



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

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REMINDERS

Friday, October 23:



**A NATIONAL SCHOOL
OF EXCELLENCE**

St. Mark Catholic School
is a two time recipient of the
U.S. Department of Education
"National Blue Ribbon Award."
This means that our students
consistently score in the top 15% in
the nation on standardized tests.

[VISIT OUR WEBSITE](#)

Follow us and stay connected!

-No school for students: UD Ministry Conference

Sunday, October 25:

-Priesthood Sunday

Monday, October 26:

-Second Quarter Begins

-Red Ribbon/Drug Awareness Week Begins

-6:30 PM, Church: First Reconciliation Meeting #2 (2nd grade parents and children - see details below)

Thursday, October 29:

-Crazy Sock/Tie Day, Sponsored by Student Council (see details below)

-8:15 AM, Cafetorium: 2nd Grade Spunky Pumpkin Play

-Class Halloween Parties; PreK-K Costume Dress Day/Parade

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

-10:00 AM-11:00 PM: Raising Cane's Fundraiser (see details below)

-Parent-Teacher Conferences (afternoon)

-Report cards sent home (grades 1-8)

Friday, October 30:



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LIONLAND



Reverence: Teachers discuss the Virtue of the Month with students by using stories and activities to engage them into seeing the virtue in action. Ask your child what he/she is learning about "Reverence" this month. [Click here](#) for the full list of monthly virtues for 2015-16.



LIFETIME LIONS

Calling all alumni ... join Lifetime Lions, our official alumni network!

Keep up with former classmates, learn about mentoring opportunities, and volunteer for service hours. Click [here](#) for more information.

LIONS DEN

Get your official LION gear here!

Check in at the school office on Fridays from 7:30-8:15 AM and shop 'til you drop at the Lion's Den Spirit Store located in the Cafetorium.

Can't visit in person? [Place your order online anytime!](#)

-No school for students. Parent-Teacher Conferences

Saturday, October 31:

-8:00 AM, St. Mark Campus: All Souls Run

-8:00 AM - 10:00 PM, St. Mark Campus: Parish Fall Festival

Sunday, November 1:

-Daylight Savings Time Ends

Monday, November 2:

-St. Mark Spirit Day

-Living Saints Museum, presented by 8th grade

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

Let's give a warm St. Mark welcome to the new student who joined us this week ...

-Samuel Dering PreK-3 Mrs. Oliver

REMINDER: WEAR UNIFORMS TO WEEKEND MASSES

As part of the parish's 50th anniversary celebrations, St. Mark Catholic School will be highlighted at the 5:30 PM Mass on Saturday and the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday. Our students will serve as greeters, ushers and gift bearers. **We invite ALL school families to attend these Masses. Please encourage your student to wear his/her school uniform.**

PARENT STUDENT HANDBOOK UPDATES

This is a great place to stock up on St. Mark shirts for our St. Mark Spirit Days, which are held on the first Monday of each month!

WHAT'S NEW IN THE LIONS DEN?



Green Fleece Jacket

Youth (full zip) & Adult (1/4 zip) sizes - \$28-\$35



Gray Micro Fleece Jacket

Regular & Women's sizes - \$30



Sport Shirts

Available for all sports except

Please be advised that the following updates have been made to the [Parent Student Handbook](#):

Page 13 - Financial Delinquency & Re-registration

Page 19 - Final Report Card

Page 25 - RLC Pins/Scout Uniforms

NO MORE WALKING SHORTS UNTIL 4TH QUARTER

Reminder: Due to the end of the first quarter, walking shorts may no longer be worn to school. Walking shorts will be permitted again when the fourth quarter begins on March 28, 2016.

2ND GRADE PARENT/STUDENT RECONCILIATION MEETING #2

Reminder: The 2nd Grade First Reconciliation Meeting #2 will be held on Monday, October 26 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Church. This meeting is for parents and their 2nd grade students who are making their Sacrament of First Reconciliation this year.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RECESS

White shirts on the playground? Yes, indeed! We are pleased to announce that our middle school students, grades 6-8, will begin enjoying recess every Friday after lunch. From the looks of it last Friday, they appear to be enjoying the fresh air and physical activity!

