



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

September 6, 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.

REMINDERS

Today, Friday, September 6:

-4th grade received the Vocations Chalice at today's All School Mass and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

-2:00 PM: Room Parent Information Meeting

Monday, September 9:

-St. Mark Spirit Day! (see guidelines on page 27 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#))

Monday, September 9-Friday, September 13:

-Safe Environment VIRTUS Lessons

Tuesday, September 10:

-6:30 PM, Cafetorium: HSA General Meeting

Wednesday, September 11:

-Individual School Pictures: Student should be in complete school uniform including the school sweater.



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-7:10 AM: Student Council Meeting

-7:00 PM, Cafetorium: Watch D.O.G.S. Pizza Night (details below)

Friday, September 13:

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass presented by 4th grade. All are welcome.

-1:00 PM: Monsignor Smyth Golf Classic (details below)

WELCOME NEW STUDENT



A warm St. Mark welcome to the new student who joined us this week: **Harshdeep B. in 6th grade.**

NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY



Plan to "get up and give" to St. Mark on September 19! This is a one day, online giving event where all donations to the school up to \$10,000 will receive bonus funds, making your donation go even further! Our goal this year is \$50,000 to benefit the St. Mark Financial Assistance

Fund. This fund helps provide a Catholic education to all, and assists current school families who have a financial need arise during the school year. [Click here](#) for details.

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS: JOIN MATH COUNTS!



Math Counts is about to begin! Does your middle school child love math? Is your child interested in furthering his/her math skills and competing in local math competitions? St. Mark middle school students have the opportunity to participate in Math Counts. Topics ranging from introductory high school geometry to the characteristics of mathematical proof and basic trigonometry will be covered. A heavy emphasis is placed upon the application of simple concepts to challenging problems. Students apply their skills in four nationally-ranked competitions that take place throughout the school year. Math Counts plans to start on Sunday, September 15 on the school campus. If your student is interested in participating, or if you are a Safe Environment cleared parent who can serve as a

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QUICK LINKS

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

MORE APPS TO WATCH OUT FOR

Parents: [Please read this article](#) about more apps to be wary of, as they may target children.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY



Grandparents' Day will take place on September 27. Invitations will go out soon. Stay tuned for further details!

FAITH IN ACTION

chaperone at meetings, please contact 7th/8th grade Math teacher, Erica Rivera, at Erica.rivera@stmcs.net.

GIRL SCOUTS



A new St. Mark parish Girl Scout troop is forming. Catholic girls of all grades (K-12) are invited to join. Our first meeting for girls and parents will be Sunday, September 22 at 4:00 PM in Room SPC-103 (on the first floor of the Smyth Pastoral Center located on the SW corner of 15th Street and Alma Drive). Adult volunteers are also needed. Email [Elena Mappus](mailto:Elena.Mappus) to let her know your daughter is interested and for answers to any questions.

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

Looking for faith, service and fun for your daughter? Join us on September 12 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Smyth Pastoral Center, Upper Room #208. Please RSVP to [Brandy Pazora](mailto:Brandy.Pazora). American Heritage Girls is for girls 5-18 and offers them the opportunity to develop physically, emotionally and spiritually through the support and encouragement of other girls and leaders. They participate in badge work, social, and outdoor experiences that are unique to a female audience, all with an emphasis on Christian values and family involvement.



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.



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](#)!



CALLING ALL SCHOOL FAMILIES, ALUMNI FAMILIES, AND FRIENDS OF ST. MARK --



FRIENDSHIP



SERVICE FROM THE HEART:

September Project:
Each student will decorate a colorful "Pick Me Up Placemat" for an assisted living/nursing home during class time.

Social Teaching: Call to family, community and participation

Who Benefits? Assisted living/nursing home facility

Due Date: September 26, 2019



Calling all "Dads of Great Students!" Watch D.O.G.S. will be hosting their annual "Pizza Night" on Wednesday, September 11 from 7:00-9:00 PM in the Cafetorium. This is a great opportunity to meet new dads, get your questions

WE NEED GOLFERS TO TEE UP IN SUPPORT OF THE ST. MARK ATHLETICS PROGRAM!

Grab a foursome (or we'll assign you to one) and join this longstanding school tradition which helps raise funds for St. Mark athletic team uniforms, equipment, DPL fees, new championship gym banners, tournament fees, sports equipment maintenance, and more.

It's a great Friday afternoon of friendly competition, food, and fellowship!



All participants will enjoy a BBQ dinner, a swag bag from our sponsors, and a chance to win some great prizes.

Raffle prizes will be awarded every 5 minutes during dinner -- Raising Cane's gift baskets, golf gear, and spirit items ... just to name a few.

The First Place foursome will each receive:

- *A signature Monsignor Smyth Golf Classic polo
- *Gift certificate to the Lion's Den Spirit Store
- *The use of a BMW for the weekend, compliments of



Special prizes will be awarded to:
Longest Drive

answered, choose dates to serve, and enjoy a free meal. Please RSVP to Aaron Baldwin at ab3163@att.net by today, September 6. For more information about the Watch D.O.G.S. program just for dads, [click here](#).

