



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

October 7, 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 7:

-5th grade was presented with the Vocations Chalice at the All School Mass. They will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

Saturday, October 8:

-11:00 AM, outside Cafetorium entrance: Blessing of the Animals

Monday, October 10:

-October 10-14: Standardized Testing Week (details below);
Vocations Week for grades 5-8

-7:00 PM, Great Room/Parish Center: 8th Grade Confirmation Parent/Teen Meeting

Wednesday, October 12:

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

-October 12-14: Career Days for grades 1-4

Friday, October 14:



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-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass presented by the 5th grade. All are welcome.

SUPER HERO DAY, BENEFITTING STUDENT COUNCIL

We know our students are Super Heros! Why not dress the part? On

Thursday, October 27, students in grades 1-8 may pay \$2.00 to Student Council and participate in "Super Hero Day!" (Note: This is the same day as the class Halloween parties; Preschool-Kindergarten students will

be wearing Halloween costumes). Outfits should be conservative and in good taste. They do not have to be complete, formal costumes. They can consist of a simple cape or a super hero t-shirt. Jeans are allowed. No sweatpants, shorts, masks, or face paint. Any closed shoe is allowed.



This is the first in a series of themed dress days for students this school year. Stay tuned for other fun opportunities in the coming months!

30TH ANNUAL GALA & AUCTION

Attention Parents: Can you believe Fall has begun and Quarter 1 of school is almost complete? As you prepare for cooler weather and the upcoming holidays, your Gala and Auction Committee is hard at work preparing for our 30th

Auction Anniversary. This year's event will be a great opportunity for all parents, friends, and families of St. Mark to come together for a night of fun and fellowship, while donating funds to help our children. This year's event is scheduled for February 18, 2017 at the Marriott Legacy Town Center. Discount ticket prices of \$65 are available now. [Click here](#) for tickets and more information. This discount will only be available until October 29. If you have questions, please reach out to [Eric Librea](#).



NEED TO REPRODUCE A SCHOOL LOGO OR IMAGE?

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STANDARDIZED TESTING WEEK REMINDERS

Next week, students in grades 1-8 will take the Iowa Assessment Test and the CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test). It is recommended that students go to bed early and eat a healthy breakfast each day. Students are also permitted to bring a nutritious, nut-free snack each day during testing week. Please avoid scheduling appointments during this week. Also, students must be in their seats, ready for testing, no later than 8:00 AM. Tardy students will not be permitted to enter the classroom until the next session begins, and will not be scored on missed test sessions. The only exception to this rule is if a child is absent due to illness. In that case, a doctor's note should be presented to the school receptionist, and make-up testing will be arranged. Thank you for your cooperation.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

We are in great need of substitute teachers. Subs must have a college degree and be [Safe Environment trained](#), and preferably

A general reminder for anyone wishing to reproduce any of our St. Mark Catholic School logos or images for any reason (from page 57 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#)):



Logo and Image: St. Mark maintains specific logo and image guidelines. Individuals or groups wishing to use the school logo, or to represent the school through written, digital or video formats for any reason, must first receive permission. Please contact the Director of Marketing and Communications at 972-578-0610 for the official artwork files/guidelines, and permission to use them.

This allows us to maintain our brand integrity and avoids potential infringement issues. Thank you for your cooperation.

4TH-6TH GRADE DUKE TIP QUALIFIERS

We are proud to announce that over half of our 4th-6th grade students (51%) qualified for Duke University's 4th-6th Grade Talent Search based on last year's standardized test scores. The Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to identifying and serving academically gifted and talented youth. Letters were sent home with students on Tuesday and contain more information, as well as instructions for registering with Duke TIP. Congratulations to our qualifiers:

4th grade: Austin A., Camila B., Benjamin B., Tristan C., Jackson D., Jacob E., Anthony F., Francesca F., Adrienne F., Braden G., Reese J., Sophie K., Courtney K., Julia M., Kara N., Dairine P., Jacob P., Avery Q., Alfredo R., Chloe S., Reagan S., Miley S., Chase T., Cody T., Donte T., Ryan W., and Sofia Z.

5th Grade: John B., Ben B., Will B., Loe C., Gia E., Eliana G., Anthony G., Corina H., Dominic H., Will I., Peter K., Sophia L., Gabby L., Amelia M., Gabriela M., Madelin M., Heather M., Anthony N., Lana N., Karsil O., Ben P., Leah Q., Sebastian R., Nathan S., Alina S., and Max Z.

6th grade: Andrew A., Drew A., Jonas A., Jacob A., Caroline B., Jeremiah B., Genevieve B., Jessie C., Biya C., Bernadette C., Alejandro D., Daniela E., Luke G., Austin G., Lauren G., Renil G., Hope H., Jackson H., Jason L., George L., Kyle M., Jeremy M., Kaitlyn M., Aoife P., Zachary P., Alex R., Sebastian R., Morgan S., Paul S., Sawyer S., Isaiah T., Louis T., Theresa T., and Alexa V.

have some teaching experience. If you are interested, or you have a friend or neighbor who meets the qualifications, please contact [Rene O'Connor](#).

