



# ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

**WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN**

**October 16, 2015**

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## REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK

**Saturday, October 17:**  
-6:30 PM, St. Mark Field: Parish Youth Picnic  
Dinner & Outdoor Movie (see details below)

**Monday, October 19:**



**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.

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-7:00 PM, Great Room, St. Mark Parish Center:  
8th Grade Parent/Teen Confirmation Meeting  
(see details below)

**Tuesday, October 20:**

-Southwest Dairy Farmers Mobile Dairy  
Classroom (PK-5th)

-5:30-6:30 PM, McGivney Hall, St. Mark Parish  
Center: New School Family Meet & Greet

**Wednesday, October 21:**

-2:45 PM, Afternoon Carpool Lines: Fall Festival  
Ticket Presale (see details below)

**Thursday, October 22:**

-7:30 AM, Conference Room: School Advisory  
Council Meeting

-4th Grade Fall Play  
(9:00 AM - PK-4; 2:30 PM - 5-8; 6:30 PM -  
Evening Performance)

-8th Grade Visits Ursuline Academy/Jesuit  
College Preparatory School

-First Quarter Ends

**Friday, October 23:**

-No School - UD Ministry Conference

**Sunday, October 25:**

-Priesthood Sunday

**Monday, October 26:**

-Red Ribbon/Drug Awareness Week Begins

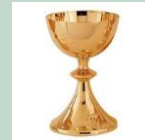
-6:30 PM, Church: First Reconciliation Meeting  
#2 (2nd grade parents and children - see details  
below)

**FALL FESTIVAL TICKET PRESALE**

**Follow us and stay connected!**



**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN  
LIONLAND**



**Vocations Chalice**

6th grade was presented with the Vocations Chalice at the conclusion of today's All-School Mass. They will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.



**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.



**All-School Service**

**Project**

Service is an integral part of the mission of the Church. To help students understand that by serving others, they are serving God, they will participate in a required all-school service project each month. **Students will receive a homework grade in Religion class for each month's assignment.**

The Fall Festival Committee will be selling food/game tickets in the afternoon carpool lines on Wednesday, October 21 starting at 2:30 PM. Tickets will be sold in bundles that include 5 FREE TICKETS, so take advantage of this presale opportunity: \$10 = 25 tickets! Cash or check only.

Presale tickets will also be sold after all weekend Masses on October 24-25 (cash, check or charge).

### 8TH GRADE PARENT/TEEN CONFIRMATION MEETING

Reminder: The 8th Grade Parent/Teen Confirmation Meeting will take place on Monday, October 19 at 7:00 PM in the St. Mark Parish Center Great Room. One parent and one Confirmation candidate need to attend.

### 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.

### CALLING ALL MATH OLYMPIAD PARTICIPANTS

We recently had students who participated in the MEANT Math Olympiad competition at UTD on October 3. If your child was one of the participants, please email [Pam Steinkirchner](mailto:Pam.Steinkirchner) immediately.

**October Project:** St. Mark Parish Fall Festival Donations

Students will donate needed items to the St. Mark Parish Fall Festival. A link to the list of items by grade level is shown below. Items should be taken to the grade-level religion teacher.

**Catholic Social Teaching:** Call to family, community and participation

**Who Benefits?** St. Mark Catholic Community

**Due Date:** October 22, 2015

**Link:** [Fall Festival Donation List](#)



**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.



**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.



**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 ...**



### YOUTH PICNIC-MOVIE NIGHT

-- **BIG HERO 6**, this Saturday, October 17, 6:30 PM on the St. Mark Field: Families are invited to bring a picnic dinner, blanket and potluck dessert to share. Don't forget your Frisbees, balls and hula hoops to add to the fun! Dinner is at 6:30 PM followed by a movie, Big Hero 6, at 7:00 PM (dusk).

Also, join us this Sunday, October 18 at the 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM Masses where Youth Ministries will be highlighted.



## HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

### Important Upcoming HSA Dates:

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

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

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

## OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

**October is Rosary Month.** 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.

## JOHN PAUL II OPEN HOUSE

Visit JP II during their upcoming Open House on Wednesday, October 21 from 5:30-8:00 PM. Come and meet the JP II faculty and students, tour the facility and grab dinner at the sponsored food trucks (complimentary for "Future

**Saturday October 31:** St. Mark Fall Festival/All Souls Run

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

**Auction Volunteers Needed:** Want to help plan this fun night? Contact Eric Librea at [eric.librea@sbcglobal.net](mailto:eric.librea@sbcglobal.net), or Paola Colon at [paolabcolon@icloud.com](mailto:paolabcolon@icloud.com) for more information and volunteer opportunities.

**Reminders:** 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 ...**

Cardinals"). Register at [www.johnpaulihs.org](http://www.johnpaulihs.org).



**\*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](#).



**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](http://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 get a free t-shirt!**
- \*St. Mark students who are children of adult volunteers get a free dress day!**
- \*St. Mark students who register to run, or register to volunteer, get a free dress day!**
- \*St. Mark middle school students and alumni who are current high school students can earn service hours!**

**\*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

\*10/18, 12:00 PM vs.  
St. Thomas @ St. Thomas

Varsity

\*10/18, 2:00 PM vs. St.  
Thomas @ St. Thomas

**Upcoming Volleyball Games:**

5th Grade

\*10/17, 9:00 AM vs. St. Rita @  
St. Rita

6th Grade D1

\*10/17, 11:00 AM vs. St.  
Monica @ St. Mark

\*10/17, 2:00 PM vs. POP @  
St. Mark

6th Grade D2

\*10/17, 2:00 PM vs. St.  
Thomas @ St. Thomas

7th Grade D1

\*10/17, 10:00 AM vs. St.  
Monica @ St. Mark

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

Please feel free to email or call Tiffany Duncan with questions about volunteering at [tlduncan34@yahoo.com](mailto:tlduncan34@yahoo.com), or at 214-728-0588.

**Questions about the All Souls Run?** Please contact [marlene.ehring@stmcs.net](mailto:marlene.ehring@stmcs.net).



The Fall Festival is fast approaching!

**Don't miss the food/game ticket presale:**

- 10/21, 2:30-3:30 PM - School carpool lines (cash or check only)
- 10/24-25 - After all weekend Masses (cash, check or charge)

**Events -- There's something for everyone!**

- 8:00 AM - All Souls Remembrance 1K/5K 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
- Food (Burgers, Brats, Fajitas, Tamales, & more)
- Games
- Treasure Trove

**Join us from 5:30-7:30 PM for ...**

7th Grade D2

\*10/17, 3:00 PM vs. St. Bernard @ St. Rita

\*10/17, 4:00 PM vs. St. Rita @ St. Rita

8th Grade D1

\*10/17, 9:00 AM vs. St. Monica @ St. Mark

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



**UPCOMING DPL NIGHTS**

Join us for the following DPL Nights:

**Friday, October 16** - Bishop Dunne football; [click here](#) for details.

**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.



St. Mark Catholic School has formed a special





### 3v3 Basketball Tournament

**Registration:** [Click here](#) for the 3v3 Basketball Registration Form. The deadline to register is October 20. The basketball tournament is open to boys and girls from 5th-8th grade. Don't have a team? Let us know and we'll pair you up with others. Please contact [Eric Librea](#) if your son or daughter is interested in playing in the tournament. Space is limited -- only four teams per division!

**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.

**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.

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](mailto:agnes.denvir@stmcs.net) or [agnesdenvir@gmail.com](mailto:agnesdenvir@gmail.com).

### **FRENCH MASSES AT CISTERCIAN**

Mrs. Denvir extends an invitation to St. Mark French students, and any students/families who are interested, to attend the French Masses at Cistercian. There is an opportunity to do the readings, and to sample some French snacks at the



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

**Plan to Donate to the Fall Festival:** See details about the school's donation drive in the "All School Service Project" section at right.

