



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

October 5, 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 5:

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

Wednesday, October 10:

-7:10 AM: Student Council Meeting

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

Friday, October 12:

-No school for students: UD Ministry Conference

Tuesday, October 16:

-Class Pictures & Individual Student Picture Retakes (details below)

NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH



A National School of
Excellence

[VISIT OUR WEBSITE](#)

Follow us and stay connected!



Like what you see?

"Like" and "share" on your social media and help us spread the word about our wonderful school!

QUICK LINKS

[Calendar](#)

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.



There is no doubt that bullies are not kind to others, however, not every unkind action can be labeled as bullying. Many students are still learning how to get along with others and sometimes their actions are either unkind, rude, or just mean. A few examples of being mean include cutting in line, not playing fair, teasing, and conflict between people.

Bullying is a planned action done repeatedly towards the same person even when a teacher or target has told them to stop or has shown they are upset with the action. Bullying entails trying to gain control over a person. To tell the difference between bullying and unkind behavior depends on the number of negative interactions, the intention of the person doing the action, and the power imbalance.

It is important to distinguish between mean behavior and bullying to know what to pay attention to, and when to intervene.

NEW STUDENT WELCOME

A warm St. Mark welcome to the new student who joined us this week, Mia D. in Mrs. Coursey's PK4 class.

CLASS PICTURES & INDIVIDUAL STUDENT PICTURE RETAKES

On Tuesday, October 16, Lifetouch will be on campus to take class photos. All students should be in complete school uniform including the school sweater.

Individual student retakes will also be conducted on this day for those students who were absent on Student Picture Day (8/22) or who are unhappy

[Lifetime Lions Alumni](#)
[Admissions](#)
[Lunch Menus](#)
[Safe Environment](#)
[Lion's Den Spirit Store](#)
[Work of Heart Nomination](#)

FAITH IN ACTION



Reverence



Service From the Heart:

October Project:

During class time, students will make blankets and coloring sheets for veterans.

Social Teaching: Solidarity

Who Benefits? Veterans Administration of Dallas

Due Date: October 25, 2018

LOWDOWN FROM THE LION'S LAIR

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

with the photos/proofs sent home in September. If your child will participate in retakes, please alert him/her so he/she knows to join the retake session when announced.

FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

Parish Donation: In order to qualify for the parishioner tuition discount, the annual minimum parish donation of \$800 must be paid by December 31, 2018. Tuition Rate Change Notices for families that did not meet the \$800 minimum will be sent out in late January 2019. If you have any questions about the status of your donations, please contact Nadya Collard in the parish office now to avoid the year end rush. Nadya can be reached at (972) 423-5600 ext. 258, or ncollard@stmarkplano.org.

Payment options:

- * Check (payable to "St. Mark Catholic Church") may be placed in the weekly collection basket or dropped off at the parish office.
- * Electronic payment accessible by [clicking here](#). Please note that recurring payments can also be set-up using this link.
- * Please do NOT send your payment to the school office or use the school's electronic payment site.

Reminders from the parish office:

- * The parish office is not notified when an electronic payment is declined or stopped (i.e. credit card expiration date as in the case of recurring payments). It is the responsibility of the family to monitor their bank and credit card statements to ensure the payments are successful.
- * If you are putting cash in the collection baskets, you must use your parishioner envelopes. It is the only way to ensure the donation will be credited back to your name.

School Financial Statements:

In accordance with the Diocese of Dallas Policy on Financial Management and Administration, an independent CPA firm conducted our "Agreed Upon Procedures" review for the 2017-2018 school year. The school's financial reports can be found via the following links:



Lowdown from the Lion's Lair Week of 10-1-18

PARISH OPPORTUNITIES

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



- *October 6: Bring your pets at 10:30 AM for a special blessing as we remember St. Francis and his love for all creatures. The blessing will take place in front of the school Cafetorium. All animals must be on a leash or in a cage.

- *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

- *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

-Statement of Financial Position vs Prior Year (2017-18)

-Statement of Activities vs Prior Year (2017-18)

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Our September Library contest challenged both students and staff to show us their public library cards. Congratulations to our winners who each received a \$10 Barnes and Noble gift card: Jacob N., Peter K., and Nurse Townsend!



This month, follow the St. Mark Library on Twitter (@mark_library) by October 10 and your child will be entered to win two tickets to see the author, Dav Pilkey, on October 14 in Frisco!



