



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

October 25, 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, Thursday, October 25:

-12:00 NOON: Early Dismissal - Parent Teacher Conferences. The After School Program is available until 6:00 PM.



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!

Friday, October 26:

-No school for students: Parent Teacher Conferences

Saturday, October 27:

-8:00 AM, St. Mark Campus: All Souls Remembrance Run (details below)

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

Sunday, October 28:



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QUICK LINKS

[Calendar](#)

-Priesthood Sunday: Show your appreciation to our priests today and view the thank you posters made by our students in the sanctuary.

Wednesday, October 31:

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

-8:15 AM, Cafetorium: Spunky Pumpkin Play presented by 2nd grade

-Super Hero/Costume Day (details below); Class Halloween parties (students and Room Parents only due to space considerations)

Thursday, November 1:

-8:30 AM, Church: All Saints Day Mass; all are welcome

-Living Saints, presented by 8th grade

Friday, November 2:

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass presented by 6th grade. All are welcome.

Sunday, November 4-Friday, November 9:

-Scholastic Book Fair (details below)

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.



What to do when you see unkind behavior:

When you help someone, you help yourself. It can feel great to support someone in need and to stand up for what you believe! Be brave and kind; be a real hero.

Don't join in or stand by and watch. Mean people love an audience. Walk away, and see if you can get others to leave, too. Of course, don't just abandon someone who is in real danger. Go get help.

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**SCHOOL
ADVISORY
COUNCIL**

Minutes from the August 23, 2018 School Advisory Council meeting are now available [online](#).

LOWDOWN FROM THE LION'S LAIR

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



**Lowdown from the Lion's
Lair
Wk of 10-22-18**

AROUND THE PARISH

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

Stop any rumors. If someone tells you gossip, don't pass it on to others. You wouldn't want someone spreading rumors about you!

Stand up for someone. If it feels safe, defend the person. Bullies often care a lot about being popular and powerful. If you make the unkind act seem uncool, they may stop.

Tell an adult and encourage the person receiving the action to talk to an adult, too. Offer to go with them.
Offer support. Ask if the person is okay. Be friendly the next day. You can make a big difference just by showing you care.

Dear Lord, help me make the right decisions and to do the right things in life. Help me to live my life as you would want by being caring, loving, and respectful to others. I pray I follow in Jesus' footsteps by being kind and by treating others as I would like to be treated. Amen.

SAFETY UPDATE

As part of St. Mark's campus safety program, the school conducts emergency drills on a monthly basis. A fire drill was held on Monday, October 22. Students and staff quickly and efficiently evacuated the building without incident.



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 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

**ALL SAINTS
CARNIVAL, DINNER AND DANCE**

BENEFITTING JONATHAN'S PLACE

WHERE: Saturday, October 27, 2018
St. Mark School Cafetorium

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 by DJ artist Joe Langell.

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.

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Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 6085 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



Join us for Bingo Night
Presented by the St. Mark Knights
of Columbus

Saturday, November 3, Cafetorium
6:00 PM - Registration/Doors Open
7:00 PM - First Game

Grand Prize - \$600 gift card!

\$25 admission if you pre-register
online [here](#), or \$30 at the door.
Contact rich@holmer.net for
details and sponsorships. Proceeds
benefit military and veteran
organizations and numerous other
K of C projects. Must be 21 years old
to participate.

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!

BLANKET THANK YOU

St. Mark thanks Constellation, an Exelon company, for awarding a \$500 grant towards our October "Blankets of Love" All School Service Project through their Community Champions program. This grant enabled us to purchase supplies and make blankets for local veterans. Very special thanks also go to school parent, Michelle Ribeiro, who took the initiative to apply for this grant on our behalf!



ST. MARK STAFF IS GOLDEN!

A reminder that students may continue to recognize faculty/staff members who do something very kind or helpful by visiting Mrs. Opon and telling her about it. She will then give the student a gold coin to present to that staff member. Staffers can collect these coins and trade them in for something special at the end of the year. We feel this is not only a wonderful way to recognize our amazing staff, but also a way to teach our students how to appreciate what others do for them and to show their gratitude. For those students in Preschool through 2nd grade, who may not understand how to implement this opportunity as well as our older students, we have added a twist. If you as a parent hear of something special that someone did for your child, you may contact



[Mrs. Opon](#) directly (feel free to send an email or even a handwritten note). She will make sure your child is given a gold coin to present. We hope this encourages our students to express their gratitude and, of course, brings a smile to our staffers' faces! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Opon.

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE STAFF



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

HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

Jesuit 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, 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.



[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.