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

### SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

**Boy Scout Troop 285 50th Anniversary:** Last Saturday, Boy Scout Troop 285 celebrated 50 years with a special Court of Honor ceremony and dinner. Scouts were awarded various merit badges and rank advancements including Jake R. (Tenderfoot & Second Class ranks), Nathan M. and Declan W. (Star rank), and Bryan V. and Harrison K. (Life rank). In addition, eight scouts were officially presented with their Eagle Scout ranks including St. Mark alumni Jason B. '14, Joseph B. '12, David F. '12, Joseph G. '11, Kevin G. '12, Tyler S. '12, and Mark V. '15. These young men join the distinguished group of 125 Eagle Scouts who have earned their rank through Troop 285 over the years. Alumnus Kolbe B. '14 also earned his Eagle Silver Palm. Bishop Kevin Farrell sent a letter to the troop congratulating them on 50 years of guiding young men, and State Senator Van Taylor (an Eagle Scout himself) presented the troop with a proclamation recognizing this milestone.

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**Living Rosary:** On Wednesday, in honor of rosary month, our 5th grade class presented

end of every Mass. Masses take place at Our Lady of Dallas Cistercian Abbey in Irving every 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:30 AM. Upcoming dates: October 18, November 22, December 20, January 17, February 21, March 20, April 17, and May 15.

### MS. WILLIAMS NEEDS BOTTLE CAPS

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

### STEM TAKES CENTER STAGE AT ST. MARK

**5th Grade Counts Syllables With TK:** Our 5th grade students helped our TK students learn to count syllables using an app on the iPad last week.

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**After School Program STEM:** Our After School Program students recently built towers that defy gravity out of large blocks.

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the Living Rosary. Each student held a bead of the rosary and lead the corresponding prayer.

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**Kindness Posters:** For this month's Anti-Bullying/Kindness Assembly, each class made a poster. Posters were judged and the winner from each grade level was presented at the assembly. The assembly posters are now on display in the main hallway.



Every student in Preschool-8th grade also pledged to take a stand against bullying and to be kind to others by signing our new PRIDE OF A LION posters. PRIDE stands for PATIENCE, RESPECT, INTEGRITY, DIGNITY and EXCELLENCE. The posters are on display in the breezeway by the Cafeteria and in the ECE Building.

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**New Artwork:** Next time you're on campus, take a moment to look at the new artwork hanging in our halls. Special thanks to the 2014-15 Student Council for donating two oil paintings: *A Virgin and Child*, which highlights the importance of the parent/child bond and hangs in the 2nd grade hallway, and *Christ Washing the Apostles' Feet*, which signifies the importance of service to others and hangs in the middle school hallway. Additional thanks to the Home & School Association for donating *The Last Supper* oil painting, which now hangs

## IN ALUMNI NEWS...

### Alums Serve on Congressional & State Youth Councils:

Congratulations to **John H. '12** who was chosen to serve on Congressman Sam Johnson's Congressional Youth Advisory Council. During CYAC activities, high-achieving students explore the role citizens, lawmakers, experts, and institutions play in a democracy.

Congratulations to **Emily W. '14** who was chosen to serve on Texas House Representative Jeff Leach's Student Leadership Advisory Council. SLAC students participate in meetings with Rep. Leach covering various topics including the significance of community involvement, the role and functions of state government and the overall legislative process.

### JPII Alums Visit on Day Off:

We are always happy to see alumni faces on campus! Four 2015 alums currently attending JPII chose to spend part of their day off with us on Monday and brought lunch for some younger siblings: Isabella F.,

outside our Cafeteria to remind us all of Jesus' last meal with the apostles.



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Nicola L., Hannah P. and Kaitlin C.

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**Alumni Earn Boy Scout Ranks:** Check out the "Seen and Heard Around St. Mark" section at left where several alumni Boy Scout ranks are highlighted!



**LION PRIDE!**

**Cross Country:** Our Cross Country teams participated in the last DPL meet of the season last weekend. Congratulations to our JV girls who ranked 4th, and our Varsity boys who ranked 6th overall! **GO LIONS!**

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