



# ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

## WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

October 19, 2018

### Prayer for the 2018-19 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 19:

-6th grade received the Vocations Chalice at today's All School Mass and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming weeks.

-1st quarter ends; Students may no longer wear the uniform walking shorts to school after today. The walking shorts option will resume in the 4th quarter.

### Monday, October 22:

-2nd quarter begins

### Tuesday, October 23:

-REMAX Hot Air Balloon visits campus

### Wednesday, October 24:

-Report Cards Emailed (grades 1-8)

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

### Thursday, October 25:

-7:55 AM, cross outside Narthex: Prayer Walk (details below)



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QUICK LINKS



10:00 AM - 11:00 PM: Half days are Cane's Days at St. Mark! Visit the location across the street, mention St. Mark during the order process, and a percentage of the proceeds benefits the Athletics Department!

-11:15 AM, Church: Living Rosary presented by the 5th grade

-12:00 NOON: Early Dismissal - Parent Teacher Conferences. The After School Program is available until 6:00 PM. Please send a lunch with all ASP students.

#### **Friday, October 26:**

-No school for students: Parent Teacher Conferences

#### **Saturday, October 27:**

-8:00 AM, St. Mark Campus: All Souls Remembrance Run

-5:00-6:00 PM, St. Mark Parking Lot: Trunk or Treat (details below)

#### **Sunday, October 28:**

-Priesthood Sunday

### **NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH**

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. Each week, we will feature an informational article to help families understand others' actions. Please discuss as a family and we will discuss in the classroom.



**cy-berbul-ly-ing, noun.** The use of electronic communication to bully a person, typically by sending messages of an intimidating or threatening nature. "Children may be reluctant to admit to being the victims of cyberbullying."

#### Facts:

\*Over 80% of teens use a cell phone regularly, making it the most common medium for cyberbullying.

\*81% of young people think bullying online is easier to get away with than bullying in person.

\*Girls are about twice as likely as boys to be victims and perpetrators of cyberbullying.

\*About 75% of students admit they have visited a website bashing another student.

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### **LOWDOWN FROM THE LION'S LAIR**

View this week's edition from the News Broadcast Club:



#### **Lowdown from the Lion's Lair**

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### **PARISH OPPORTUNITIES**

St. Mark Catholic Church invites you to participate in upcoming community, service, and spiritual events. Click the links for more information and to sign-up for service:

\*October 20: [VA Hospital BBQ in Bonham, TX](#). Travel form required.

\*October 27: [Spaghetti Dinner](#) sponsored by the Knights of Columbus benefiting Jonathan's Place:

Please open this link to "[10 Apps Teens are Using That Parents Need to Know](#)." Talk with your child about the long-lasting consequences of inappropriate posting.

## OPEN YOUTH CENTER

Open Youth Center is an event hosted by the St. Mark Youth Ministry Department. It is an opportunity for youth in 6th-12th grades to come together to play games and make friends in a fun and safe environment. Activities include a pool table, ping-pong, foosball, video games, board games, outdoor activity, and organized fun. Come kick-off the weekend on Fridays any time from 3:30-6:30 PM! Bringing a snack to share is encouraged! **For 2018-19, the program begins today, Friday October 19.**



For your child to attend, please complete the two forms below. Once the forms have been submitted, this grants permission for your child to attend Open Youth Center on Fridays during the 2018-19 school year.

Any time your child is going to Youth Center, email Mrs. Opon at [patricia.opon@stmcs.net](mailto:patricia.opon@stmcs.net) by Friday at 12:00 NOON of the week your child will be attending. If they are going to attend regularly, then let Mrs. Opon know that as well, and you will only have to email her if your child is NOT attending. You may pick up your child from the Youth Center anytime between 3:30-6:30 PM.

Parents and teens must fill out a Youth Ministry Annual Form to attend:

\*Adult Permission Form: <https://permission.click/ve6E/us>

\*Youth Annual Form: <https://permission.click/ekPA/us>

## HALLOWEEN COSTUME & SUPER HERO DAY!

Get ready to celebrate Halloween at school on Wednesday, October 31!



Students in Preschool, TK and Kindergarten are encouraged to wear a Halloween costume to school. Students should be able to wear their costume comfortably all day, and still be able to manage their own bathroom needs.

Students in grades 1-8 may pay \$2.00 and wear a Super Hero costume or t-shirt to school (proceeds benefit Student

**ALL SAINTS**  
**CARNIVAL, DINNER AND DANCE**  
**BENEFITTING JONATHAN'S PLACE**

**WHERE:** Saturday, October 27, 2018  
St. Mark School Cafeteria

**TIME:** 4:30 - 6:00 Carnival  
6:00 - 7:00 Dinner  
7:00 - Short presentation, then Dance until 9:00

**COST:** \$5/child, \$7/adult, \$20/family for dinner and dance  
carnival is free

**Everyone's invited!**

**BRING YOUR FAMILY!**  
Dress as your favorite saint or hero. Visit the carnival games and craft booths, and marvel at the "Saints Alive Museum" of animated saints. Take a break for the 5:30 PM Mass, but be back in time for a plate of spaghetti, a short presentation by Jonathan's Place, and family fun dancing to DJ artist Joe Langstaff.

**WHAT IS JONATHAN'S PLACE?**  
Jonathan's Place provides housing and specialized services to children who have been abandoned or removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. October is National Domestic Violence Awareness month.

**SPONSORED BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, WITH ST. MARK MINISTRIES AND PARISHIONERS**  
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 6065 of St. Mark, in cooperation with the St. Mark Family and Adult Ministry, St. Mark Youth Ministry and individuals of the scouting and troop organizations of St. Mark.

\*October 28:  
Movie night  
featuring  
Disney/Pixar's  
"Coco"; 4:00 PM  
in the Great  
Room/Parish  
Center; free  
admission



\*[Let Us Adore](#) is a night of  
adoration. Join us in the church  
from 7:00-9:00 PM on the  
following dates: Thursday,  
November 15 and Thursday,  
December 6.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION SURVEY

### [Survey for Adult Faith Formation](#)

St. Mark Catholic Church is  
conducting a survey to identify  
the interests of adults in a wide  
variety of topics that we can  
address through adult faith  
formation and/or enrichment  
programs. Please click the link  
above and check the topics in  
each category that are of  
greatest interest to you. Check  
as many items as you like, or

Council). No sweatpants or shorts. Outfits should be conservative and in good taste. They do not have to be complete, formal costumes. They can consist of a simple cape or a super hero t-shirt. Jeans are allowed. Any closed shoe is allowed. Refer to page 27 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#) for complete "free dress" guidelines.

All students: No masks, face paint, weapons, gruesomeness, or inappropriate slogans or graphics.

It's going to be a *spooky* good time!

### 2018-19 YEARBOOKS NOW ON SALE

Don't delay, order your 2018-19 St. Mark Catholic School Yearbook today! The yearbook is a wonderful keepsake that chronicles the entire school year and includes all students from Preschool through 8th grade. **The price is \$25 between now and October 31. After October 31, the price will increase to \$30. NOTE: Each 8th grader will be given a yearbook free of charge!**

#### Payment may be submitted in one of three ways:

1. Electronic Payment: If you would like to make your payment electronically, you can do so on the [Electronic Payment page](#) of the school website. Please select the "Yearbook/Memory Book" option and in the Comment box, write "Yearbook" and your child's name and homeroom.
2. Check: Make checks payable to "St. Mark Catholic School." Include your child's name, homeroom, and "Yearbook" on the memo line. Send it to school with your child or drop it off at the front desk.
3. Cash: Place cash in an envelope and write your child's name, homeroom, and "Yearbook" on the outside. Send it to school with your child or drop it off at the front desk.

