



# ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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**WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN**

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## REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK

**Sunday, September 20:** Deadline to register for October Watch D.O.G.S. days at school. See details below.



**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, and has been nominated to apply for a rare third award in 2015. This means that our students consistently score in the top 15% in the nation on standardized tests.

[VISIT OUR WEBSITE](#)

**Tuesday, September 22:**

- 8th Grade to The Pines Leadership Retreat
- Fall Enrichment Club Registrations Due

**Thursday, September 24:**

- 7:30 AM, Conference Room: School Advisory Council Meeting
- Progress Reports Sent Home
- St. Mark Information Night at JP II High School

**Friday, September 25:**

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass. The Mass is planned by the 5th grade. They will offer the Call to Worship, the Mass readings, and present the Communion gifts. All are welcome.

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

-10:00 AM - 11:00 PM: St. Mark Day at Raising Cane's (see details below)

**Saturday, September 26, John Paul II High School:** Hike For Life (see details below)

**WELCOME NEW STUDENTS**

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

- Benjamin B. 3rd Grade Mrs. Dansby
- Olivia B. 6th Grade Mrs. Mitchell

**SCHOOL PICTURE PROOFS SENT HOME TODAY**

Follow us and stay connected!



**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LIONLAND**



**Vocations Chalice**

5th 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.



**Faith:** 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 "Faith" 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.**

School picture proofs were sent home with students today. If you would like to order prints, you can do so online, or by returning the order form that accompanies all proofs. Specific instructions will be enclosed.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS' VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES

As Pope Francis embarks on his trip to the United States next week, let us all take a moment to pray for a safe and productive visit. [Click here](#) for more information about his itinerary. In honor of his visit, The Catholic Foundation and the Jethsuby Fund are sponsoring a special "Pope in the Park LIVE" viewing event in Klyde Warren Park in downtown Dallas. The Cathedral of Guadalupe in the Dallas Arts District will host a LIVE simulcast of the Pope's closing Mass in the United States on Sunday, September 27th from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. [Click here](#) for more details.

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



**12:00 PM Dismissal Day?** 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! Next week, visit on **Friday, September 25** 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!

### THANK YOU FOR GIVING ON NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY!

**September Project:** Appreciation for our Armed Forces

Students will make cards for soldiers. **OPTIONAL:** They may also donate items for soldiers from the list below.

**Catholic Social Teaching:** Solidarity

**Who Benefits?** Wounded Warriors & St. Michael Military Support Group

**Due Date:** September 30, 2015

**Link:** [Optional Military 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.

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!



**Thank you to everyone in our community who gave on North Texas Giving Day!** Early estimates indicate that we raised approximately \$9,500! We are so grateful for each and every donation. All students will benefit, as proceeds go towards our Gap Fund, helping bridge the gap between the tuition amount charged and the actual cost to educate each St. Mark student. Way to go, St. Mark Community!

Congratulations to our raffle winners!...

**Two tickets to the 2016 St. Mark Auction & Dinner:** Kim Tran

**40 Parish Fall Festival Tickets:** Kathy Ward

**Free Family Lunch in the St. Mark Cafeteria:** Colin Delaney; Joseph Weber

**Free Dress Day for Family on Thursday, September 24:** John Garvey; Paola Colon; Sandra Hernandez; Michael Karicher

**St. Mark Water Bottle/Lanyard/Koozie/Pen:** Scott Johnson; Jana Elsey; Agnes Denvir; Eileen Senen; Kelly Smith

Your prizes will be sent home with your oldest student today, and you will also receive an email with further prize details.

**RENWEB iOS 9 SERVICE ADVISORY**

ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL



NEWS FROM ATHLETICS

**\*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 JV and Varsity Cheerleading squads and cheer on our St. Mark Lions!

Junior Varsity

\*9/20, 12:00 PM vs. St. Monica @ JPll

Varsity

\*9/20, 2:00 PM vs. St. Monica @ JPll

Upcoming Volleyball Games:

5th Grade

\*9/19, 9:00 AM vs. St. Elizabeth @ St. Elizabeth

\*9/19, 10:00 AM vs. MIS @ St. Elizabeth

6th Grade D<sub>1</sub>

\*9/19, 3:00 PM vs. St. Patrick @ St. Rita

We have been advised that RenWeb has identified a compatibility issue with its mobile app and the Apple iOS 9 update. The issue will be resolved soon, once Apple has accepted the RenWeb apps update. Until then, you will not be able to use the RenWeb app with iOS 9. You may contact RenWeb with questions at 866-800-6593.

