



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

September 16, 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, September 16:

-3rd grade received the Vocations Chalice at Mass and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

Monday, September 19:

-Fall Enrichment Clubs Begin

-6:00-8:00 PM, Bethany Narthex: St. Mark Altar Server Training

Thursday, September 22:

-6:00 AM-12:00 AM: North Texas Giving Day (details below)

Friday, September 23:

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass planned by the 3rd grade. All are welcome.

-2nd grade field trip to Dallas World Aquarium

Saturday, September 24:



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QUICK LINKS

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-8:00 AM - 12:00 PM, JPII High School: Hike for Life (details below)

Sunday, September 25:

-Picture orders due (Lifetouch online)

CARPOOL LINE REMINDERS - FRONT CIRCLE

Two friendly reminders to those parents who drop-off students in the front circle during morning carpool:

1. Parking is not permitted in the circle drive during morning drop-off. We recently had an incident where a parent parked and got out of the car to escort a student to the school building.
2. Please pull all the way up in the carpool line. Several parents have recently stopped next to the breezeway to let students out and waited there until the children entered the school building, instead of pulling all the way up to the Cafetorium doors.

These actions quickly cause back-ups on Alma, which then create back-ups to the light at 15th Street. Please help us to avoid these bottlenecks. Thank you.

NEW LUNCH OPTIONS

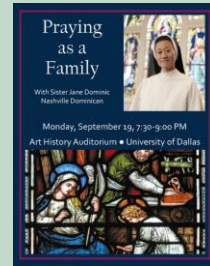
Parents: Please be aware that an additional slice of pizza can be purchased for \$1 on pizza days (Wednesdays). From this point forward, this option is open to the entire school. In addition to the \$2 fruit cups available daily, desserts will be sold every Friday for \$1. Desserts will alternate between ice cream and cookies. If you do not want your child to purchase additional options, please update their lunch account online, or contact Linda Gaines, Cafeteria Manager, at linda.gaines@stmcs.net.

SPECIAL BLESSING AT MASSES THIS WEEKEND

A blessing of catechists, parents and children will take place at all St. Mark Masses this weekend, reminding parents that the Church calls them to be the first and best teachers of children in the way of faith.

PRAYING AS A FAMILY

Sister Jane Dominic, Nashville Dominican, who conducted St. Mark's first "Learn to Pray as a Family" workshop last year, will host another session called "Praying as a Family." See the flyer above for details.



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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 College in Plano. Registration opens Monday, September 19. [Click here](#) for more details.

*Coming soon: DPL Swim Meet date



All Souls

Remembrance 1K/5K Run: Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 29! [Click here](#) for registration and information.



The countdown has begun! Next Thursday, September 22, plan to "get up and give" between 6:00 AM and 12:00 MIDNIGHT. Your donation will be multiplied thanks to bonus funds from The Communities Foundation of Texas. Simply [click this link](#) on 9/22 to participate. We'll also have a special "donation station" set up in the school lobby if you'd like to give on campus. Help spread the word! Donations go towards the St. Mark Gap Fund which benefits ALL students! Read more [here](#).



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Committee Chairs

We still have three Committee Chair positions open. Please contact ashleyternan@gmail.com if you are interested:

- *Hospitality Committee
- *Graduation & Confirmation Co-Chairs
- *Auction Class Basket Coordinator

HSA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UPDATE:

Thank you to everyone who has already paid their HSA dues. Congratulations to our raffle winners! ...

Curtis & Pat Rohmer - free 1/2 page ad in the middle school memory book

Lorne & Kelly Smith - 1X first choice of elective

Patrick & Reagan O'Brien - free 2017-18 school supplies

Alan & Tammy Dull - free memory book

John & Patricia Petroff - 4 reserved seats in the 2nd row at the Christmas Pageant

Patricia Perfeito & Zadik Menekse - front circle pick-up for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year

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

DPL NIGHT

You're invited to DPL Night at the SMU vs.



TCU game on Friday, September 23 at 7:00 PM at SMU. [Click here](#) for details and tickets.

K-8 STUDENTS CAN GET INVOLVED AT BISHOP LYNCH

Please note that you may still pay your \$20 dues and join HSA, however, anyone who pays AFTER September 16 will not receive a free School Directory. To pay your dues, please [click here](#).

ST. MARK COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM

This Week's Prayer: Please pray for our wonderful grandparents. *Thank you, God, for the gift of grandparents. They are valued links between the past and present. May they be models of faith for us. May they be anchors that provide stability and a sense of identity for us. May they always be surrounded by the love, respect, and support of their families. Lord, bless and empower our grandparents. Keep them in your love. