of 10/9/17



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 November. Sign-ups are due October 15. Half days and full days are available. Please remember, you must be [Safe Environment](#) trained to volunteer.

#### UPCOMING HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

**BISHOP LYNCH HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS**  
**FUTURE FRIAR NIGHT**  
KINDERGARTEN - 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

**VOLLEYBALL**  
OCTOBER 12, 6:00 PM | BISHOP LYNCH VS. URSULINE ACADEMY

**FOOTBALL**  
OCTOBER 27, 7:00 PM | BISHOP LYNCH VS. LIBERTY CHRISTIAN

FREE TSHIRT      FREE ADMISSION FOR ALL FUTURE FRIARS      GAMES & PRIZES

AND MUCH MORE!

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Ursuline Academy of Dallas invites you to the following events:



at [emappus@yahoo.com](mailto:emappus@yahoo.com).

## ST. MARK SPAGHETTI DINNER, DANCE & CARNIVAL FOR A WORTHY CAUSE

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the St. Mark community is coming together in support of Jonathan's Place, a shelter where Child Protective Services can bring neglected or abused children. Join the St. Mark Knights of Columbus Council 6065, Family & Adult Ministry, Youth Ministry, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Troops of St. George, and American Heritage Girls for a family event on October 28 from 4:30-8:00 PM in the Cafetorium. Enjoy a spaghetti dinner, family dance and carnival while supporting this worthy cause!

**Become a sponsor!** Contribute at the Silver Level for \$100 or the Gold Level at \$200 and enjoy special event recognition. Please [click here](#) for complete details. Questions? Contact Randy LeGrand at [randy.legrand@yahoo.com](mailto:randy.legrand@yahoo.com).



**Open House, October 29, 2:00-4:00 PM:** Tour the campus, meet teachers and students, and immerse yourself in the Ursuline experience. Registration is available through [Ravenna](#) or at [www.ursulinedallas.org](http://www.ursulinedallas.org).

**UA Dad's Club Golf Tournament**, coordinated by St. Mark alumni parents **Rick Shannon** and **Ray Reed**:



John Paul II High School will host a special "St. Mark Information Night" on their campus on Tuesday, October 17 from 6:30-9:00 PM. This session is for St. Mark families only.



## Buy Tickets and Access Early Bidding Now

"On Sale Now" bidding ends Sunday!  
Don't miss out on these great packages:

- \*Pumpkin Patch class party
- \*First Choice Electives for your Middle Schooler
- \*Reserved seats at the Middle School Play
- \*Reserved parking or front circle pick-up

You can bid on items between now and Sunday, 10/15 at  
9:00 PM.

## Upcoming Auction Events:

**Pre-Auction Mixers:** As each mixer date approaches, email invitations will be sent to families via Renweb. You will receive an invitation to your grade-level mixer. However, please keep in mind that you are welcome to attend any or all of the mixers -- we simply ask that you RSVP to each one. If you don't receive an email invitation to the mixer you wish to attend, please reach out to [Sherry Mehring](#).

### Early Childhood Education Pre-Auction Mixer:



Ternan's Spooky Spectacular Home  
1708 Carmel Drive  
Plano, Texas 75075  
October 29, 2017  
2:00-5:00 PM

- \*This is the only pre-auction mixer where children are invited.
- Costumes are welcome, but not required!

SAVE THE DATE FOR ADDITIONAL MIXERS:

**JOIN US!**

**8th Grade Visit Days**

OCTOBER 25  
9 AM - 1 PM

NOVEMBER 8  
9 AM - 1 PM

- VISIT CLASSROOMS
- LEARN ABOUT CLUBS/ATHLETICS
- CAMPUS TOURS
- MEET STUDENTS & FACULTY
- LUNCH PROVIDED

RSVP: [ADMISSIONS@THEHIGHLANDSCHOOL.ORG](mailto:ADMISSIONS@THEHIGHLANDSCHOOL.ORG)

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**ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**LIONS**

**NEWS FROM ATHLETICS**

**Middle School Tennis Tournament Registration Now Open:** The 2017 Middle School Tennis Tournament, hosted by Bishop Dunne, will be held November 10-11. 5th/6th and 7th/8th boys and girls may register. [Click here](#) for complete details. The registration deadline is October 20.

