



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

November 11, 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, November 11:

-1st grade received the Vocations Chalice at today's All School Mass. They will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

-7:00-10:00 PM: Pre-Auction Mixer - grades 3-5

Sunday, November 13:

-7:00 PM, All Saints Catholic Church: Children's Choir Sings at All Saints Festival Orchestra & Chorus Fall Concert

Monday, November 14:

-5th grade to the Pines Outdoor Education (Nov. 14-17)

-2:30 PM, Church Cry Room: Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for our school and country

Thursday, November 17:

-7:30 AM: School Advisory Council Meeting

-6:30 PM, Cafetorium: Middle School Fall Play, *The Emperor's New Clothes* (details at right)



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Friday, November 18:

-8:30 AM, Church: "The Giving Tree" All School Mass presented by 1st grade. All are welcome.

-12:00 PM: Early Dismissal. The After School Program will be available until 3:00 PM. Please send a lunch with all ASP students.



10:00 AM-11:00 PM: Raising Cane's Fundraiser. Mention St. Mark when you place your order and a percentage is donated to our Athletics Dept.

Saturday, November 19:

-6:00 PM, St. Mark Field: St. Mark Parish Family Picnic & Movie

Sunday, November 20:

-5:00 PM, John Paul II High School: DPL 8th Grade All Star Football Game

Monday, November 21-Friday, November 25:

-No School: HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

WELCOME TO ST. MARK!

A warm St. Mark welcome to our newest student, Theodore M., who is in Ms. Robinson's PK-3 class.

ABSENCES BEFORE/AFTER THANKSGIVING

IF YOU ARE LEAVING EARLY OR RETURNING LATE FOR THANKSGIVING BREAK, PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO RENE O'CONNOR AT RENE.OCONNOR@STMCS.NET.

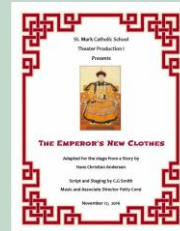
CARPPOOL LINE SAFETY

Parents: For safety reasons, we ask that you please not park and walk your child to the school building during morning carpool if at all possible. Rather, please continue to pull all the way up in line and drop-off your child. We have had instances of parents/students walking between moving cars, which obviously puts both children and adults in danger.

If it is absolutely necessary for you to walk your child to the school building in the morning, please parallel park in the school driveway along Alma that is east of the cafeteria and walk on the sidewalk.

DON'T MISS THE EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES!

Don't miss the St. Mark Theater Production I presentation of *The Emperor's New Clothes!*



Performances take place on November 17 at 9:00 AM, 2:15 PM, and 6:30 PM in the Cafetorium. Our students have been working hard on their roles, and the sets, costumes and music are amazing!

ST. MARK COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM

This Week's Prayer:

Please pray for a successful retreat for the 5th grade students, teachers, and chaperones who will be heading to the The Pines next week: *Loving God, we pray for our 5th graders, their teachers, and chaperones. Give them the knowledge, courage and a willing heart to be the disciples of today. Guide them to learn Your will, to share Your message and to know, to love and to serve You with youthful zeal. Bless them with happiness, friendship, love, laughter, peace, hope, faith, achievement and direction. We dedicate and entrust them to your care. Amen.*



Upcoming Events:

*Join us every Monday at 2:30 PM to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Thank You: Thank you to all of our volunteers for encouraging our children to read, and to all of our parents who supported our school library by shopping our Scholastic Book Fair. Congratulations to Theresa Meyers and Ruby Librea on a successful event!

Thank you to our wonderful families for joining us at "Pastries for Parents" on Wednesday morning. And thank you to our Hospitality Co-Chairs Tara Roman and Rebecca Battles for hosting this fantastic event!

Thank you to our 1st and 7th grade parents for hosting a fabulous "Thanksgiving Harvest Teacher Luncheon." It was enjoyed by all, and was a great way to kick-off the holiday season!



HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS? Just in time for the Christmas shopping season -- you can now earn money for the school just by shopping at Amazon! **Simply click the Amazon link on the [homepage](#) of the school website each time you make a purchase and St. Mark will earn cash back.** Buying Christmas gifts, household items, groceries, drugstore items...? It all counts, all year long! [Click here](#) for more information.