### FUN FACTS ABOUT THE STAFF

Did you know? Mrs. Hughes went to Austin College and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. She used to work with boys on probation and managed an art gallery. She has one son and two dogs, likes to run, read, and travel, volunteers at the Cook-Off to Children's Education and is on the Board for the Children's Hospital Tennis Tournament.

"not interested." Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your ideas are important to us!

### HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT ST. MARK!

Do you know someone interested in a St. Mark education for their PK-8th grade child? **Limited openings are available in select grade levels for the 2018-19 school year.**



Spread the word! Applications for the 2019-20 school year will be available online November 1.

#### KEEP THOSE REFERRALS

**COMING:** Encourage prospective families to register for a **private tour** at [www.stmcs.net/open-house-tours](http://www.stmcs.net/open-house-tours). If they attend, you'll receive a \$10 gift certificate for the Lion's Den Spirit Store, and if they enroll, you could receive a [\\$500 tuition credit!](#)

### HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

#### Open House:

You're invited to attend Open House on Sunday, November 4 at



1:00 PM. Opening session in the Terry Center. No reservations required. Take a tour, listen to faculty members, speak with current students, parents and teachers, learn about athletic, extracurricular and special programs, sit in on a typical math, English or science class,

ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
**LIONS**  
NEWS FROM ATHLETICS



**Attention 5th-8th grade students: Registration is now available for the following 2018-19 St. Mark teams:**

**Tennis:** The registration deadline is today, October 19. Please [click here](#) for details.

**Basketball:** The registration deadline is November 5. [Please click](#) for details.



**REGISTER NOW** for the 5th Annual All Souls Remembrance 5K Run and 1K "Fun Run" which will take place on Saturday, October 27. Bring the whole family for a morning of fun and fellowship while supporting the St. Mark Athletics Program. Children, strollers, and wheelchairs welcome! All early-birds who register for the 5K by today, 10/19, will receive a commemorative medal and t-shirt, and all 5K runners enjoy a free pancake breakfast. Visit [www.allsoulsrun.com](http://www.allsoulsrun.com) for complete details and registration information.

**Race Schedule:**

8:00 AM - 1K Fun Run Start  
8:30 AM - 5K Start  
8:50 AM - Post-Race Party Begins  
9:30 AM - Awards Presentation  
11:00 AM - Close



Shop the Lion's Den Spirit Store for all of your spirit wear needs! It is open every Friday morning that school is in session from 7:30-8:15 AM in the Cafetorium. Can't make it

learn more about the Jesuit tradition, Catholic identity and community service, and enjoy Jesuit's award-winning musicians. To view a copy of the Open House program, visit [jesuitdallas.org/admissions/visit](http://jesuitdallas.org/admissions/visit).

[Club Friar](#) is a free membership program for students in grades K-8. By signing up, members receive a VIP pass for admission to all Bishop Lynch High School home athletic and arts events on campus, a t-shirt, and other goodies and perks! [Click here](#) for more details.



**Football Future Friar Night:** Friday, November 2, 7:00 PM at Bishop Lynch. Kindergarten-8th grade students receive free admission, giveaways, and can participate in a cheer/dance clinic and a band clinic. [Click here](#) for details. Register for the clinics at [www.bishoplynch.org/clubfriar](http://www.bishoplynch.org/clubfriar).

The Ursuline Academy Department of Admissions invites parents of students applying for the 2019-20 school year to attend a **"Meet the Administrator Coffee"** where they can meet and hear from UA's President, Principal, Dean of Academics, Dean of Students, and Director of Admissions and Enrollment Management about the mission and core values of Ursuline and to receive more detailed information about the



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.



## HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The St. Mark Book Fair takes place from **Sunday, November 4 through Friday, November 9**. Stay tuned for more and check the [Book Fair web page](#) for details. We are in need of parent volunteers to help with the Book Fair. If you are interested, please [sign-up here](#).

