



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

September 21, 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, September 21:

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

Tuesday, September 25:

-8th Grade Visits John Paul II High School

Wednesday, September 26:

-\$2.00 Dress Down Day benefiting HSA. To celebrate Homecoming, students may wear their favorite football team jersey or t-shirt (details below)

Thursday, September 27:

-2:30 PM, Bacot Gym: Fall Pep Rally (details below)

Friday, September 28:

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

-Grandparents' Day (details below)



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

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



10:00 AM-11:00 PM: Half Days are Cane's Days at St. Mark! Visit the location across the street from the school, mention St. Mark as you place your order, and a percentage of the proceeds benefits the Athletics Program.

Sunday, September 30:

-9:00 AM, Church: Children's Choir Sings at Mass

-12:00 PM, John Paul II High School Stadium: Varsity Homecoming Football Game (details below)

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

A warm welcome to the new students who joined us this week:

*Naila E., TK, Mrs. Young
*Liana E., 1st grade, Mrs. Jackson

ENRICHMENT CLUB REMINDERS

A reminder that Fall Enrichment Clubs started last Monday and will continue to meet each Monday after school through November 5.

Also, we had some issues in the pick-up line this past Monday. Parents picking up from the club that dismisses at 4:00 PM were getting stuck in the 4:15 PM dismissal line because cars moved up too soon and blocked the ECE front circle. Please read through the following to ensure we're all on the same page regarding dismissal line procedures:

Pick-Up Information: The *No More Stick Figures* club dismisses at 4:00 PM from the circle in front of the Early Childhood Education building, while all other clubs dismiss at 4:15 PM behind the elementary building. Out of consideration for the 4:00 PM dismissal group, we ask that parents of the 4:15 PM clubs stay parked back by the rectory garage, allowing the 4:00 PM cars to pull around and pick-up their children from the ECE building. At 4:10 PM, all cars should then move forward to be ready for the 4:15 PM club dismissal.

Thank you for your cooperation.

QUICK LINKS

[Calendar](#)

[Lifetime Lions Alumni](#)

[Admissions](#)

[Lunch Menus](#)

[Safe Environment](#)

[Lion's Den Spirit Store](#)

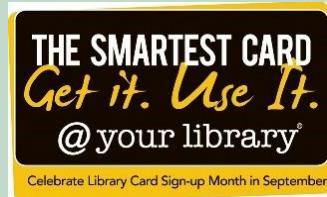
[Work of Heart Nomination](#)

GRANDPARENTS' DAY



An email with details about the upcoming September 28 "St. Mark Grandparents' Day" was sent to all parents this morning. In case you missed it, [please click here](#). A reminder that RSVPs are due September 27.

FROM THE LIBRARY ...



The month of September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. This is a time when the American Library Association and libraries across the United States join together to remind people that signing-up for a library card is a step towards academic achievement and lifelong learning. The St. Mark Library is also trying to promote the importance of a library card to students, parents, and caregivers. We are encouraging the students to sign-up for a

PARISH MEET & GREET

All school families, and especially our new families, are invited to join us for the 3rd Annual Parish Meet & Greet on Tuesday, October 2 from 5:30-7:00 PM in McGivney Hall in the St. Mark Parish Center. Enjoy refreshments while you hear from our St. Mark ministries about ways to become involved in the parish community and have your questions answered. Children are welcome. Please RSVP to Pam Steinkirchner.

NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY



A huge thank you to everyone who donated to St. Mark Catholic School on North Texas Giving Day yesterday! While we don't have the final total including bonus funds, the initial figure is \$26,360. This money will assist current families who encounter unexpected needs during the school year, as well as incoming families who need assistance to afford a Catholic education. Your generosity will go a long way towards making a St. Mark education available to all -- thank you for your incredible generosity!

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.

library card. If the student brings in her/his library card to our Librarian, Mrs. Hughes, during the month of September, they will be entered into a drawing to win a \$10 Barnes and Noble gift card on October 1!

PARISH VOLUNTEER & SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

St. Mark Catholic Church invites you to participate in their upcoming community service and spiritual opportunities. 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

*[Let Us Adore](#) is a night of adoration. Join us in the church from 7:00-9:00 PM on the following dates:

- Thursday, October 4
- Thursday, November 15
- Thursday, December 6

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE STAFF

Mrs. Moxley was born in Baton Rouge and attended Louisiana Tech University receiving a B.S. in Forestry. She has two children who attend St. Mark. She is a certified arborist and has hiked to the bottom of the Grand Canyon. She loves the New Orleans Saints and traveling.

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.



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



Attention 5th-8th grade students: **Registration is now available for the 2018 St. Mark Tennis Team.** The registration deadline is October 19. Please [click here](#) for details.

HOECOMING 2018:

*The annual Homecoming Pep Rally will take place on Thursday, September 27 at 2:30 PM in the Bacot Gym. We invite our entire community



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.



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!](#)

HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

Attention Middle School Students: You're invited to the DPL/ Middle School Volleyball



Night on Tuesday, October 9 at Ursuline. 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.

Attention 8th grade students: The John Paul II National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta students are offering six weeks of ISEE study sessions in preparation for the high school



to attend! There is a special parent seating area just inside the gym.

*Families with athletes on the Summer 2018 Golf Team, Fall 2018 Cross Country Team, Fall 2018 Football Team, Fall 2018 Volleyball Team, or Fall 2018 Cheerleading Squad, [please click here](#) for special athlete instructions/ information.

*The St. Mark Varsity Homecoming Football Game will be played on Sunday, September 30 at 12:00 PM at John Paul II High School stadium against St. Rita. Come cheer on your LIONS!

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. 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



HSA is excited to introduce a *Volunteer of the Month* program as an opportunity for our community to recognize our "Golden" volunteers. Each day our volunteers exhibit kindness and generosity as they help to make St. Mark a better place for our children. HSA members, parents, teachers, and staff are welcome to submit nominations to [Gisella Briggle](#) or [Adriana Mora](#). Please include the volunteer's name and why they deserve this honor. The deadline is September 30. Our first winner will be announced in October!

Let the counting begin! September will be our first month to collect

Box Tops. Please turn in any Box Tops you have collected to-date by September 28. Remember, each Box Top earns \$.10 for St. Mark! [Click here for details](#). For more information, please contact [Melissa King](#) or [Sharon Mattis](#).



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 JPII bus will transport students from St. Mark to JPII and parents must pick-up students at the JPII main entrance at 4:45 PM. Please [click here](#) for details. Registration is available [here](#).



Join us for public mass at Holy Trinity Seminary on Sunday, September 30 at 9:15 AM at 3131 Vince Hagan Drive in Irving. A reception with the seminarians follows each mass.

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!

#BE GOLDEN:



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Box Top Instructions:

Carefully cut out unexpired Box Tops from participating brands, place in a Ziploc bag (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 September 28. (Please note that Box Tops submitted without a grade/teacher on them will count towards our overall goal, but will not apply to the upcoming class competition at the end of October.)



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.

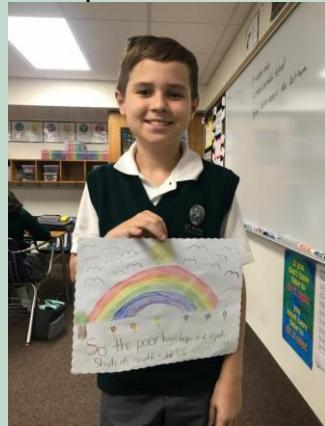
Important Dates:

***September 26: Dress Down Day.** Students may pay \$2.00 and celebrate Homecoming by wearing their favorite football team jersey or t-shirt! See page 27 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#) for guidelines. Proceeds benefit HSA.

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

September Service:



NTGD:



PK Texas Week:

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](#).



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:

[September: Universal - Young People in Africa](#)

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

YOU'RE INVITED

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.



6th Grade Hunters/Gatherers:



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Please be part of the "Hike for Life" at JPII High School tomorrow, September 22. Father Cliff is a team Captain! [Join his team](#) and help raise funds by donating through [Mrs. Opon's fundraising page](#). Funds raised support Dallas area women's pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes like White Rose, Birth Choice, Bella House, Mater Filius, and In My Shoes. The "Hike for Life" is an event for the whole family to promote a culture of life and raise needed funds. [Click here](#) for more details.

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