



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN November 1, 2019

Prayer for the 2019-20 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.



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*Save the Date
for the
33rd Annual Auction and Gala*
BOOTS
and
Ballgowns

February 29, 2020

Southfork Ranch
Oil Baron's Ballroom

REMINDERS

Saturday, November 2:

- HSA Chili Cook-Off (details below)
- All Souls Remembrance Run (details below)
- 10:00 AM-1:00 PM: St. Mark booth at *DFW Child* "Project Preschool" event at The Shops at Willow Bend
- Quiz Bowl Tournament

Monday, November 4:

- St. Mark Spirit Day! Refer to guidelines on page 27 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#).
- Last day of Fall Enrichment Clubs
- 8th grade visits Bishop Lynch High School

Thursday, November 7:

- Vocation Talk

Friday, November 8:

- 8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass presented by 7th grade.

Saturday, November 9:

- 9:00 AM, Cafetorium: Church of the Home Retreat (details below)

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

Sunday, November 10 - Friday, November 15:

- St. Mark Book Fair (details below)

WELCOME NEW STUDENT



**A National School of
Excellence**



**Named 1 of the top 3
Catholic schools in the
nation for technology
integration**

FAITH IN ACTION



RESPECT



SERVICE FROM THE HEART:

November Project
SVDP Food Collection

Students are asked to donate
food to the St. Mark/St.
Vincent de Paul food pantry.



A warm St. Mark welcome to the new student who joined us this week: Samantha Konersmann in 4th grade.

RENWEB NAME CHANGED TO "FACTS FAMILY PORTAL"

RenWeb ParentsWeb was recently renamed "FACTS Family Portal" in the FACTS SIS system to further align their product names with other FACTS products and brands. Going forward, you will see that former references to RenWeb will now say, "FACTS Family Portal." Parents and families will still be able to use Family Portal the same way they always have.

VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION



On Monday, November 11, St. Mark Catholic School will observe Veteran's Day to honor the men and women who have served in our armed forces protecting the freedoms and many blessings we enjoy. The celebration will include special student activities, campus decorations, and a prayer during morning announcements. We invite students and families to participate in several ways:

*Students can choose to take part in a "dress down day" at no charge where they may wear red, white and blue to school. Please see page 27 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#) for guidelines.

*If a student has a special veteran or someone who is on active duty in the military in their life that they would like to recognize (relative, grandparent, neighbor, friend, etc.), we invite them to print and color this [special "medal" template](#), glue on his or her photo, cut it out, and wear it proudly to school on November 11. Students may wear as many medals

Each class will be assigned an item to bring.

Catholic Social Teaching
Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

Who Benefits?
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Due Date
November 15, 2019

WATCH D.O.G.S.



Calling all "Dads of Great Students!" [Click here](#) to learn more about our Watch D.O.G.S. volunteer program for dads (and grandfathers, uncles), 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.

REMINDER: ENRICHMENT CLUBS END 11/4

REMINDER: Only one more Monday Enrichment Club

as they wish to honor the veterans in their life. See the examples below:



*If a student has a family member who is or has been in the military, we would like to treat that person to lunch on Monday, November 11. These special guests will go through the lunch line to get their complimentary meal. If a guest has more than one student to enjoy lunch with that day, these guests are welcome to stay during additional lunch periods. (Student lunch periods will follow the regular schedule: PK/TK/K: 10:50 AM; 1st & 2nd: 11:30 AM; 3rd, 4th & 5th: 12:00 PM; 6th, 7th & 8th: 12:30 PM.) **Please RSVP to [Rene O'Connor](#) by Thursday, November 7.**

*If your family has a relative who served/is currently serving, please email a photo in jpeg format, along with the person's name, rank and military branch, to [Debbie Reed](#) by **Thursday, November 7**. We will post it on the school video monitors.

*School parent, Mr. Heiss, will lead an assembly about military service from 2:40-3:20 PM in the Cafetorium for grades 4-8.

We look forward to recognizing the veterans in our school community. Please continue to pray for our military men and women.