**Get Your Brain in Gear!**



**Read a Book.**  
St. Mark Scholastic Book Fair 2018



September brought in 1,391 Box Tops, or \$139.10 for St. Mark! Thank you to all who have submitted. Here are the class standings (Box Tops per student) as of now:

4th Grade in the lead: 324 Box Tops = 6.75/student  
2nd Grade close behind: 250 Box Tops = 5.81/student  
3rd Grade: 240 Box Tops = 4.71/student  
5th Grade: 172 Box Tops = 3.44/student  
Preschool: 105 Box Tops = 2.14/student  
TK/K: 133 Box Tops = 2.11/student  
1st Grade: 56 Box Tops = 1.02/student  
6/7/8th Grades: 111 Box Tops = .58/student

Now we not only gear up for our October collection, but it's also official submission time! Please turn in any Box Tops you have collected by October 24. The totals for October will be added to those in September to determine which grade brought in the most Box Tops per student. There will be a prize for the grade with the highest average. Please carefully cut out unexpired Box Tops from participating brands; place in a Ziploc (which conveniently has Box Tops!) or envelope; clearly write your child's grade/teacher on it; and turn them in to your child's teacher by October 24. Box Tops submitted without grade/teacher on them will count towards our overall goal but we will not be able to keep track of them for the competition. Each Box Top submitted earns \$.10 for St. Mark. [Click here for details](#). For more information, please contact [Melissa King](#) or [Sharon Mattis](#).

application process. The event will take place Monday, November 26 starting at 7:30 AM. Please [click here](#) to register.

Attention 8th grade:

The John Paul II High School National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta students are offering six weeks of **ISEE study sessions** in preparation for the high school entrance exam. Sessions will take place every Wednesday from 3:45-4:45 PM from October 24-December 6 at John Paul II High School. The JP II bus will transport students from St. Mark to JP II and parents must pick-up students at the JP II main entrance at 4:45 PM. Please [click here](#) for details. [Registration is available here](#).



JP II invites middle school parents to attend their parent program about teen stress and anxiety, **"Connecting with Teens: Using the Side Doors when the Front Door Slams in your Face"** with Michelle Kinder, M. Ed. from the Momentum Institute on Wednesday, October 24 at 6:00 PM in the JP II Athenaeum. Please RSVP to [lisaschumacher@johnpaulihs.org](mailto:lisaschumacher@johnpaulihs.org) or 469-229-5122.



Join us for public mass at Holy Trinity Seminary on Sunday, November 11 at 9:15 AM at 3131 Vince Hagan Drive in Irving. A



**2018-19 Volunteer Opportunities:** The Home & School Association cannot be successful without amazing volunteers to help in our school. There are many ways you can share your time and talents in the new school year.

\*[Click here](#) for a link to the Sign-Up Genius for HSA Committees/Events. All positions are available on a first come, first serve basis.

\*Want to volunteer in your child's classroom? [Click here](#) to access individual classroom sign-up links for grades PK-2nd.

**Earn Money for St. Mark by Simply Shopping at Kroger:** Enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards program and a percentage of your purchases will go directly to the St. Mark Catholic School Home & School Association. [Click here](#) for complete instructions. Kroger cards must be relinked to St. Mark every 12 months.

## COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM

Welcome to the St. Mark Community Prayer Team. It is our goal to bring the St. Mark community closer to Christ and to each other. There will be numerous opportunities for you to get involved this school year. Even if you are unable to participate in person, we invite you to join in from where you are. For more information about the Community Prayer Team, please [click here](#).



**Prayer Requests:** The school has a Prayer Table available to anyone visiting campus (family members, etc.) which is located in the hallway between the Administration offices and the Cafetorium. Everyone is welcome to place prayer requests in the box on the table. These intentions will be taken to Mass on Fridays as part of the offering.

**Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention:** In addition to your prayers for our St. Mark community of students, families, teachers, staff and religious, we hope you will also remember Pope Francis' monthly intentions:

October: Evangelization - The Mission of Religious  
That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

reception with the seminarians follows each mass.

## FRENCH MASS AT CISTERCIAN

Mrs. Denvir extends an invitation to all students and their families to attend the monthly French Masses at Our Lady of Dallas Cistercian Abbey, 3550 Cistercian Road, Irving. There is an opportunity to do the readings and to sample French snacks at the end of every Mass. The next French Mass takes place Sunday, November 11 at 10:30 AM.

## 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!

### #BEGOLDEN



8th Grade @ Make-A-Wish:



Representative Jeff Leach Visit:

**Save the date!**

Join us with your children on Wednesdays in October from 7:15 to 7:40 AM in the St. Mark Cafetorium. St. Mark students awaiting class will pray the rosary each Wednesday from October 3-31. You may bring your own rosary or they will be provided in the Cafetorium.

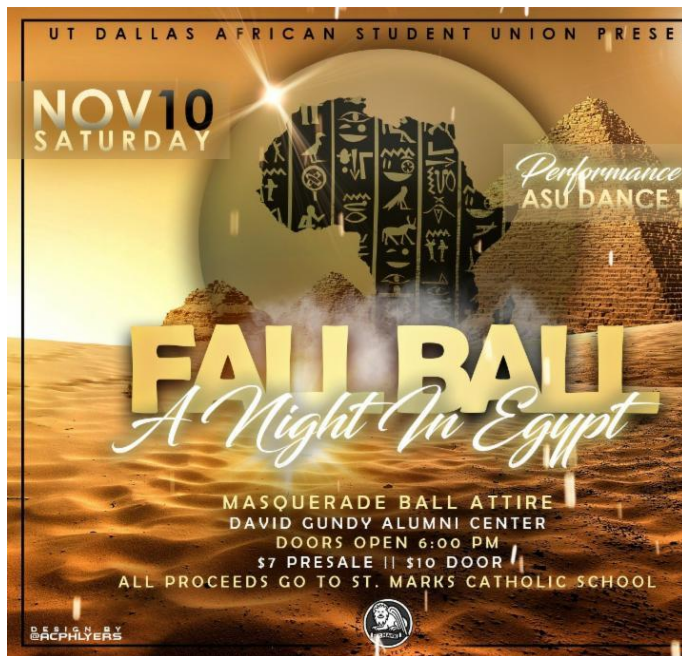
**Prayer Walk:** Please join our quarterly Community Prayer Walk on Thursday, October 25 at 7:55 AM at the cross outside the St. Mark Narthex. We will be praying the rosary for St. Mark students, families, faculty, staff and religious as we walk around our school and church buildings. After the Prayer Walk, parents are invited to attend Mass at 8:30 AM in the church. If you are unable to attend, please remember the school in your personal prayers. Thank you, and God bless!

**YOU'RE INVITED**

The University of Texas at Dallas African Student Union invites the St. Mark community to attend their *Fall Ball, A Night in Egypt* on Saturday, November 10 at 6:00 PM in the UTD David Gundy Alumni Center located at 800 West Campbell Road in Richardson. They have chosen St. Mark Catholic School as the beneficiary of all proceeds raised! Please [click here](#) to purchase tickets. For questions, contact [Khaleq.Memene@gmail.com](mailto:Khaleq.Memene@gmail.com).

**4th Grade STEM:****Fire Clowns:****Plano Police Visit:****PK3/Middle School Rosaries:**





St. Mark's Annual "Trunk or Treat" will be held on Saturday, October 27 from 5:00-6:00 PM in the parking lot behind the school. Please come for candy and fun! If you'd like to decorate a trunk for the event, [please sign-up here](#). If the Halloween spirit moves you to donate candy, email [Elena Mappus](#) and she'll arrange to pick it up from you.



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**Auction B-day Party:**



**Space Week:**



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