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Swimming & Tennis - \$15

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

Throughout the month of October, we will be saying the rosary every Wednesday morning at 7:25 AM in the Cafeteria with any students present at that time. Students are encouraged to bring their own rosaries with them. **Parents are welcome to attend.**

Faculty and staff members will also say the rosary together on Tuesday afternoons during October.

1/2 DAYS ARE CANE'S DAYS AT ST. MARK



Eat at Raising Cane's Next Thursday, 10/29! On each early dismissal day this school year, eat at Raising Cane's across the street from the school and a percentage of your purchase will be donated back to the St. Mark Athletic Department! **Visit anytime between 10:00 AM and 11:00 PM. Simply mention St. Mark as you place your order.** Treat your child to lunch after early dismissal, and earn money for our school!

ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL



CRAZY SOCK/TIE DAY, SPONSORED BY STUDENT COUNCIL

On Thursday, October 29, students may pay \$1.00 and wear crazy socks or a crazy tie to school. It's all in the spirit of Halloween fun, but also this year, we're "tying" this day into Red Ribbon/Drug Awareness Week (get it?). Proceeds benefit the St. Mark Student Council.

FALL FESTIVAL TICKET PRESALE

The Fall Festival Committee will be selling food/game tickets after all weekend Masses on October 24-25 (cash, check or charge). Tickets will be sold in bundles that include 5 FREE TICKETS, so take advantage of this presale opportunity!: \$10 = 25 tickets!



ST. MARK
THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH

1966 + 50 YEARS + 2016

OCTOBER -- CELEBRATE OUR YOUTH!

All St. Mark Parishioners: During the St. Mark the Evangelist Parish 50th Anniversary Celebration, various organizations and groups will be celebrated. In October, we are celebrating and honoring the youth of our parish. **Please join us for the following Masses this weekend celebrating our school children:**

October 24

St. Mark Catholic School - 5:30 PM Mass

October 25

Home School - 9:00 AM Mass

NEWS FROM ATHLETICS

*DPL Swim Team Registration

Now Open:

Important notice for all potential Swim Team members - DPL has not yet announced a date for the 2015 Swim Meet. [Online registration](#) is now open for anyone interested, with the caveat that the event date is TBD. **Please do not make any registration payments until a swim meet date and venue have been confirmed.** Please visit the [Swimming](#) page on the school website and review the prerequisites for team registration. [DPL Sports Physical Forms](#) should be submitted at your earliest convenience to the school office, attn: Marlene Ehring, Athletic Director. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

*DPL Tennis Tournament

registration for students in grades 5-8 is now open. The deadline to register is October 26 at 12:00 PM. More details and registration information can be found [here](#).

*Come out and cheer on your St. Mark Lions this weekend!

Upcoming Football Games: Join our cheerleading squads, take a picture with our Lion mascot, and cheer on our St. Mark Lions!

Junior Varsity

*11/1, 4:00 PM vs. St. Rita @ Jesuit

Varsity

St. Mark Catholic School - 10:30 AM
Mass
Home School - 4:30 PM Mass



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

IMPORTANT UPCOMING HSA DATES

Thursday, October 29: Classroom
Halloween Parties/ PreK-K Halloween
Costume Dress Day

**Sunday, November 8-Thursday,
November 12, Lion's Lair Gym
(formerly Old Gym):**
Scholastic Book Fair

**Monday, November 9- Friday,
December 4:**
Scrip Gift Card Sales

**Wednesday, November 11, 7:30 AM,
Cafetorium:** Pastries For Parents

Wednesday November 11: Teacher
Luncheon, hosted by 1st & 7th grades

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



To the Book Fair and beyond!
Reading is out of this world!

Book Fair Volunteers

Needed: Volunteer opportunities are
now available for the Scholastic Book
Fair. Help with set-up, breakdown, or
volunteer during your child's classroom
visit. [Click here](#) to sign-up for a timeslot.

*10/28, 6:30 PM vs. Bishop Dunne @
Bishop Dunne

Upcoming Volleyball Games:

5th Grade

*10/24, 9:00 AM vs. St. Thomas @
St. Thomas

6th Grade D1

*10/24, 9:00 AM vs. St. Patrick @ St.
Patrick

6th Grade D2

*10/24, 12:00 PM vs. St. Elizabeth @
SPX

*10/24, 1:00 PM vs. SPX @ SPX

7th Grade D1

*10/24, 11:00 AM vs. CKS @ CKS

7th Grade D2

*10/24, 9:00 AM vs. All Saints @ All
Saints

*10/24, 10:00 AM vs. MIS @ All
Saints

8th Grade D1

*10/24, 3:00 PM vs. All Saints @ St.
Rita

For complete game schedules, [click
here](#).



UPCOMING DPL NIGHTS



**Auction
Volunteers
Needed:** Want
to help plan this fun

night? Contact Eric Librea
at eric.librea@sbcglobal.net, or Paola
Colon at paolabcolon@icloud.com for
more information and volunteer
opportunities.

REMINDERS

Attention Volunteers: All volunteers
must sign and return a "Volunteer
Pledge Form" before the first day
of volunteering. This form can be found
in the [Volunteer Handbook](#). Also,
volunteers must be Safe Environment
trained. [Click here](#) for more details.

**Link Your Shopper Cards & Earn
Money for St. Mark:** Remember to link
your Kroger, Tom Thumb and Target
cards to St. Mark. Kroger cards need to
be re-linked every year. [Click here](#) for
more details.

Box Tops: Keep saving those Box
Tops! They will be counted throughout
the year and prizes/parties
awarded. Be sure to write the grade level
on the baggies when you turn them in.

DON'T WAIT, PARTICIPATE!

**Saturday, October 31:
Two great events, same great
day ...**

Join us for the following DPL
Nights:

Friday, October 23 - Bishop Lynch
football; [click here](#) for details.

Sunday, October 25 - FC Dallas
soccer; [click here](#) for details.

Saturday, October 31 - SMU
football; [click here](#) for details.



HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY

St. Mark Catholic School has formed
a special relationship with [Holy
Trinity Seminary](#) and takes great
pride in supporting our future
priests. Following are upcoming
opportunities to become involved:

***Join Us for Public Masses at Holy
Trinity Seminary @ 9:15 AM:**

October - 25th
November - 1st, & 15th
January - 24th, 31st
February - 7th, 14th, 28th
April - 3rd, 17th, 24th

Address: 3131 Vince Hagan
Drive, Irving, TX 75062

**Questions about the Public
Masses?** Call or text Agnes Denvir,
VP of Vocations, President-Elect
Serra Club of North Central Dallas.
Cell: 214-607-2391,
agnes.denvir@stmcs.net or
agnesdenvir@gmail.com.



8:00 AM - 1K "Fun Run"
8:30 AM - 5K Run

The All Souls Run is a great way for you to take part in a wonderful community event which honors our loved ones who have passed away, and raises funds for the St. Mark Catholic School Athletic Department!

Running not your thing? Grab a coffee and some friends and "WALK AND TALK" together in the 1K "Fun Run" beginning at 8:00 AM!

Register: Registration is now open. Anyone can register, so help spread the word! **Find our registration table next to the Lions Den Spirit Store in the Cafeteria every Friday morning between now and race day. Or, simply visit www.allsoulsrun.com.**

Volunteer: Volunteers are needed to man the water station, cheer on runners, marshal the route, and help participants register. Adult volunteers over the age of 18 must be [safe-environment](#) trained.

***All volunteers who register will get a free t-shirt!**
***Children of adult volunteers get a free dress day!**

MS. WILLIAMS NEEDS BOTTLE CAPS

Art teacher, Ms. Williams, is collecting bottle caps. **Currently, she needs yellow, blue, brown, and green only.** If your child brings in a minimum of 20 caps at once, he/she will receive a "Caught Being Good" certificate!



LION PRIDE!

Lions Win at Diocesan Speech

Meet: Congratulations to the following students who competed in the Diocesan Speech League "Fall Warm-Up Meet" last weekend and brought home some hardware for St. Mark:

Meagan T. - Trophy (perfect score) in Dramatic Interpretation

Zosia S. - Trophy (perfect score) in Humorous Interpretation

Breigh P. - Blue ribbon in Oratory

Team of Emma Q., Etoile I. and Julia V. -- Blue ribbon in T.V. Commercial

Team of Julianna S., Ethan K. and Rachel H. - Red ribbon in T.V. Commercial

IN ALUMNI NEWS...

***Students who register to run, or register to volunteer, get a free dress day!**

Service hours are available!

There will be a mandatory volunteer meeting on 10/28/15 (details to follow).

Questions about volunteering? Please feel free to email or call Tiffany Duncan at tlduncan34@yahoo.com, or at 214-728-0588.

Questions about the All Souls Run? Contact marlene.ehring@stmcs.net.

St. Mark
Fall Festival
Saturday, October 31



The Fall Festival is fast approaching!

Don't miss the food/game ticket presale: 10/24-25 after all weekend Masses (cash, check or charge). **\$10=25 tickets**

Events -- There's something for everyone!

- 8:00 AM - All Souls Remembrance
- 1K/5K Fun Run
- 3v3 Basketball Tournament
- Live Entertainment on 2 stages
- Raffle (\$2500, \$1000, \$500, Trek Bike)
- Door Prizes
- Obstacle Course, Water Balloon Launch,
- Vertical Rush Slide, Hamster Ball Course
- Book Sale & Craft Show

Alums Serve as Ambassadors at Ursuline Academy: On October 8, Ursuline Academy inducted its newest Ambassadors, special UA representatives to incoming or prospective students, alumnae, parents and others in the community. Students are chosen for their leadership and school spirit. Congratulations to **Uyen L. '14** and **Isabelle V. '13** who are among the new inductees. They join **Karen B. '12**, **Elizabeth L. '12**, and **Katie P. '12** who are current members.

Foreign Language Honor Society Inductees: Congratulations to Brianna T. '13 (Spanish) and Trey T. '13 (French) who were both recently inducted into their respective foreign language honor societies at Bishop Lynch High School.

SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

4th Grade Fall Play: Today, our 4th graders presented their first annual fall play entitled "Dance, Dance, Dance." It was about some modern-day kids who come across an old box of records and some mannequins dressed in clothing from the 50s through the 80s. They play the records and the mannequins come to life. The students did an amazing job remembering their lines and performing dance moves to the "antique" music, as they called it...everything from "The Hop" to "The Locomotion" to "We Got The Beat." Even Mrs. Mercado got in on

- Food (Burgers, Brats, Fajitas, Tamales, & more)
- Games
- Treasure Trove

Join us from 5:00-7:00 PM for ...



Please sign up for this fun event at the Parish Fall Festival, sponsored by the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of St. Mark! We need 20- 30 cars to decorate, dress up and hand out candy for the kids from 5:00-7:00 PM. All volunteers must be Safe Environment trained. Please register your car. A parking space will be provided. [Click here for more information.](#) There will be a contest for best decorated car. Contact Krista Volkmar at kpvolkmar@yahoo.com to register.



Basketball Tournament

Registration: [Click here](#) for the Basketball Registration Form. Please contact [Eric Librea](#) if interested in playing in the tournament.

Volunteer: Want to volunteer at the Fall Festival? [Click here](#). Remember, volunteers over the age of 18 must be [Safe Environment](#) cleared. Service hours are available.

the dance party (see below)! From poodle skirts to go-go boots, our parents did an amazing job on the costumes. Special thanks to Patty Corsi and Caroline Townsend who organized the production, as well as our fabulous 4th grade teachers -- great job, everyone! There will be an evening performance tonight at 6:30 PM in the Cafetorium if you missed the daytime performances.

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Math Olympiad: Thank you to the following students who took time out on a Saturday to represent St. Mark (and complete 45 word problems!) at the annual MEANT Math Olympiad at UT Dallas earlier this month: Renil G., Renit G., Sarah H., Joshua M., Angela M., Julia M., Louis T., Dayeon S. and Theresa T.

New Family Meet & Greet: Thank you to the new school families who attended our Meet & Greet event Tuesday evening. It was wonderful to get to know you better, and to introduce you to the many opportunities available through our St. Mark parish and school. If you were unable to attend, please don't hesitate to contact the school or parish offices, or consult the church bulletin, to learn about ways to become involved. Also, we'd love your feedback on this event. Please email [Pam Steinkirchner](#) if you have comments or suggestions about timing, content, etc.

Raffle Ticket Sales: Please [click here](#) if you can help sell tickets after Masses in October.

Parents: Did you know there could be \$2,500 in your Back-To-School night envelope? Go find it...the St. Mark Parish Fall Festival raffle prizes this year are three Visa gifts cards valued at \$2,500, \$1,000 and \$500. Your chances to win are in those Back-To-School envelopes for just \$5 each!

Please return the money and ticket stubs in an envelope marked "Festival" to the school. If you need more to sell, please contact Ann Rossigno at 972-533-5355, or ask Mrs. O'Connor at the front office.

Craft Fair Registration: [Click here](#): Craft Fair Registration Form

Need more details? Please contact [Claudine Humphries](#), [click here](#) for the festival website, or follow the [Parish Fall Festival](#) on Facebook!

STEM TAKES CENTER STAGE AT ST. MARK

5th Grade Statues of Liberty: 5th grade recently created their own "Statues of Liberty" out of tin foil and then used the Prezi app on the iPad to create stop-motion movies of the process -- their own idea!

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6th Grade STEM: The 6th graders recently used their STEM skills to build

More Fun in the French Elective:

Last week, students copied recipes for homemade chocolate mousse and cake (in French, of course). They also got to sample the recipes and sang "Happy Birthday" in French to a classmate.

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Mobile Dairy Classroom: Our Pre-K and elementary students got a visit from Southwest Dairy Farmers' mobile classroom, and "Bonnie" the cow earlier this week. They learned where milk comes from, and talked about a healthy diet.



NET Joins Middle Schoolers at Lunch: Every Wednesday, our new NET (National Evangelization Team) representatives visit with our middle school students during lunch. It is the mission of these young adults to share the Gospel with other young people and their families. St. Mark parish is blessed to have NET with us for the second year in a row.

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Random Acts of Kindness: As a theme of "kindness" continues to

their own "Tower of Babel" in religion class. The students used only spaghetti, marshmallows, and gumdrops. Students were given time to plan their design, build their tower, peek at other towers for ideas, then rebuild their towers using a combination of twenty more materials. The tallest tower was over two feet tall! Great job, everyone!

(photo removed)

Engineering Enrichment Club: Our after-school Engineering Enrichment Club collaborated on an "egg drop" STEM project this week.

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permeate our campus, it is so heartwarming to see it come to life, not only through our students, but also our school parents.

Recently, some 5th grade students were excited to jump into a group photo together. As they quickly vied for position, one student said, "remember, kindness," and they all slowed down and took their spot. How nice to see students taking the "kindness" message to heart and implementing it on their own!

We also heard from a new school parent who asked if there was another family they could help by taking on their prefect duty (if they could not fulfill it due to their work schedule) so that they would not lose their prefect deposit. What a wonderful, selfless gesture!

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