ANNOUNCING THE ST. MARK "COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY"

left. The last club day is Monday, November 4. Beginning November 11, please make plans to pick up your child(ren) at regular dismissal time.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL



[Click here](#) to read the minutes from the September 26, 2019 SAC meeting.

YEARBOOK ORDERS

The 2019-20 St. Mark yearbooks are on sale now! The yearbook is a wonderful keepsake that chronicles the entire school year and includes all students from Preschool through 8th grade. The cost is \$30 each. [Please click here](#) to **purchase your yearbook by December 20 before the price goes up.**

NOTE: 8th graders are provided with a complimentary yearbook, so it is not necessary to purchase one for your 8th grade student.



Do you have a business you would like the St. Mark Catholic School community to know about? Do you offer a special discount to school families? If so, please consider submitting your business information to the new "[Community Business Directory](#)."

[Directory](#)."

This directory is located on the school website and provides information on businesses owned/operated by current parents, alumni, and their families, as well as any special discounts offered to the community by these businesses.

Given that it has just launched, current listings are minimal, however, it is our hope that this directory will continue to grow and become a valuable resource for our school families. Be sure to check back frequently for listing updates. We'll add information as we receive it!

"CHURCH OF THE HOME" PARENT RETREAT

Yearbook ads are available to non-school teams & activities:

If you would like your non-school team or organization (i.e. Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts/PSA sports teams, etc.) recognized in the yearbook, you may purchase an ad between now and November 22 by [clicking here](#). Pictures and ad copy are due December 13.

Ads options:

- \$75 for 1/4 page (3.25" x 4.5")
- \$100 for 1/2 page (6.75" x 4.5")
- \$150 for full page (6.75" x 9.25")

LOWDOWN FROM THE LION'S LAIR

[Click here](#) to check out the latest edition from the Video Broadcast Club.

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 each other. There will be many opportunities for you to get involved this school year. Even if you are unable to participate in person, please

HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT ST. MARK!

Do you know someone interested in a St. Mark education for their PK-8th grade child? We have limited 2019-20 openings in select grade levels.



2020-21 applications open today, November 1. [Online applications are available here.](#)

Encourage prospective families to schedule 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!](#)

NEWS FROM ATHLETICS



Basketball Registration is Open:

Attention 5th-8th grade girls/boys interested in playing on a St. Mark basketball team -- registration is currently open. Divisions include JV (5th/6th grades) and Varsity (7th/8th grades). Please [click here](#) for more information and to register. Deadline = today, November 1.



Join us tomorrow for the 6th Annual All Souls Remembrance Run -- Saturday, November 2 on the St. Mark campus. This event benefits the Athletics Program. There will be a 1K "fun run" starting at 8:00 AM, followed by a chip-timed 5K at 8:30 AM. Children, strollers and wheelchairs are welcome in both categories. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers. Personalize your race t-shirt as you run in memory of a loved

pray for St. Mark from wherever you are.

***Prayer Walks:** We will conduct Prayer Walks on the first Friday of each month and hope you can join us. The next one will take place December 6.

***Prayer Requests:** Everyone is welcome to place prayer requests in the box on the prayer table located in the hallway between the Admin. offices and the Cafetorium. The 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, we hope you will also remember Pope Francis' monthly intentions:

November: Dialog and Reconciliation in the Near East - That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

AROUND THE PARISH



It's that time of year again! Need a delicious Honey

one for All Souls Day, a day designated for lifting up prayers for the departed in our Catholic tradition.

[Click here](#) to be taken to the registration page and to learn more about volunteer opportunities. Service hours are available for middle school students. Questions? Contact [Marlene Ehrling](#)

Saturday, November 2, 2019

6th Annual All Souls Remembrance Run



Thank you event sponsors for your support and generosity



*Librea Family
Ehrling Family
Volmer Family*

Chip-2-Chip Race Timing
We Have Time For You



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

Baked ham or turkey for Thanksgiving? Avoid the lines and support a great cause! Purchase yours from the John Paul II High School Cardinal Cheerleaders by [clicking here](#). Order by November 15 and pick up at JPII on Friday, November 22 from 2:00-4:00 PM.