### ANNOUNCING ST. MARK CAREER DAY

**Our Students Want to Learn About Your Career!** We still have a few open timeslots during our upcoming Career Week. We invite parents of students in grades 1-4 to come into our classrooms and talk to our students about their careers during the week of September 28 - October 2. Three timeslots lasting 10 minutes each are available each day that week. [Click here](#) to sign-up.



### HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

**Volunteer Opportunity:** We are still in need of one more committee chair for **Scrip Cards**. Please contact [ashleyternan@gmail.com](mailto:ashleyternan@gmail.com) for more information.

For more information on open positions and volunteer opportunities, please [click here](#).

**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.

**Thank You:** Thank you to all those who have already paid your HSA dues. Still need to

#### 6th Grade D2

\*9/19, 9:00 AM vs. MIS @ St. Mark

\*9/19, 10:00 AM vs. St. Mary-Sherman @ St. Mark

#### 7th Grade D1

\*9/19, 1:00 PM vs. St. Thomas @ St. Mark

#### 7th Grade D2

\*9/19, 8:00 PM vs. St. Monica @ St. Monica

#### 8th Grade D1

\*9/19, 3:00 PM vs. MIS @ St. Monica

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



**GO LIONS!**

### RESPECT LIFE CLUB ENROLLMENT CONTINUES



**Register Now for the St. Mark Respect Life Club:** This is an after-school opportunity for students in grades 1-8 to grow in their appreciation of the dignity of all

pay? You can pay [online](#) directly, or you can print a copy of the [HSA dues form](#) and return it to the school office with your payment. Please remember that it's your dues that help to fund all of the great events and activities that HSA sponsors for our students each year. Everyone who pays their dues will receive a school directory, which will be distributed at the end of September.

**Roaring Raffle Drawing Winner:**

Congratulations to the Wong/Ng family who won the drawing to have their HSA dues paid next year!

**Auction Update:** Thank you to all those who responded to the auction survey. Your feedback is critical to the planning process, and we will do our best to address every comment and suggestion to make the event a success. 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.

**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.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 285 - 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

human life. It is unique to St. Mark Catholic School. Monthly meetings include fun and educational activities. We invite you to learn more and to register for the 2015-16 "Respect Life Club" by [clicking here](#).



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 - 4th, 11th, & 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).





## Looking for Former Scouts of Troop 285 !

Help us celebrate the  
**50th Anniversary**  
of the Troop's inception this coming  
**October 10, 2015**

The troop is seeking the names, emails and  
locations of former Scout masters, assistant  
Scout masters, and scouts from Troop 285

Please contact Sylvia Garcia-Meier at:  
[50th@t285.us](mailto:50th@t285.us)

### DON'T WAIT, PARTICIPATE!



**hikeforlife**

Come join the St. Mark Respect Life Club at the "Hike for Life" on Saturday, September 26, 8:00 AM, at John Paul II High School. Hike for Life is Texas' oldest pro-life event. It is a pro-life walk held once a year in various locations around Texas that raises money for area Crisis Pregnancy Centers and raises awareness of the dignity of all human life, from conception to natural death. Your involvement in the Hike will help area centers to continue their lifesaving mission. It is an event for the whole family with contests and prizes, music and hot dogs. For more information, click [here](#). To sign up for the "St. Mark Catholic School Respect Life Club" team, click [here](#). Under "Teams," click "Show All" and "Join" next to our team name. Service hours are available for participants.



### WATCH D.O.G.S. NOW ENROLLING DADS FOR OCTOBER-MAY

We are now enrolling Dads for WATCH D.O.G.S. days at school, and are offering half days for dads who cannot commit to full days. **The deadline to register for October is this Sunday, September 20.** Our website has been updated for the 2015-16 school year, so visit today to learn more at [www.stmarkwatchdogs.com](http://www.stmarkwatchdogs.com).

### 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 Builds Towers:** Our 5th graders were challenged to build towers out of pipe cleaners last week. Check out this "[flipbook](#)" showing some photos of this teambuilding exercise.

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



**Parish Fall Festival,  
Saturday, October 31:**

**Volunteer at the Festival:** 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 look for your Fall Festival raffle tickets in your "Back to School Night" packet. If you would like to sell extra tickets, please notify Raffle Coordinator Ann Rossigno at 972-533-5355.

