



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

November 3, 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, November 3:

-5th grade received the Vocations Chalice at Mass and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

Saturday, November 4:

-5:30 PM, Church: Childrens' Choir Sings at Mass

Sunday, November 5 - Friday, November 10:

-Lion's Lair Gym: Scholastic Book Fair

Monday, November 6:

-St. Mark Spirit Day! (refer to page 28 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#) for guidelines)

-8:00 AM, Room 116: Community Prayer Team Meeting

-Fall Enrichment Clubs End

Wednesday, November 8:

-8th grade visits Jesuit College Prep & Ursuline Academy

-10:00 AM, Church: 2nd Grade Reconciliation

-3:25 PM: IMPACT Baseline Testing



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social media and help us
spread the word about our
wonderful school!

QUICK LINKS

-3:30 PM: Student Council Meeting

Friday, November 10:

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass presented by 5th grade.
All are welcome.

-6th Grade STEM Day

WELCOME NEW STUDENT

A warm St. Mark welcome to our newest student, Aidan Garcia in Ms. Robinson's 3K class.

**LAST DAY OF FALL ENRICHMENT CLUBS:
MONDAY, 11/6**

THE LAST DAY OF FALL ENRICHMENT CLUBS IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO REMIND YOURSELF TO PICK-UP YOUR CHILDREN AT REGULAR DISMISSAL TIME STARTING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

CARPOOL LINE CONCERNS

Unfortunately, we have noticed parents taking a lot more risks in the morning drop-off areas lately. This includes things such as:

- *Passing and cutting-off other cars in the circle drive
- *Passing at a high rate of speed in the school zone to get to the next turn-in area
- *Incessantly honking at other cars, at times when there is nowhere for the car in front to go

Our biggest concern, as always, is the safety of the children. We understand that people can be in a hurry, but nothing is worth putting our kids in danger. This behavior also sends a message to children that self interests are more important than community and more important than treating others as we should.

Please practice mutual respect in the carpool lines. It's a brief window of time each day, but one that deserves everyone's vigilance and patience -- after all, our children are watching, and they place their safety in our hands.

PICTURE MAKE-UPS/ CLASS PICTURES

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**SERVICE FROM THE
HEART**

November Project: In an effort to provide the St. Mark St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry with the items they need most, we are requesting each grade level bring the following items:

- PK/TK/K: Canned tuna or chicken
- 1st: Bagged/boxed pasta
- 2nd: Canned pork & beans
- 3rd: Canned green beans
- 4th: Bagged rice or beans
- 5th: Spaghetti sauce (preferably canned, the jars break)
- 6th: Spaghetti-Os
- 7th: Ramen
- 8th: Canned fruit

Please involve your child in the process by suggesting an extra chore or two to earn the money to buy the food, or take him/her along to choose the item that will be donated.

Catholic Social Teaching:

Option for the poor and vulnerable

Who Benefits? St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

On Thursday, November 16, Lifetouch will take individual student **retakes/make-up** pictures, as well as class photos. If your student was absent on picture day, or if you are unhappy with your student's fall picture, please remind him/her to go to the retake/make-up session.

Note: If your child is having retakes, please return the pictures that were sent home with your child (send them to school on November 16).

All students should be in complete uniform, including the school sweater, for retakes, make-ups, and class pictures.

Please note that individual school pictures will not be taken in the spring.

MARKER RECYCLING REMINDER

A reminder that St. Mark participates in the Crayola Colorcycle marker recycling program that turns used markers into energy! Please help support our efforts by sending in any used markers you may have around the house, even non-Crayola brands. **Convenient drop-off boxes are located in the front lobby of the main school building, Art Room, Early Childhood Education building, and the After School Program facility.** With the help of parents like you across the country, the Crayola ColorCycle program can keep tons of plastic out of landfills each year.



THANK YOU FOR DONATIONS TO THE BLANKET PROJECT

Thank you for all the donations towards the October "Blanket" service project. Donations exceeded our expectations due to the generosity and hard work of our families and for that, we are most grateful.