[Click for the current Football and Volleyball schedules.](#) Come out and cheer on your St. Mark LIONS!

**Concession Stand Volunteers:** Need service hours? Volunteer at the St. Mark concession stand during home games. Contact [Marlene Ehrling](#) to sign-up.

**LIONS DEN**

The Lion's Den Spirit Store is open every Friday morning



**\*K-2 Mixer: January 19, 2018 @ the Herrera home in McKinney**

**\*3-5 Mixer: December 9, 2017 @ the Broome home in Allen**

**\*6-8 Mixer: February 9, 2018 @ the Velasquez home in Plano**

## Family Fun Fundraisers:



KENDRA SCOTT

Thank you to everyone who supported the 2018 Auction last week at the Kendra Scott fundraiser. We raised \$884.89! Those who made a purchase at the event became eligible for a drawing for one free auction ticket. We had a "Facebook Live" drawing on Tuesday and the winner is Kacie Carroll! Turns out, Kacie already purchased her auction ticket, so she is generously donating her winning ticket to a Teacher and Faculty table. Thank you, Kacie!



**Eat for a Cause at Chipotle!**  
**Tuesday, November 14, 2017**  
**4:00-8:00 PM**

**1009 N. Central Expressway, Plano, TX 75075**

**Mark your calendar now!**

Chipotle will donate 50% of the proceeds from this event to the St. Mark Auction. This is a "can't miss" dinner opportunity.

Plan to meet up with school friends, swing in and grab dinner to go, or have a family dinner out. However it works for you,  
**we need everyone to support this night!**



**HOME & SCHOOL  
ASSOCIATION**

from 7:30-8:15 AM in the Cafeteria hallway. Can't make it in person? Shop online at [www.stmcs.net/spirit-gear](http://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.

**Mark your calendar:**

**Fall Pep Rally:** Thursday, October 26, 10:40-11:45 AM, Bacot Gym. Families welcome!

**Spring Pep Rally:** January 31, 2018. Families welcome!



**Monsignor Smyth**

**Golf Classic:** Friday, May 4, 2018



**50 YEARS**

HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY

Join us for an upcoming Public Mass on October 15 at 9:15 AM at Holy Trinity Seminary, 3131 Vince Hagan Drive, Irving. A brief reception with the seminarians follows.

## FRENCH MASS AT CISTERCIAN

Mrs. Denvir extends an invitation to all students and their families to attend the French Masses at Cistercian. There is an opportunity to do the readings and to sample French snacks at the end of every Mass. Masses take place every third Sunday of the month at 10:30 AM at Our Lady

Announcing the St. Mark Talent Show, presented by HSA:



#### 2017-18 HSA General Meetings:

##### \*December 6, 8:15 AM, Cafetorium: HSA 2nd General Meeting

This meeting will take place during the morning hours, following drop-off. We will have our business portion of the meeting beginning at 8:15 AM, followed by a service project opportunity. Local volunteer-guru, Michelle Chase of WeeVolunteer, will be setting up a service project that is family-friendly for the Advent season. She will be reaching out to the The Samaritan Inn to see how our families can serve these patrons best. This is a child-friendly meeting and children are encouraged to come and help with the service project.

\*March 28, 6:30 PM, Cafetorium: HSA 3rd General Meeting

\*May 2, 8:15 AM, Cafetorium: HSA 4th General Meeting

of Dallas Cistercian Abbey,  
3550 Cistercian Road, Irving.  
**Next French Mass: October 15.**

#### SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

A few scenes from this week.  
To learn the stories behind these photos, visit our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) pages!