THANK YOU FROM THE STAFF

A special thank you to the 2nd and 8th grade families and to HSA for hosting the October Teacher Luncheon this week. The "Fall Festival" theme was lovely and definitely helped usher in the new season in a "delicious" way! We love our parent volunteers!

-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 "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. 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](#)!

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE STAFF

Did you know? 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Ferri, grew up outside Los Angeles, is the youngest of four children, attended Santa Clara and Loyola Marymount Universities, spent a semester in Vienna, Austria, has a B.A. degree in History and an M.A. in Secondary Education, has two children,

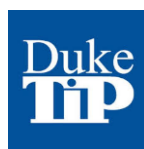


HOMECOMING CHALLENGE WINNER



Congratulations to Ms. Maw's home base class -- they won the Homecoming Game Challenge by sending 11 students to Sunday's Varsity Homecoming Football game! And we know all that cheering contributed to our Lions' victory! They will enjoy a donut party (and a special Starbucks drink for Ms. Maw), compliments of the Football and Cheer parents. GO LIONS!

LION PRIDE!



Congratulations to the two St. Mark students who qualified for the Grand Recognition Ceremony at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina: Renil G. and Biya C. These students qualified by earning scores on above-level college entrance exams equal to the 90th national percentile rank for college-bound seniors taking the tests. That includes about 4% of Duke TIP students.



2018-19 YEARBOOKS NOW ON SALE

and enjoys reading, biking, and walking her dog, Jax.

HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

[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.



[Volleyball Future Friar Night](#): Thursday, October 18, 6:00 PM at BL. All K-8th grade students receive free admission to the game, plus giveaways for all who attend, an autograph session with the varsity team, and a contest in between the second and third sets of the varsity match.

Middle School students are invited to the **DPL/ Middle School Volleyball Night** on Tuesday, October 9 at Ursuline Academy. The Freshman and JV games begin at 5:00 PM. Varsity begins at 6:00 PM. Admission is free. Coaches from other UA sports will be on hand to answer your questions. [Click here](#) for full details.



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 events will take place Monday, October 15 and Monday, November 26 starting at 7:30 AM. Please [click here](#) to register.

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.

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NEWS FROM ATHLETICS

Concession Stand Volunteer Opportunities: 7th and 8th grade volunteers are needed to work at the St. Mark Concession Stand during home volleyball games. Service hours are available. Refer to the following schedule for openings. Please contact Athletic Director, Marlene Ehring, at marlene.ehring@stmcs.net to sign-up.

Saturday, October 6:

9:00-10:00 AM

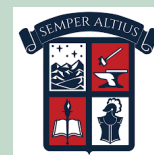
10:00-11:00 AM

JP II Open House: Meet JP II faculty, staff, administration and students on Wednesday, October 17 from 6:00-8:30 PM. Food trucks will be on site and attendees will be entered into a \$1,000 tuition credit drawing. [Click here](#) for details. Register online at www.johnpaulihs.org.



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.](#)

Be a Blazer for a day at The Highlands School! All 8th grade students are invited to visit classrooms, tour the campus, meet students and faculty, learn about clubs/athletics, and more on Tuesday, October 16 from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. [Click here](#) for more details.



Join us for public mass at Holy Trinity Seminary on Sunday, October 7 and October 14 at 9:15 AM at 3131 Vince Hagan Drive in Irving. A reception with the seminarians follows each mass.

SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

11:00-12:00 NOON

Saturday, October 20:

1:00-2:00 PM

2:00-3:00 PM



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

Tennis: The registration deadline is 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 10/19 will receive a commemorative medal and t-shirt, and 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



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

#BEGOLDEN:



October Rosaries:



1st Grade Apple Day:



StuCo Testing Surprises:

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.



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](#).



ASP Fair Day:



Vocations Week:



Mrs. Schell @Slavic Festival:



PK4 M&M Prayer:

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



PK3 "I" Week:



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.

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 - October 31. You may bring your own rosary or they will be provided in the Cafetorium.

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to an account by a fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others. Today, as through history, we are urged by our Blessed Mother to turn again to the Rosary for help.

YOU'RE INVITED

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 serve.



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.

OCTOBER SUPPER OF EXCELLENCE

This month's "Supper of Excellence" was purchased by the Ostermann family at the 2018 Auction & Gala. They will enjoy a chili dinner with all the fixings this weekend compliments of staff members Vicki Crider (chili), Shannon Congdon and Sharon Thompson (salads), Erin McCormick (fixings), Emily Jackson (cornbread), and Rene O'Connor (dessert). Sounds like the perfect meal to complement a weekend of college football!

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