



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY

Early Giving Starts today!

This year, our goal is to raise \$100,000 to refresh our school's playground—starting with replacing the woodchip mulch with safer, longer-lasting rubber mulch!

By investing in this upgrade, we're enhancing the safety, cleanliness, and overall experience of outdoor play for students. Your support will make a lasting impact on the health, happiness, and success of our school community.

Let Mulch Madness begin!

Thank you for your continued support.

Click [HERE](#) to donate!

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 29
No School - Staff Development

September 1
No School, Labor Day

September 3
School Picture Day (Formal Uniform)

September 8
Spirit Day

SAVE THE DATE

NTXGD



9.18.25

PLAYGROUND REFRESH



NOTE FROM BUSINESS OFFICE

Dear Parents

It's hard to believe we are already in the third week of school. It's a busy time as we get back into the school routines, but I wanted to take a minute to send a few business-related reminders related to tuition and Home & School Association membership.

Tuition

FACTS sends reminders approximately 1 week prior to a payment draft date. If you need to make a change to your account, please log into RenWeb and click on financial, then payment plan. You can also contact FACTS customer service at 866-441-4637 or email me.

Note, FACTS cuts off any changes 2 business days prior to the draft date.

Please ensure all family contact information in RenWeb is current. This ensures your FACTS emails are sent to the correct email address.

Home and School Association Membership Fee

HSA is an important part of the school community and is responsible for many of the wonderful activities and traditions our students experience including Halloween Family Fun Day, treats during Catholic Schools Week, First Communion and Graduation receptions, Field Day. This year's fee was restructured to also cover the monthly teacher and staff appreciation luncheons, eliminating the need for additional parent donations.

Each school family will be automatically billed via FACTS on Friday, September 5, 2025 for the annual dues of \$50. If you would like to opt-out of HSA membership, please reply to this message by Thursday, September 4 at 3:30 PM.

If you have any questions, be sure to let me know.

Annette Vela, Business Manager



SAVE THE DATE

JOIN US FOR



*Grandparents &
Special Guest Day*

SEPTEMBER 26TH 2025

Details

- Join us to celebrate 8:30 am Mass in the church
- Please arrive at the church by 8:15- backpacks are not necessary today. Students may either be dropped off at regular time or can arrive with their guest at the church and not be counted tardy. They will sign in at their class after Mass.
- Children may sit with their grandparents except for TK/Kindergarten and 2nd grade which will sit with their classes for a presentation.
- After Mass Grandparents/guests will visit classrooms, the cafeteria for muffins and coffee, and the Book Fair.
- There will be photo opportunities throughout the school
- If you would like to take your grandchild home early, please check them out with their classroom teacher.



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HSA

- Get Involved!

For those who were unable to sign up at to express interest in volunteer activities, we have included links below for opportunities where online sign-ups exist. Note that this is not an exhaustive list of all involvement opportunities, so please keep a look out for additional information on volunteer opportunities in the school newsletters. Every volunteer must be Safe Environment cleared.

HSA – <https://forms.gle/hQMeWBDxt8s1T3Kx5>

Bookfair – <https://forms.gle/gceUxzNra2YVLR3VA>

Chili Cookoff Participant – <https://forms.gle/nbKivDG9JaEZR5Yx7>

Chili Cookoff Volunteer – <https://forms.gle/NDcWsk7qshZtXvc99>

Family Fun Day Volunteer – <https://forms.gle/oKvHBauDsUo4Eoy8>

PAWS – <https://forms.gle/Mur7fEE1Qn4YMt2d8>

Schola Cantorum – <https://forms.gle/nRq9nFebGaFSkBnSA>

Prayer Team - <https://forms.gle/A1RQwAoDGwPAQptm6>

Junior Achievement - <https://forms.gle/Tvbc6tiZDT1Z6yDc6>

Please join the St. Mark School community in our first community service event on August 29th from 9-10:45 AM at Feed My Starving Children in Richardson. Please use the link to sign up. If you already have an account, the join code is 51E7WV.

<http://www.fmsc.org/join-group?joincode=51E7WV>

- P.A.W.S.