2018-19 NEW STUDENT APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

New student applications for the 2018-19 school year are now available [online](#).

Our current families are St. Mark's best ambassadors! Here are some ways you can help spread the word about our wonderful school as admissions season begins...

Due Date: November 10, 2017



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

BOOK FAIR

The St. Mark Book Fair takes place from Sunday, November 5 through Friday, November 10. Be sure to check the [Book Fair web page](#) for complete details including the class visit schedule, Poster Contest, *Get Caught Reading* Raffle, and more! We are in need of parent volunteers to help with the Book Fair. If you are interested, please [sign-up here](#).



Do you know a faculty or staff member who has gone the extra mile for the education community at St. Mark? Consider nominating him or her for a Work of Heart Award through the Catholic Foundation. It's quick and easy. Award recipients are recognized at an All School Mass with a

1. Like and share our posts on your social media pages. See the links above.

2. School Tour Referral Incentive: Simply send someone you know to take a school tour. Once they attend in person and indicate you as a referral, we'll send you a \$10.00 gift certificate to the Lion's Den Spirit Store!

3. Referral Thank You Program: Refer a new family to St. Mark and you could receive a \$500 tuition credit. [Click here](#) for details.



[2018 Auction Tickets Are On Sale Now - Click Here!](#)



Quarter Two Auction Challenge: Each person who purchases a TAX DEDUCTIBLE teacher ticket between October 16 and December 15 will be entered into a drawing for a free VIP Experience the night of the auction. Buy a teacher table of 10 tickets and your name is entered into the drawing 10 times. Purchase 5 teacher tickets and your name is entered into the drawing 5 times. The more you buy, the more chances of winning! What is a VIP experience? VIP's get one hour early access to the silent auction tables, free champagne, and canapés.

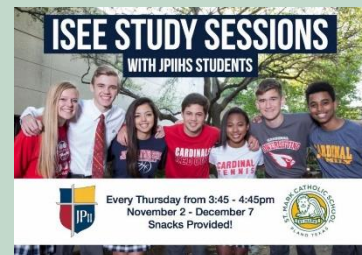


certificate and a check. [Click here](#) for details and the nomination form.

SUPPER OF EXCELLENCE

November's "Supper of Excellence," a series of monthly homemade family dinners that one lucky family snagged at the 2017 St. Mark Auction & Gala, has a "Grilling" theme -- yum. Special thanks to Sarah Salvia, Patty Helm, Rene O'Connor, Melissa Hosea and Sharon Thompson who are our chefs this month!

ISEE PREP WITH JP II



Attention 8th grade families: John Paul II High School students are offering ISEE Study Sessions on the St. Mark campus. Choose which subjects to study. Interested? [Click to register!](#)

TUTORING WITH BISHOP LYNCH STUDENTS

Does your student need some extra tutoring? National Honor Society students from Bishop Lynch High School are available to help, and will earn NHS service hours for their time. Please click the following link for contact information and feel free to reach out to any of the students directly: [NHS Contact](#)



Do you need teacher Christmas gift ideas? Accept our "Quarter Two Auction Challenge" above and buy a teacher ticket to the auction. You have the ability to donate the ticket in a teacher's name or keep your donation anonymous. It is your choice. If you have questions, please reach out to [Rebecca Battles](#).

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](#).

SAVE THE DATE FOR MIXERS:

***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:



**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

[Info.](#)

UPCOMING HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

Jesuit College Preparatory School invites you to attend their Open House on



Sunday, November 12 at 1:00 PM. Visit www.jesuitcp.org/visit for a complete program and more information.



Bishop Lynch High School invites you to the following events:

Mom's Tea and Tour: Thursday, November 30, 9:00-11:00 AM

BL Sunday Open House: Sunday, December 3, 1:00 PM

For more information, visit www.bishoplynch.org/visit.

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

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

Stay tuned -- a representative from HSA will be speaking to all grades at Mass soon.

THE STAGE IS WAITING...

The HSA proudly presents
St. Mark Talent Show!