Earn Money for St. Mark Simply by Shopping:

Christmas, the Season of Giving, is just around the corner, just like your neighborhood Tom Thumb and Kroger. And guess what? Tom Thumb and Kroger celebrate the Season of Giving year round. Link your shopper cards today by [clicking here](#) and earn money for our school simply by shopping for groceries.



Scrip Gift Cards: Giving gift cards this year?

Support St. Mark by purchasing them for the holidays and beyond through our SCRIP program. Our school receives a percentage back from every sale. Order forms went home earlier this week. You may also [click here](#) to print your own

for our school and country. We will meet in the Church cry room.

*Our next meeting will be on Monday, December 5 at 8:00 AM, Room 142 near the Music Room. It will last around 30 minutes. Please join us in praying for our school. All are welcome. Praying out loud is not required.

ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL



NEWS FROM ATHLETICS

DPL Football All-Star Players:

The following St. Mark Football players have been named to the DPL All-Star Team: Jack Boland, James Enna, and Luis Rubio. In addition, our St. Mark team has players from All Saints Catholic School who have also been named to the All-Star team: Austin Acosta and Billy Dickie. Coach James Enna has been named to the All-Star coaching staff. Congratulations to all! The All-Star game will be played on Sunday, November 20 at 5:00 PM at Bishop Lynch High School.

Sports Physicals: All DPL athletes must have a current [Sports Physical](#) on file. To assist you, Plano Urgent Care, adjacent to St. Mark, is offering \$25.00 school and sports physicals. See below for information.

form. **Orders are due Friday, December 2.** For any questions, please contact [Joan Ternan](#).

Safe Environment: A reminder that you must be [Safe Environment](#) cleared to volunteer in any capacity at school. Contact [Toni Jobes](#) with questions.

30TH ANNUAL GALA & AUCTION

Pre-Auction Mixers: Pre-Auction Mixers start TONIGHT!! Parents of students in **Grades 3-5**, please plan to attend **TONIGHT at 7:00 PM**. The party is being held at the Russo's home and is hosted by the Meyers/Russo families. We want as many families to attend as possible. Please plan to bring your favorite appetizer or dessert. If you have forgotten to RSVP, you are still welcome to attend. If you have misplaced your invitation email and need any details, you can contact [Rebecca Battles](#). We look forward to seeing all 3rd-5th grade families this evening!

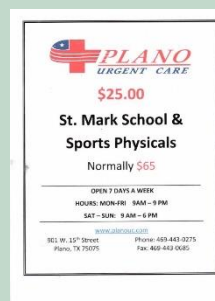


All other grades -- Your mixer invitations have been e-mailed to you this week. Please see the dates and times below to mark your calendars. If you have questions, please contact [Rebecca Battles](#).

-PK3-TK December 10th, 4-7pm at the Cowen's Home
-K-2 Grade December 3rd, 7-10pm at the Herrera's Home
-6-8 Grade December 9th, 7-11pm at the Rossing's Home

Tickets: The 2017 Gala and Auction is scheduled for February 18, 2017 at Marriott Legacy Center. Purchase your discounted 30th Anniversary Gala and Auction Tickets for \$65 now by [clicking here](#). This discount will only be available until November 18th (Extended Deadline). 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](#).

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 and 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



DPL Tennis Tournament: The DPL Tennis Tournament takes place tomorrow, November 12 at Collin College in Plano. [Click here](#) for more information and schedules. Come out and cheer on your LIONS!

Download Game Photos: Check out the [Dallas Parochial League Smug Mug photo site](#). View and purchase photos from recent events.

Basketball Registration Now Open: Please [click here](#) for information and registration. The deadline is November 14, 2016.

Dallas Parochial League Scholarships: The DPL will offer 4-6 separate \$500 scholarships to worthy 6th, 7th and 8th grade students in the 2016-17 school year. Additional details, eligibility, and the application can be found on the [DPL website](#). The deadline to apply is December 9, 2016.