##### Kindergarten @ SmartLab:



##### Community Prayer Walk:



##### Standardized Test Week:



##### Vocations Week:



##### Auction Ticket Drawing:

## VOLUNTEER



**Volunteer Opportunities:** Looking to volunteer? Check out the master [Sign Up Genius](#) link and all the ways you can help out.

In addition, Mrs. Schell needs help with the PK3 classes as students learn basic movement and music skills. Be ready to dance, skip and play instruments! The volunteer position is open to ALL volunteers, not just PK3 parents. You must be current on your Safe Environment certification to participate. [Click here](#) to sign-up.

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**Are you ready for some Football??** Come tailgate with the rest of the PRIDE as we cheer on your roaring St. Mark LIONS at the Homecoming games on Sunday, October 29 against the Wildcats of St. Thomas Aquinas. The JV squad takes the field at John Paul II High School at 12:00 NOON and the Varsity game starts immediately afterwards at 2:00 PM.

As a new addition to the Homecoming festivities this year, we are kicking off our inaugural **Homecoming Tailgate Chili Cookoff!**

The competition will start at 1:00 PM and will be judged by a panel of three including members of the HSA Executive Board and St. Mark Catholic School staff. Awards, and most importantly, bragging rights, will be given for the **Spiciest Chili**, **Most Unique Chili**, and **Best Overall Chili**. So get your beans a burnin', your cornbread a cookin', and those bottles of Pepto ready!

Tailgating at JP II is on a first-come, first-serve basis and is subject to their [tailgating policies](#).

So come early, stay late, and be loud as we celebrate Homecoming 2017 and cheer on your LIONS to victory!!

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**4th Grade Cardboard Challenge:**



**STEM Scouts:**



**Art Club Fish Sticks:**



**Campus Art:**





**Box Tops:** Earn additional funds for St. Mark Catholic School by clipping Box Tops For Education from a variety of products, AND earning bonus Box Tops via the Box Tops app. Each Box Top submitted earns \$.10 for St. Mark. [Click here](#) for details.

Box Tops for the fall semester are due Thursday, October 19 (we do not have school on Friday). Be sure to place Box Tops in an envelope or baggie and write your child's grade on it. The class with the most Box Tops will win a Dress Down Day, so make sure your child's grade is getting credit! Please also be sure to check the dates, and discard any Box Tops that have expired.

If you can assist with counting Box Tops, please contact [hollyvlewis@yahoo.com](mailto:hollyvlewis@yahoo.com).

#### ST. MARK COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM

The mission of the Community Prayer Team is to provide ways that we, as a community, can come together and pray throughout the year. For more information about our Prayer Team, [click here](#).



**October's prayer intention for our school:** For our students' parents and/or caregivers.

**Thank You:** Thanks to all who came out for the Community Prayer Walk today. We had a good turnout as we prayed the rosary for our school on this 100th anniversary of the miracle at Fatima.

**A Request for Help:** October is Rosary month. One of the ways the school celebrates this month is by saying the Rosary every Wednesday morning at 7:15 AM in the Cafeteria. This is open to anyone who would like to attend. **We are in need of parents to help the children follow along with the rosary. If you are able to help during one or more Wednesdays, please sign-up [here](#).**

**Rosary Circle:** Also, in celebration of Rosary month, we would like to launch our Rosary Circle. We had over 40 people participate in this last year and would love to have even more participate this year! What does it involve? Each person says



PK4 Baptism/Vocations:



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just one decade of the rosary a day. It does not matter when or where the decade is said. This is a way in which the community can come together to say an entire rosary (all 20 mysteries) for the community's intentions every day. **Please sign up to pray a decade a day for our school and families.** [Click here](#) for more details and the sign-up.

**Upcoming Events:**

\*Join our school in praying the Rosary during the month of October: Wednesday mornings at 7:15 AM in the Cafetorium.

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