



# ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

## WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

November 9, 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, November 9:

-1st grade received the Vocations Chalice at today's All School Mass and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

-Book Fair extended online between today and November 27 (details below)

### Saturday, November 10:

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

### Monday, November 12:

-8th grade visits Jesuit College Prep and Ursuline Academy

### Tuesday, November 13-Friday, November 16:

-5th grade goes to The Pines

### Wednesday, November 14:

-7:10 AM: Student Council Meeting

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



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## QUICK LINKS

[Calendar](#)

-Teacher Luncheon hosted by 1st and 7th grades



Chipotle Spirit Night: Visit the location at 1009 N. Central Expressway (near the school), mention St. Mark as you place your order, and a percentage of the proceeds benefits HSA.

**Thursday, November 15:**

-The Highlands School visits 8th Grade

-Preschool Thanksgiving Feast

-6:30 PM, Cafetorium: Middle School Fall Play (details below)

**Friday, November 16:**

-8:30 AM, Church: "The Giving Tree" All School Mass presented by 1st grade. All are welcome.

-12:00 PM: Early Dismissal. The After School Program is available until 3:00 PM. Please send a lunch with all ASP students.



10:00 AM-11:00 PM: 1/2 days are Cane's Days at St. Mark! Mention St. Mark as you place your order at the location across the street and a percentage of the proceeds benefits the St. Mark Athletics Dept.

**Monday, November 19-Friday, November 23:**

-NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Holidays

**Monday, November 25:**

-School Resumes

**FALL PLAY: THE EMPRESS AND THE NIGHTINGALE**

Come to the 6:30 PM evening performance, or to one of the dress rehearsals at 9:00 AM or 2:15 PM.

[Lifetime Lions Alumni](#)

[Admissions](#)

[Lunch Menus](#)

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[Lion's Den Spirit Store](#)

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**REMINDER: NO CLUBS ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

A reminder that Fall Enrichment Clubs have ended and you will need to pick up your child at his/her regular dismissal time and place starting on Monday, November 12.



**LIFETIME LIONS**

Check out the latest alumni news in the Fall 2018 "[Lifetime Lions Alumni Newsletter!](#)"

**FATIMA TOUR AT ST. MARK**

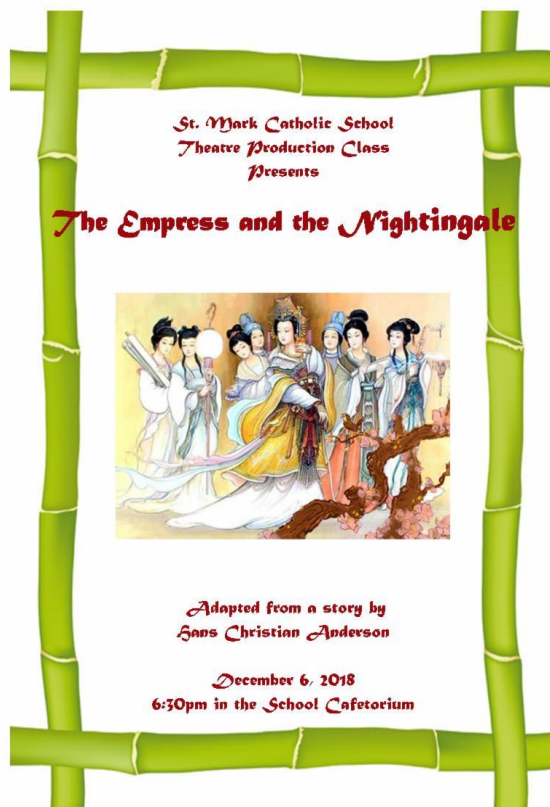
The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be at St. Mark Catholic Church on



Saturday, 11/10/18 from 8:00 AM -4:00 PM. There will be schedule sheets of devotions outside the Chapel doors.

All are welcome. For more information, contact [olfatima@yahoo.com](mailto:olfatima@yahoo.com).





## PAW PRIDE!

Congratulations to Theresa T., the winner of the St. Mark Catholic School Spelling Bee, and to Renil G., the Runner-Up. Theresa will now move on to represent St. Mark at the Diocesan Spelling Bee. It was a hard-fought competition and we are proud of all of our competitors!



## 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 serve.

## LOWDOWN FROM THE LION'S LAIR

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



Lowdown from the Lion's Lair  
Week of 11-5-18

## HELP NEEDED

We are exploring the possibility of adding a covered walkway between the Early Childhood and main school buildings to provide our Preschool and Kindergarten students with protection against the weather as they walk between the two. If anyone has experience with this type of project, or can recommend someone who does, please contact Patricia Opon at [patricia.opon@stmcs.net](mailto:patricia.opon@stmcs.net). Our goal at this point is to get bids and determine feasibility.

## YEARBOOK ADS FOR ACTIVITIES NOW AVAILABLE

Ad space for non-school activities (Scouts, PSA teams, etc.) is now available for purchase. If you would like your activity or event to appear in the 2018-19 school yearbook, you may



Two St. Mark students recently participated in the National History Bee Qualifier: Anthony N. placed 4th and Sebastian R. placed 9th. Anthony also made it to the final round of the Geography Olympiad.