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM SUBS NEEDED

The St. Mark After School Program is in need of substitute workers. Subs earn \$15.00 per hour, and if their children attend school at St. Mark, they may attend the program for free. Flexible schedules are available: Arrive at 3:15 PM and work until 5:00 or 6:00 PM. Interested? Contact [Toni Jobs](#).

WANTED: ST. MARK CAREER DAY VOLUNTEERS

St. Mark Career Days will take place in grades 1-4 on October 12-14. We invite parents of students in grades 1-4 to come into our classrooms and talk to our students about their occupations. Two timeslots lasting 15 minutes each are available on each of these three days (2:45-3:00 PM and 3:00-3:15 PM). This was a huge success last year, and our students look forward to learning from you again. If you would like to introduce our students to your career, please [click here](#).



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

SCHOOL DIRECTORIES:

For those of you who paid your HSA dues, school directories were sent home this week with your oldest child. If you would like an extra directory, they are available for \$6.00 from Rene O'Connor. If you have any questions, please contact [Liz Delaney](#).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

The "Graduation & Confirmation" Committee Chair position is still open. Please contact [Ashley Ternan](#) if you are interested.

THANK YOU:

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our first HSA General Meeting of the school year. We had an excellent turnout, with great committee and parent participation. Meeting minutes will be made available soon.

ST. MARK COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM

October's prayer intention for our school: For our students' parents and/or caregivers.



A Request for Help: We are in need of parents to help the children follow along with the Wednesday morning rosary during the month of October. If you are able to help on one or more Wednesdays, please sign up [here](#).

Thanks to the St. Mark Rosary Makers, the Quarles Family, Mrs. Denvir, and many others who made and/or contributed rosaries for these events! **If you have rosaries to donate, please contact [Kathleen Frye](#).**

This Week's Prayer: A Prayer for Exams (as we head into standardized testing week): *Father, be with me as I take this exam. Keep my mind alert and my memory sharp. Calm my nerves and help me concentrate. I know that you walk with me, guiding my path and inspiring my heart. I pray that I would feel you with me, and that your friendship would soften the pressure I feel. I pray that I would pass this exam and go on to new things with you. Thank you for your peace and your love in my life. Thank you for your kindness and care for me. Amen. (Source: livingprayers.com)*

Prayer Requests: Please send any prayer requests you have to [Kathleen Frye](#). Please indicate if your prayer can be shared, or

M.E.A.N.T. MATH OLYMPIAD

The Annual M.E.A.N.T. Math Olympiad, in partnership with The University of Texas at Dallas, will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2016 at UTD, Richardson. Math Olympiad is a competition to encourage young America to learn Mathematics and Engineering and promote math skills among students. Any student currently enrolled in grades 1 through 11 can participate in the event. [Click here](#) for more information/ registration.



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



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should be kept confidential. You can also place any prayer requests in the Prayer Box on our school Prayer Table (located in the hallway between the Administration offices and the cafeteria). This Prayer Box is taken to mass on Fridays and requests are included in the mass intentions when the reader says, "And for all the prayers in our hearts and those included in our Prayer Box."

SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

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

St. Mark: Making a Difference in our Community for 35 Years:



Your Auction Dollars at Work:



Once A Lion, Always A Lion!



PK-4 Writes the Letter "T":

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HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY

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 9
at 9:15 AM

French Mass: October 16
at 10:30 AM

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NEWS FROM
ATHLETICS

Upcoming Games

Football and Volleyball seasons are in full swing! [Click here](#) for this weekend's game schedules.



GO LIONS!

DPL Sports Team Registrations:

*The DPL **Tennis** Tournament will take place on November 12 at Collin



Brain Training with PEAK Elective:



3rd Grade Paper Chair Challenge:



1st Grade Applefest:



PK Police Visit:



Dallas Ministry Conference:

College in Plano.
Registration is now open.
[Click here](#) for more details.

*The tentative DPL Swim Meet date is Wednesday, October 24 at Loos Center in Addison. **Registration is now OPEN.** [Click here](#) to register for Swimming.



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 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



Staff Volunteer Day:



Cub Scouts Castaway Skills:



Red Ribbon Week:



Kindergarten Plants:



volunteers to head various committees. Please email [Marlene Ehring](mailto:Marlene.Ehring@stmark.org) if you are interested.

JPII VOLLEYBALL NIGHT

[Click here](#) for details about Future Cardinals Volleyball Night, Thursday, October 13 @ 4:30 PM for 6th-8th graders.

FALL FESTIVAL



Raffle Tickets

Be sure to sell your raffle tickets!

Volunteer!

Your help is needed to 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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