Did you know? Dr. Blankenship was born in Manila, Philippines, has taught Kindergarten at St. Mark for 24 years, has a PhD from TWU in Child Development, was an All-American swimmer at The University of Arkansas, competed in the 2015 CrossFit Games, and loves shopping, watching TV, crossword puzzles, and her four dogs.

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. 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!](#)

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.

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.

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



Families are invited to a **campus tour** at The Highlands at any time, or the upcoming **Preview Morning** on Wednesday, November 7 from 8:30- 10:00 AM. Please RSVP by emailing admissions@thehighlandsschool.org.



Join The Highlands this weekend for the annual **Fall One-Act Play**. Email [Mrs. O'Connor](#) if you plan to attend and complimentary tickets will be reserved for you at the door.

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.



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

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

2018 All-Star Volleyball Matches:

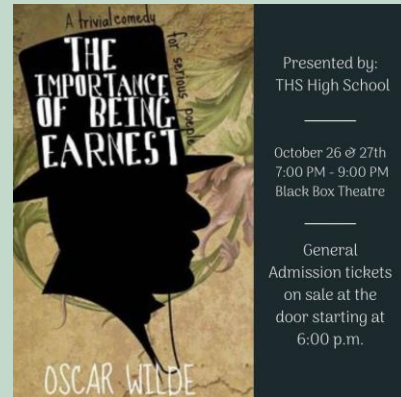
Bishop Lynch High School
Monday, November 5, 2018
6:30 & 7:30 PM

There will be two separate All Star matches: 8D1 and 8D2. Matches will be the best 2-out-of-3. The 8D2 match will begin at 6:30 PM and the 8D1 match at 7:30 PM.

Two athletes will be designated to participate in this event. Players TBA at a later date. The matches will be played with rally scoring to 25 points. Teams will be split by the DPL Athletic Director. Girls will wear their school volleyball uniforms.



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.



Join us **Thursday, November 1** as we celebrate All Saints Day on campus with All School Mass. Fr. Tom Cloherty will be our celebrant with Deacon Jake Schroeffer delivering the homily. Campus tours will be available immediately following Mass, as well as complimentary lunch in our delicious dining hall!



Wednesday, November 14 join current students, parents, and alumni for a delicious breakfast to learn more about the Cardinal Family. This will be a unique opportunity to enjoy one-on-one conversation with our most important stakeholders, those who have benefited directly from the Cardinal Experience! Register for one of these two dates:

November 14 - [Register here](#)
January 9 - [Register here](#)



Join us for public mass at Holy Trinity Seminary on Sunday,

Mark Athletics Program. Children, strollers, and wheelchairs welcome in both categories! All 5K runners enjoy a free pancake breakfast. Visit 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 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.



**HOME & SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION**

Join us for the **2nd Home & School Association General Meeting** on Wednesday, November 7 at 6:30 PM in the Cafetorium. There will be a talk on Internet safety. Total meeting time is 90 minutes, and childcare will be available!

The St. Mark Book Fair takes place from **Sunday, November 4 through Friday, November 9**. 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.

Get Your Brain in Gear!



Read a Book.
St. Mark Scholastic Book Fair 2018

November 11 at 9:15 AM at 3131 Vince Hagan Drive in Irving. A 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. Next Mass: 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!

Blankets of Love:



Living Rosary:

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



Rescue Dog in the Library:



Art Elective Rosaries:



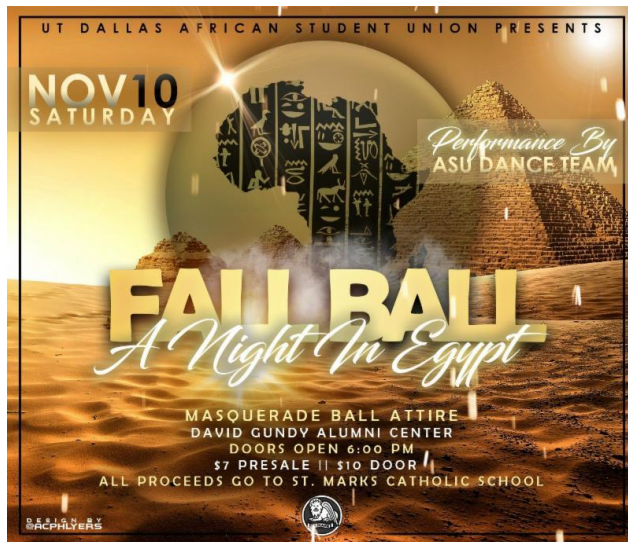
Preschool Balloon Fun:

That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

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.

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.



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-



Red Ribbon Week:



PK3 STEM-Space:



Middle School Reads to ASP:



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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