[Complete details and pricing can be found here.](#)



ST. MARK KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6065 "BINGO KNIGHT"

Saturday, November 2, 2019
Social Hour 6:00 PM
Bingo Starts 7:00 PM
St. Mark Cafetorium

\$25 pre-register online at
www.squareup.com/store/6065
\$30 at the door

GRAND PRIZE: \$600 GIFT
CARD

Proceeds benefit military and veteran organizations and numerous other projects supported by the Knights of Columbus.

Must be 21 years old.



HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support St Mark The Evangelist Catholic School. Come in to the Chipotle at **1009 N. Central Expwy** in Plano on **Tuesday, November 12th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to St Mark The Evangelist Catholic School.



Chipotle® items are not for sale at the fundraising event. The 33% of the proceeds to be donated to St Mark The Evangelist Catholic School will be calculated on the total amount of the purchase. All purchases must be made at the fundraising event. All purchases made at the fundraising event will be for cash only.

Join us tomorrow, Saturday, November 2 for the 1st Annual HSA Chili Cook-Off, held in conjunction with the All Souls Run!



For details, the schedule of events, registration and sponsorship information, visit www.hsachilicookoff.com. For questions, email James Coulter and Rich Frei at hsachilicookoff@gmail.com.

Not competing? Concessions open at 8:00 AM -- buy some delicious chili and support HSA!

HTS invites you to public mass. Each mass is followed by a reception hosted by the local Serran clubs where you can get to know the HTS seminarians.

Upcoming Mass Dates:

11/10 & 11/17

Time: 9:15 AM

Location: 3131 Vince Hagan Drive, Irving, TX

FRENCH MASS AT CISTERCIAN

Mrs. Denvir invites all students and their families to attend the monthly French masses held at Our Lady of Cistercian Abbey. There is an opportunity to do the readings and to sample French snacks after each mass.

Upcoming Mass Dates:

11/10 & 12/15

Time: 10:30 AM

Location: 3550 Cistercian Road, Irving, TX

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 !



The St. Mark Book Fair is coming soon! Come by and shop anytime from **Sunday, November 10** through **Friday, November 15** in the **Lion's Lair Gym**. Check out the [Book Fair web page](#) for details on.... the **Annual Book Fair Poster Contest** and **"Get Caught Reading" Raffle**, our family events, class visit schedules, and

more.

Parent volunteers are **NEEDED** to help make the Book Fair amazing. Interested? Please sign-up by [clicking here](#).

NEW THIS YEAR! Scholastic eWallet, a secure, cash-free way to shop. Details on setting up your Student eWallet found [here](#).



WANT TO VOLUNTEER?
REMEMBER THAT YOUR
SAFE ENVIRONMENT
TRAINING MUST BE
CURRENT.

2019-20 HSA 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. Below are the links to the 2019-20 HSA Committee and Room Parent Sign-Up Geniuses. All positions are available on a first come, first serve basis. Please consider lending your time and talents to these positions:

[Committee Sign-Up](#)
[Room Parent Sign-Up](#)

Preschool-2nd Grade Classroom Helpers Needed: Please sign-up to help our teachers in the classroom with reading, paper pulling, and craft prep. All of the teachers have Sign-Up Geniuses with specific classroom needs. [Click here](#) to access the Sign-Up Geniuses for each teacher on the school website. Questions? Contact [Liz Delaney](#) or [Brandy Pazora](#).

2nd Grade Spunky Pumpkin:



Halloween Parade & Parties:



Halloween Fun in ASP:



Red Ribbon Week:



ECE Front Desk Volunteers Needed: Early Childhood needs volunteers to man the front desk each day, answering the door, the phone, and doing occasional craft prep. Volunteers may bring a book/work, and the desktop computer is available if needed. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30AM-2:00 PM, and Friday, 9:30AM-2:00 PM. Any amount of time is appreciated. Please [click here](#) for the Sign-Up Genius, and be sure to include the hours you can volunteer in the "comments." Questions? Contact [Liz Delaney](#)

Library volunteers are needed for Kindergarten-8th Grade! Please visit the Library [Sign-Up Genius](#) to see the schedule of available times. There are plenty of opportunities!