**STMCS CAFETORIUM
MARCH 28, 2018
6:30 PM**



FOR MORE INFORMATION:
contact Jolea Broome
jo_cool@sbcglobal.net



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

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

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NEWS FROM ATHLETICS

8th Grade All-Star Volleyball

Players: Congratulations to Maggie S., London C., Riley G., Rebecca L., and Katie S. who have been selected to represent St. Mark at the 15th Annual DPL 8th Grade D1/D2 All-Star Volleyball Matches! Games will be played on Tuesday, November 7 at 6:30 PM (D2) and 7:30 PM (D1) at Ursuline Academy of Dallas. GOOD LUCK TO OUR ALL STARS!

DPL Scholarship: The Dallas Parochial League wants to recognize the "student" in the term "Student-Athlete" by offering 4-6 separate \$500 scholarships in the 2017-18 school year. [Click here](#) for eligibility requirements and the application.



The Lion's Den Spirit Store is open every Friday morning from 7:30-8:15 AM in the

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



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

Book Fair Help Needed: Book Fair is upon us and we need your help. We cannot make our event successful without you! Please sign up to volunteer. Even one hour is helpful: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10cob4ba5af2ba31-2017>

Faculty Luncheon Reminder: 1st & 7th grade parents, the Faculty Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, November 15. The Sign-Up Genius has been emailed to those grades. Please contact Paola Colon if you have not received the link: paolabcolon@icloud.com.

ECE Music Help: 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.



Congratulations to 5th grade for winning the 1st Quarter Box Tops Dress Down Day which will take place on Tuesday, November 7!

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

Cafeteria hallway. Can't make it in person? Shop online at 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:

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



Monsignor Smyth Golf Classic: Friday, May 4, 2018

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!

SmartLab Dedication:



All Souls Run:

app. Each Box Top submitted earns \$.10 for St. Mark. [Click here](#) for details. For more information, please contact Holly Lewis at anglophilefootballfanatic@gmail.com or Jennifer Pike at jenniferjslp@gmail.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](#).



November's prayer intention for our school: For our volunteers to be abundant and our committees to be wise.

This Week's Prayer: Please pray for our second graders as they make their First Reconciliation this coming Wednesday, November 8: *As you trust your heart to Jesus on this blessed, sacred day, may you feel the peace of God above as His Presence lights your way.* -Penelope F. Martin

Upcoming Events:

*** Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 6 at 8:00 AM, Room 116 between the 4th and 5th grade classrooms.** Please come join us in praying for our school. All are welcome. Praying out loud is not required. Please send prayer requests to [Kathleen Frye](#) or [Liz Quarles](#). Please indicate if your prayer can be shared or should be kept confidential. You can also place prayer requests in the Prayer Box on our school Prayer Table (breezeway by the Administration offices). We will pray over these intentions during our meeting.

ST. MARK PRO-LIFE FUNDRAISER

Join us on Saturday after Masses and all day Sunday, November 4-5, 2017. Do your Christmas shopping early for your family and friends. We have Nativities, Rosaries, Candles, Unique Christmas Card Wreaths, Art, Centerpieces, Jewelry, Vintage Items, Christmas Cards and more.



Homecoming Games/Tailgate:



Spunky Pumpkin:



Super Hero Day:



ECE Halloween Parade:



Living Saints Museum:

Proceeds benefit all parish pro-life activities.

ST. MARK BINGO KNIGHT

Presented by the Knights of
Columbus Council 6065.



Saturday November 11, 2017; St. Mark Cafetorium; 6:00 PM:
Social Hour and Registration; 7:00 PM: First Game

GRAND PRIZE: \$600 GIFT CARD

Entry Fee: \$25 if you pre-register online at www.KOFC-6065.Org or complete the form available in the Narthex,
OR \$30 at the door.

You can also become a table sponsor or make a donation.
Contact Rich Holmer at rich@holmer.net or 214-450-7183
for details.

Benefiting military and veteran organizations and numerous
other Knights Projects.



Must be 21 years old to participate.



Soccer Champs:



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