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, please 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 September 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.

Straightest Drive
Closest to the Pin

Registration and sponsorships are available by [clicking here](#).

Thank you to our tournament supporters:



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Contact St. Mark Athletic Director mark.ehring@stmcs.net

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
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VOLUNTEER



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

***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:

September: The
Protection of the Oceans -
That politicians, scientists
and economists work
together to protect the
world's seas and oceans.



Endow will be starting a new women's study for the fall on Wednesday, September 11. It is from Ascension Press and is called *Fulfilled: Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism (Part One)* by Sonja Corbit. This is an apologetic approach to sharing the Catholic faith using the Old Testament Tabernacle as a blueprint for God's plan. While it is designed as a faith-sharing Scripture study, you will also gain an understanding of some of the most questioned Catholic teachings. Meetings take place on Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Upper Room of the Smyth Pastoral Center. [Click here](#) to register. Questions? Contact [Chris Keith](#).

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](#).

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](#).



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: <https://stmcs.net/helping-hands>.

IMPORTANT HSA DATES:

Room Parent Meeting:

Today, Friday, September 6, 2:00 PM, Cafetorium

1st General HSA Meeting:

Tuesday, September 10, 6:30 PM, Cafetorium

(Note: We will have a guest speaker from the Diocese that will count for Safe Environment Training Renewal.)



HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY

Holy Trinity Seminary, located at 3131 Vince Hagan Drive in Irving, invites you to join their seminarians for public mass. Each mass begins at 9:15 AM and is followed by a reception, hosted by the local Serran clubs, where you can get to know the seminarians. [Upcoming masses: September 8, 15 and 29.](#)

PAW PRIDE!

The Duke University Talent Identification Program



(Duke TIP) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to identifying and serving academically gifted and talented youth. To qualify, students must achieve a 95% or higher in certain areas of the Iowa Assessment standardized test. Congratulations to the following students who qualified for the 7th Grade Talent Search and represent 44% of the 7th grade class: Austin A., Camila B., Julianna C., Connor D., Jackson D., Jacob E., Adrienne F., Braden G., Michael G., Marie H., Drew H., Heidi K., Courtney K., Nicholas K., Kevin M., David O., Natalia O., Laura P., Jacob P., Chloe S., Nadia S., Miley S., Donte T., and Sofia Z.



Hooray for Box Tops! Thank you to all of those who collected Box Tops over the summer -- our school has earned \$102.70 (\$69.10 in clipped Box Tops and \$33.60 online as of August 31)! We need to keep saving our Box Tops for our September collection. 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 (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 **September 27**. Each Box Top submitted earns \$.10 for St. Mark. [Click here for details](#). For more information, please 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 directly to the St. Mark Home & School Association. [Click here](#) for complete instructions. Kroger cards must be relinked to St. Mark every 12 months.

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE STAFF



Did you know? 2nd grade teacher, Mrs. Janelle Bain, was born and raised in Texas, and attended Texas A&M University (Whoop!) receiving a B.S. degree in Psychology with EC-4 Generalist certification. She also has ESL certification, Gifted and Talented certification, Digital Leadership certification and is becoming a Google Certified Educator. Mrs. Bain served in the U.S. Navy for six years as a hospital corpsman in the operating room--stationed in South Carolina and Iceland. She and her husband, Dave, have three children at St. Mark: Mackinley, Roarke, and Renner. She enjoys camping, reading, doing puzzles, traveling, and spending time with family. She also loves Mexican food, sweet tea, diet coke, Milk Duds, Junior Mints, and Cheese-Its, as well as musicals, watching live productions, reading dystopian fiction, and Pink. She loves to collect Funko Pops, throw blankets, and smelly markers!

AROUND THE PARISH

Help moms and save babies by joining the annual Hike for Life!

Letters to these students were mailed last Friday and contain more information, as well as instructions for registering with Duke TIP. 4th-6th grade qualifiers will be announced soon.

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!

Mrs. Paulson's Class Welcomes Fr. Marco:



Kindergarten Virtual Reality:



8th Grade Pines Send-Off:



6th Grade Welcome:

Mrs. Opon has her own sponsor page again this year in support of Father Roshan's St. Mark team -- let's help her reach her \$625 fundraising goal! You can register as a hiker, sponsor her team, or both, by [clicking here](#).



HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES



5th Grade Decimals:



Library Guest Reader:



Kinder Rocket Speller:



Forward To A Friend

You're invited to join the Bishop Lynch High School community for the Leyden Lecture Series which brings distinguished scholars, activists, and artists to the BL campus. Details for the September events are shown at right. Click [here](#) for a complete Lecture Series calendar.



LEYDEN LECTURE SERIES

Lectures will be held in the McGarrigle Theatre.

September 6, 2019 7:00 p.m.
Edyta Chłene
Author of "The"

September 13, 2019 7:30 p.m.
Anthony Cooper
Author of "Sugar"

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