Helping Hands Committee

If you know any St. Mark families that are in need of help due to a birth, sickness, death, or any life changing event, please contact the Helping Hands Committee at

www.stmcs.net/helping-hands.



Keep saving those Box Tops and submitting online! Download the Box Tops app and scan your receipt with eligible products within 14 days of purchase. For physical Box Tops, 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. Each Box Top submitted earns \$.10 for St. Mark. [Click here for details](#). For more information, contact [Melissa King](#) or [Sharon Mattis](#).



Shop at Kroger and Earn Money for St.

Mark: Enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards program and a percentage of your purchases will go to the St. Mark Home & School Association. [Click here](#) for

complete instructions. Kroger cards must be re-linked to St. Mark every 12 months.

Pro-Life Banner:



Kindergarten Gardening:



2nd Grade Soccer:



The Highlands School Visit:

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE STAFF



Did you know? P.E. Coach, Mrs. Bayouth, was born in Dallas, attended Plano East Senior High School, graduated from The University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education, and was married in 1995 to her college sweetheart. She has two amazing children, Jake and Caroline, both of whom attended St. Mark and currently attend Bishop Lynch High School. She enjoys watching her kids play sports, spending time with her friends and family, and relaxing on the beach.

HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES



You're invited to attend the Ursuline Academy of Dallas Open House on Sunday, November 3 from 2:00-4:00 PM. Check-in begins at 1:30 PM.

- Take a campus tour with a Student Ambassador.
- Meet the faculty.
- Discover the many programs and traditions at Ursuline.
- Engage with current students
- Learn about the admissions process.

In addition, you are welcome to schedule an individual school tour, or attend a coffee with administration on November 18. Please [click here](#) for details and to pre-register for the Open House and other admissions events.



Fall Pep Rally:



1st Grade Pumpkin Experiments:



Dio de los Muertos:





Jesuit Open House will be held on Sunday, November 10 at 1:00 PM. The opening session will take place in the Terry Center. Students and parents who are interested in learning more about the opportunities available at Jesuit are invited to attend.

At Open House, you can:

- Take a student-led tour of campus.
- Learn about the academic departments from faculty members.
- Speak with current student, parents, and teachers.
- Learn about athletic, extracurricular, and special programs.
- Sit in on a typical math and English class.
- Learn more about the Jesuit tradition, Catholic identity, and community service.
- Enjoy Jesuit's award-winning musicians.

Please visit the [Jesuit website](#) to RSVP and to view a copy of the open house program. You can also find information about weekday school tours and monthly parent coffees.

Join the entire John Paul II High School Cardinal Family for Open House on Wednesday, November 20 from 6:00-8:30 PM. This exciting evening

features JP II faculty, staff, administration, and students. Attendees will be entered into a drawing for a \$1,000 credit toward 2020-21 tuition. Stop by the sponsored food trucks on your way in or out of campus, and spend the evening getting the full JP II experience!



On Friday, November 15 at 9:00 AM, Bishop Lynch High School will host a "Coffee, Talk and Tour" for prospective families. Breakfast and beverages will be served as you learn more about the BL experience. [Click here](#) to register.

8th Grade Living Saints Museum:



Library Flashlight Reading:



8th graders are invited to be a "Friar For a Day" on Tuesday, December 3 from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Bus service is available. Please pre-register on [Ravenna](#) or RSVP to admissions@bishophlynch.org.



The Highlands School invites you to their Preview Morning on Wednesday, November 6 from 8:30-10:00 AM. Hear about the academics, programs, and spiritual formation, take a tour, meet leaders from the administration, the Formation Leadership Team, Student Ambassadors, and visit classrooms to see students in action. Please [click here](#) to RSVP to the Preview Morning and to learn about other opportunities to visit the campus.

QUICK LINKS

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