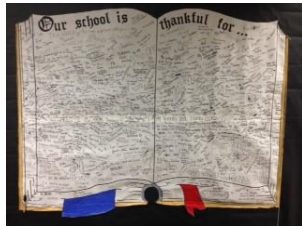
Coach Safe Environment Training: All volunteer coaches for Basketball, Baseball, Softball, and Track must submit their Safe Environment certification to [Marlene Ehring](#) as soon as possible.

donations...gift certificates, experiences, etc. For sponsorship opportunities, please contact [Ann Rossigno](#), and for in-kind donations, please contact [Chandi Owen](#).

SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

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

Our school is thankful for ...



2nd Grade First Reconciliation:



5th Grade Volleyball DPL Co-Champs:



Spelling Bee:



3rd Grade Nests:



4th Grade STEAM:



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 Ehrling](#) if you are interested.



Calling All "Dads of Great Students": [Click here](#) to reserve your spot during the month of December, or for more information about our Watch D.O.G.S. program. Sign-ups are due November 15. Half days and full days are available. Please remember, you must be [Safe Environment](#) trained to volunteer.

ST. MARK YOUTH MINISTRY

You are Invited to the Parish Family Picnic & Movie: November 19, 6:00 PM, St. Mark Athletic Field (Lion's Lair Gym if raining). Bring your own dinner and a dessert to share. Sponsored by the St. Mark Knights of Columbus and supported by Youth Ministries.

For High Schoolers: Dallas Catholic Youth Conference, March 3, 4, 5. The St. Mark NET team will be attending. First 50 spots are \$85; \$165 Early Bird Rate after that. Registration deadline is November 17. [Register here](#).

ST. MARK BINGO KNIGHT



Pastries for Parents:



Fire Dept. Visits PK:



Veteran's Day Cards:



Middle School Mock Election:



PK3 STEM:



3rd Grade PSA Soccer:



The St. Mark Knights of Columbus present Bingo on Saturday, November 12 starting at 6:30 PM benefitting military and veterans organizations, among others. Visit www.kofc-6065.org to pre-register. To become a table sponsor or make a donation, email Mike Bernatis.



HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY

All Are Welcome! Join Holy Trinity Seminary for an upcoming Public Mass on Sunday, November 13 at 9:15 AM at 3131 Vince Hagan Drive, Irving, TX 75062.

FRENCH MASS AT CISTERCIAN

Mrs. Denvir invites French students, and everyone else, to attend a special French Mass on Sunday, November 20 at 10:30 AM at Our Lady of Cistercian Abbey, 3550 Cistercian Road, Irving, TX 75039. English translations are provided so you can follow along, there is an opportunity to do a reading during the service for anyone who may be interested, and French snacks are served immediately following the Mass.

BISHOP LYNCH TOUR OPPORTUNITY

Open House - BL Sunday - November 13, 2016, 1:00 PM in the Leyden Arts & Athletics

Gymnasium: Come to [BL Sunday](#), the annual Open House for all prospective students and parents. Visit classrooms, attend





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info. sessions, and tour the campus.

For additional information, email admissions@bishoplynch.org, or call 214.324.3607, ext. 4127 or ext. 4134.

JPII CARDINAL BELLES GARAGE SALE

Help the JPII Cardinal Belles raise money to defend their National Title in their dance competitions. Come to their Garage Sale on Saturday November 12 from 7:00 AM-2:00 PM in the John Paul II High School parking lot.

DIVINE MERCY FOR THE USA

Join the Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy on Monday, November 14 from 7:00-9:00 PM at St. Gabriel in McKinney for an evening of praise and worship. [Click here](#) for more information.

KEPHA RETREAT FOR FATHERS/SONS

KEPHA, a father/son brotherhood, invites men of all ages to join them for the upcoming "Father, Forgive Them" Retreat on November 19-20 at St. Mark Catholic Church. The retreat will focus on forgiveness to close out the Year of Mercy and will include Mass, prayers, food, talks, mortification, games, a nursing home visit, and of course, dodgeball! [Click here](#) for more information and [here](#) for registration.

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