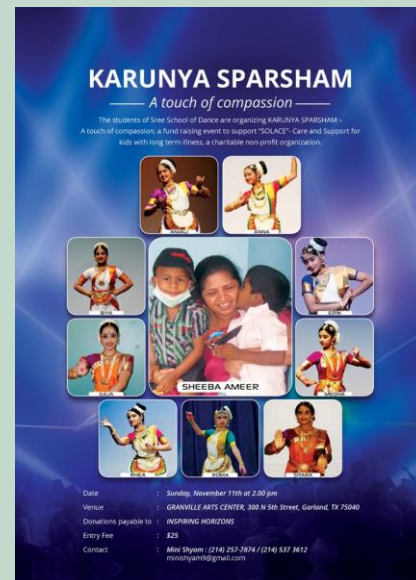


Theresa T. won 1st place at a Dallas Solo Piano Competition in the 10th Grade Division last weekend!



purchase ad space. Prices are \$75 for one quarter page (3.25" x 4.5"), \$100 for one half page (6.75" x 4.5"), and \$150 for one page (6.75" x 9.25"). Email Stacy Oliver at [stacy.oliver@stmcs.net](mailto:stacy.oliver@stmcs.net) to reserve your space. Payment can be made online by [clicking here](#). Select "Memory/Yearbook" from the drop-down menu, and write "ad" in the Comments section.

## STUDENT SERVICE/ FUNDRAISER



8th grader, Biya C., and friends from her dance school, are organizing a fundraiser event, KARUNYA SPARSHAM 2018, A Touch of Compassion, and you are invited! This event involves 80 dancers who will perform with the goal of raising \$15,000. Funds will support SOLACE, a charitable organization that focuses on providing care and support for around 2,000 children with life threatening and longterm illness.

## LIVING FOR ZACHARY AED DONATION



Your undefeated LIONS Varsity Football team will compete in the DPL Semi-Finals game this Sunday, November 11, at 2:00 PM at John Paul II High School! Let's fill the stands with Lion fans and cheer them on as they fight for the right to compete in the DPL Championship game!



Congratulations to the 8th Grade Varsity Volleyball team that clinched the DPL Championship title last Saturday at Ursuline Academy!



Congratulations to the following St. Mark Tennis team athletes who took honors in the Tennis Tournament hosted by Bishop Dunne High School:

- \*Alejandro D. - Varsity Boys Singles Champion
- \*Adrian D. - JV Boys Singles Champion
- \*Jeslyn T. - JV Girls Singles 2nd Place



On November 3, Nurse Townsend participated in the annual "Living for Zachary" 5K event. This wonderful organization helps local schools and businesses obtain lifesaving AEDs. St. Mark is fortunate to have been presented with a brand new AED machine for our Early Childhood Education building at the event, and Nurse Townsend accepted it on our behalf. See our school [Facebook page](#) -- there are even more interesting twists to this story!

### FUN FACTS ABOUT THE STAFF

Did you know? 7th/8th grade religion teacher, Mrs. Oliver, attended Aquinas College in Nashville, is married to Steve Oliver, has two children, Hailey (6) and Joel (4), and enjoys keeping up with her children, geocaching, going for bike rides, and watching football.

### 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 are now available online at**



## LIONS DEN

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](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

Missed the chance to visit the Book Fair in person? Couldn't quite find what you wanted? For the very first time, the St. Mark Book Fair is extended online from today until November 27.

Browse a wider, expanded selection of titles, search by age or grade level, and shop anytime - 24 hours a day! Visit our exclusive [Book Fair site](#).

Get Your Brain in Gear!



Read a Book.  
St. Mark Scholastic Book Fair 2018

Happy November! Thanksgiving is just around the corner! Remember to keep an eye out for Box Tops in all of your Thanksgiving meal preparation. Our school has earned **\$322.30** so far -- we need to keep saving our Box Tops for our November collection! Please turn in any Box Tops you have collected by



[www.stmcs.net/application-form-new-students](http://www.stmcs.net/application-form-new-students).

### 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!**

### 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:



St. Mark Music Ministry, the Traditional Choir of St. Mark, and Lake Cities Chorale present a **Veteran's Day Remembrance, "O Day of Peace."** Join us tonight, November 9 at 8:00 PM in the church for a free concert commemorating the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day. [Click here](#) for complete details.



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 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,

November 30. Please carefully cut out unexpired Box Tops from participating brands (expiration date must be visible); 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 November 30. 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 at [mak216@gmail.com](mailto:mak216@gmail.com) or Sharon Mattis at [sharone7@hotmail.com](mailto:sharone7@hotmail.com).

**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](#).



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!

### 8th Grade @ Feast of Sharing:



### Book Fair:



### Veterans Receive Blankets:



**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:

**November: Universal - In Service of Peace:** That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

## 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.



**Moms' Tea and Tour, Thursday, November 15, 9:00 AM:** Take a guided campus tour at this annual event and enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared by our all-inclusive campus dining service in the BL Bistro. The Moms' Tea and Tour will give you insider information about the BL high school experience from administration and Friar moms in the know. Please RSVP to [admissions@bishoplynch.org](mailto:admissions@bishoplynch.org).

**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](#)



Kindergarten SmartLab:



PK3 Library:



2nd Grade Soccer:







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.



**UA Bears Lock-In/Parents Night Out:** The UA Varsity Volleyball players invite all middle school girls for a fun night of volleyball skills by position, competitive play, dinner, friendship, and fun activities on Friday, November 30 from 6:00-10:00 PM at Ursuline's Neuhoff Center. [Click here](#) for complete details and registration.

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**Baby Egg:**



**Clay Club:**



**Girls Scouts:**



**PK3 Pumpkin STEM:**



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