Please sign up to volunteer at school to help in any of the following ways: Prefect monitor, Library volunteer, Paper pulling, ECE Craft Preparation, and guest reader. All volunteers must be Safe Environment Cleared.

[PAWS schedule \(Fall 2025\)](#)

- Volunteer Agreement

In order to be a school volunteer this year, you must sign and turn in the attached Volunteer Agreement. All volunteers must have this signed before the first day of volunteering. Please return the completed form to the front office.

- Safe Environment completion is due by SEPTEMBER 14 in order to volunteer at any time during the 2025-2026 school year!

- We need volunteers to make the St. Mark Book Fair a success! We need help from September 19- September 26. Please use the following link to sign up.

[Book Fair Volunteer Sign Up](#)

- Please join the Saint Mark Prayer Team every Friday at 7:55 AM for a Rosary Walk. Please meet at the flagpole right outside of Church.



SAVE THE DATE

JOIN US ON
OCTOBER 8 AT 6:00 PM OR
OCTOBER 9 AT 8:15 AM

Parent Education

Unveiling the Impact of Technology on Child Development



Have you ever wondered how technology use is affecting your child's development? Learn about one of the **most important topics for parents this century**. Hear from Dr. Crystal Collier about technology and the growing brain.

Learn how technology use impacts
academic, emotional, and
relational functioning.

Crystal Collier, PhD, is a therapist, prevention researcher, and educator named counselor of the year in 2019 by the Houston Association of Counselor. She specializes in empowering parents to protect childrens' developing brains.

LEARN



MORE



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SMART FAMILIES

The latest issue of the Smart Families Be Smart newsletter is here! We've partnered with Smart Families to create a new standard for childhood, one where kids can grow up free of the harmful effects of smartphones and social media. Check out the newsletter on their website (<https://www.smart-families.org/newsletter>) to learn more about an exciting new toolkit to help students manage digital technology.

Social media, smartphones, and constant notifications can drain students' time, focus, and real-life connections. The new toolkit from Smart Families gives three simple, powerful ways to reclaim attention, protect well-being, and reflect your best self—online and off.



Family First
Screens Later



PARISH NEWS

Three Evenings of Grace & Formation hosted at
ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
1201 ALMA DR, PLANO, TX 75075

Opus Sanctorum Parish Mission 2025 *Angelorum*



Fr. Eusebius' topics (in Spanish)

- Encontrar a Jesús en la Eucaristía con el Guía de los Angeles.
- La batalla espiritual bajo el guía y protección de los Angeles.
- Los Angeles en tu hogar: El Guía de los Angeles en el matrimonio y la vida familiar.

Fr. Wolfgang's topics (in English)

- Spiritual Warfare and the Protection of the Holy Angels
- Mary, the Angels, and the Mission of the Church
- Angels in the Home: Heavenly Companions in Family Life

Come and discover the mission of the Holy Angels in your life.
All are welcome. No registration required.

September 8–10, 2025

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
Morning Mass: 8:30 AM — Followed by a Mission Talk
Evening Mass: 6:15 PM — Followed by a Mission Talk
Each Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Wolfgang or Fr. Eusebius, followed by a spiritually enriching talk. Confessions offered during evening masses.

For more information about the schedule or the visiting priests, please visit our website: <https://stmarkplano.org/opus-sanctorum-angelorum>



Is the Bible relevant today? Is there more to life than this? Do you ever pray? Who was Jesus? What does faith mean to you?

At Alpha, you can ask anything - it's a safe space to question life, faith, and meaning. Everyone is welcome.

EVERYONE WELCOME

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

You're invited no matter your background or beliefs. Alpha is free, and there's no pressure to come back.

Thursday September 18th 7pm - 9 pm
St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church
Parish Center
1105 West 15th Street
Plano, TX 75075



stmarkplano.org/alpha

SCHOOL GALA

The gala team is happily and gratefully accepting items for Live & Silent Auction! We are looking for gift cards, timeshares, rental homes, curated experiences, sporting event tickets, musical performance tickets, cosmetics, home goods, toys...no item is too big or too small! Thank you in advance for your generosity!
[Click Here to Donate!](#)



WEEK IN THE LIFE:

