



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

October 21, 2016

Prayer for the 2016-17 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 Jesus Christ with all our hearts, mind and soul.

REMINDERS

TODAY, Friday, October 21:

-7th grade was presented with the Vocations Chalice at the All School Mass. They will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

Sunday, October 23:

-12:00 PM, JP II High School: Junior Varsity Homecoming Game

-2:00 PM, JP II High School: Varsity Homecoming Game

Monday, October 24:

-2nd quarter begins

-JP II PALs visit 5th grade

-9:30 AM, Cafetorium: Plano Fire Dept. visits grades K-3

Wednesday, October 26:

-7:20 AM, Cafetorium: Pray the Rosary with the school community. Morning care students should bring a rosary.

-Report cards emailed (grades 1-8)



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QUICK LINKS

[Calendar](#)
[Limited Openings for
2016-17](#)
[Lifetime Lions Alumni
Network](#)

-2:30 PM, Church: Living Rosary, presented by 5th grade

Thursday, October 27:

-8:15 AM, Cafetorium: Spunky Pumpkin Play, presented by 2nd grade

-Class Halloween Parties & Super Hero Day (PK-K students wear Halloween costumes to school; grades 1-8 may pay \$2 to Student Council and wear a super hero costume, or jeans and a super hero t-shirt or cape)

-12:00 PM Early Dismissal: Parent Teacher Conferences



10:00 AM-11:00 PM, [Raising Cane's Fundraiser](#): Place your order, mention St. Mark, and a percentage goes to our Athletics Dept.

-After School Program available until 6:00 PM. Please send a lunch with all ASP students.

Friday, October 28:

-No School: Parent/Teacher Conferences

-3:30 - 6:00 PM: Middle School Open Youth House

Saturday, October 29:

-8:00 AM, St. Mark Campus: All Souls Remembrance 1K/5K Run - [register here](#)

-9:00 AM, St. Mark Campus: Parish Fall Festival. [Click here](#) for more info. or to volunteer

Sunday, October 30:

-Priesthood Sunday: Show your appreciation to our parish priests.

ANNOUNCING THE ST. MARK SMARTLAB

Did you miss the exciting news? St. Mark Catholic School is building a SmartLab on our campus! This cutting edge learning facility will take our already outstanding academic program to new heights. [Click here](#) to view a video about the lab, and to learn how you can get involved!



[Lunch Menus](#)
[Safe Environment Training](#)

FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

ImPACT concussion baseline testing has started again for the year. To sign up, please [click here](#). Contact [Nurse Townsend](#) with questions. Students must be 11 or older to take the test. If your student took the ImPACT test last year, they do not need to take it again this year. The test is good for two years.



Minutes from the September 29, 2016 School Advisory Council meeting are now available [here](#).

BUY POINSETTIAS FROM BL CHOIR

The Bishop Lynch High School A Cappella Choir has been invited to sing for the Papal Epiphany Mass in Rome on January 6, 2017. You can help get them there! To raise funds for the trip, the BL choirs are selling poinsettias after all weekend Masses on November 5-6. If you would like to purchase in advance, please contact



Congratulations to P.E. Coach Troy Brooks, who was the recipient of a Work of Heart Award today! Coach Brooks brings his wonderful enthusiasm for his job to school every day, and it's contagious among our students and our staff! Presented by the Catholic Foundation, Work of Heart Awards honor those faculty and staff members who go above and beyond for Catholic education. This is the 39th time a St. Mark staff member has received this award since its inception in 2005. Would you like to nominate a special teacher or staff member? It's easy -- simply [click here!](#)



30TH ANNUAL GALA & AUCTION

Sponsorships: St. Mark Parents - Do you own a business that would benefit from promotion within the St. Mark community? If so, become a St. Mark Catholic School 2017 Gala & Auction Sponsor. Sponsorship packages range from \$500 - \$2,500 and can include ads on the auction website, in the auction program, and in the St. Mark school directory. In addition to cash donations, the auction committee would also like your in-kind donations...gift certificates, experiences, etc. For sponsorship opportunities, please contact [Ann Rossigno](#), and for in-kind donations, please contact [Chandi Owen](#).



Tickets: The 2017 Gala & Auction is scheduled for February 18, 2017 at Marriott Legacy Center. Purchase your discounted tickets for \$65 now by [clicking here](#). This discount will only be available until November 18 (deadline extended). We nearly reached capacity prior to Christmas last year, so buy your tickets early to ensure you get to enjoy the festivities. If you have questions, please reach out to [Eric Librea](#).

Mixers: Pre-Auction Mixers have been finalized, and electronic invitations will be arriving in your e-mail soon. Please see dates and times below and begin marking your calendar. If you have questions, please contact [Rebecca Battles](#).

- PK3-TK - December 10, 4-7 PM
- K-2 Grade - December 3, 7-10 PM
- 3-5 Grade - November 11, 7-10 PM
- 6-8 Grade - December 9, 7-11 PM

[Ann Rossigno](#) or [Laura Arnold](#). Poinsettias will be delivered December 1-4.

NO MORE WALKING SHORTS UNTIL MARCH 27

The 1st quarter ends today, which means it's time to put away the uniform walking shorts. Students may wear them again beginning March 27, the first day of the 4th quarter. Refer to page 25 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#) for details.

NEW ST. MARK LIBRARY TWITTER FEED

Do you want to be the first to know when we get the newest and most popular books? Do you want to know when your child has a diorama displayed in the library? Then follow the St. Mark Catholic School Library on Twitter [@mark_library](#).



HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY

All Are Welcome! Join [Holy Trinity Seminary](#) for special upcoming Masses at Our Lady of Dallas Cistercian Abbey, 3131 Vince Hagan Drive, Irving, TX 75062:

Public Mass: October 23 at 9:15 AM



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

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: 1st quarter Box Tops are due in the school office today, but please keep saving them! 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 to the school office.

ST. MARK COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM

October's Prayer Intention For Our School: For our students' parents and/or caregivers.



This Week's Call to Action: Pray our Prayer for the 2016-17 School Year: *Lord, help us to come together as a community to support one another, encourage one another and show each other kindness. Amen.*

Upcoming Events:

* **Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 7 at 8:00 AM, Room 142 near the Music Room.** It will last approximately 30 minutes with prayer at the beginning and business at the end. Please come join us in praying for our school. It is very low key and there is no pressure to pray out loud unless you want to. All are welcome.

SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

A few scenes from this week. To learn the stories behind these pictures, visit our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages!

4th Grade - "America: My Home"

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NEWS FROM ATHLETICS

Upcoming Games &

Meets: Football, Volleyball and Cross Country seasons are in full swing! [Click here](#) for upcoming events.



GO LIONS!

Basketball Registration

Now Open: Please [click here](#) for information and registration.

Deadline: November 14, 2016

Coach Safe Environment

Training: All volunteer coaches for Basketball, Baseball, Softball, and Track must submit their Safe Environment certification to [Marlene Ehring](#) as soon as possible.



All Souls

Remembrance 1K/5K

Run: Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 29! [Click here](#) for registration and information.

Sponsorships Available:

We are currently seeking sponsorships, and are offering incentives



More 35th Anniversary Press Coverage:



PK-3 Halloween S.T.E.M.:



Jigsaw Puzzles Enrichment Club:



JPII Senior Service Day:



Community Prayer Walk:

to anyone who solicits \$250 or more:

*Any athlete who raises over \$500 in sponsorships receives a St. Mark Letter Jacket!

*Any athlete who raises over \$250 in sponsorships receives a certificate to the Lion's Den Spirit Store to purchase the gear of their choice!



Monsignor

Smyth Golf Classic: This annual event is tentatively scheduled for May 19, 2017. We are looking for volunteers to head various committees. Please email [Marlene Ehring](mailto:Marlene.Ehring) if you are interested.

FALL FESTIVAL



We Need You! Help make this fun-filled, community-building fundraiser a success. [Click here](#) to sign-up for a volunteer slot.

For More Information Contact Fall Festival Chair [Darrel Sharpe](#) at 443-955-4863 or Co-Chair [Sarah Sharpe](#) at 443-670-2100 for more details. Check the Fall Festival [website](#) and



[Facebook](#) pages for even more information.

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