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

**3v3 Basketball Tournament Registration:**  
Click here: [3v3 Basketball Registration Form](#)

The basketball tournament is open to boys and girls from 5th-8th grade. Please contact [Eric Librea](#) if your son or daughter is interested in playing in the tournament. Space is limited - only four teams per division.

**Plan to Donate to the Fall Festival:** The school is organizing a donation drive for October. More details will follow soon.

**7th Grade Continues to Assist 1st Grade:** Our 7th graders continue to work with our 1st graders. Using the class iPads, 1st graders were challenged to find examples of verbs around campus and take pictures of them. Our 7th graders helped them determine if they were seeing "action" or not.

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### SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

**First St. Mark Spirit Day:** On Monday, students, teachers and staff participated in the first St. Mark Spirit Day! The day began with our Varsity Cheerleaders teaching everyone a St. Mark cheer. The kids had a great time showing off their new spirit wear throughout the day.

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### DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that our school website gives students the opportunity to practice computer keyboarding? Mrs. Carver recommends two websites to help your student improve his or her keyboarding skills. They can be found on the Library's "Symbaloo" pages



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



**All Souls 1K/5K Run,**  
**Saturday, October 31:** Registration is now open for our second annual 1K/5K run. Anyone can register, so help spread the word!

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT.**

[Click here](#) to sign-up for the run or to become an event sponsor. Volunteers are needed, and no job is too small. Contact [Tiffany Duncan](#) if you can help. Service hours are available.



**ST. MARK**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**LION PRIDE!**

**Quiz Bowl Success:** Congratulations to the St. Mark Catholic School Quiz Bowl team, which took part in a tournament last Saturday against 13 other private school teams from around our area. St. Mark earned third place, and ranked second overall! In addition, Antonio M. ranked first in individual scores. Quiz Bowl is an academic competition where teams show their knowledge by facing off and answering questions on a variety of topics. Team members Minh-Khanh P., Aenghus D.,

under the "[Homework and Research](#)" links. Symbaloo pages contain web mixes offering links to various websites that are recommended for student use by St. Mark Catholic School. Other topics include author/book pages, NASA, math games, information on the 50 states, and the Vatican. Be sure to check them out with your student!

### **DPL/FC DALLAS NIGHT AT TOYOTA STADIUM**

The first annual DPL Night at the FC Dallas soccer game will be held on Sunday, October 25 at 6:00 PM. Tickets start at \$16 each. If interested, please contact Wes Streitenberger at 469-365-0134 or [wstreitenberger@fcdallas.com](mailto:wstreitenberger@fcdallas.com).

### **JOHN PAUL II "CARDINAL BELLES" CLINIC**

**Attention Girls 5-14 Years Old:** The JP II Cardinal Belles drill team is offering a "Junior Belle Clinic" on Saturday, September 26 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Learn dance and kick technique, and have the opportunity to perform with the Belles at the JP II homecoming game on October 2 at 7:30 PM. For more information, [click here](#).

Harrison K., Breigh P., and Antonio M. did an outstanding job and represented us well!

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**Duke TIP 7th Grade Talent Search:** We are proud to announce that 40% of our 7th graders qualified for Duke University's Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP)! Duke TIP is a global leader in identifying academically gifted students and providing them with opportunities to support their development. St. Mark students qualify by scoring at or above the 95th percentile on any one accepted subtest or total battery/composite on standardized testing. Congratulations to Justus B., Hannah B., Courtney B., Nicholas C., Aenghus D., Alex E., Jimmy E., Marti F., Natalie J., Hailey J., Anish K., Chloe K., Paul K., Lainey M., Grant P., Audrey P., Ian P., Emilio R., Sophia S., Victoria T., Bobby V., and Declan W. on your accomplishment!

**St. Mark Teams Shine:** It was a banner weekend for our St. Mark Lions athletic teams! Our St. Mark JV and Varsity football teams won their games last Sunday, and our Lady Lions Volleyball teams (8th D1, 7th D1, 6th D2 and 5th grade) all posted wins as well -- GO LIONS!

## AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration is now open for American Heritage Girls. This organization provides programming that fosters servant leadership, life-long friendships, life skills and opportunities to know and love Christ. Please [click here](#) for more information.

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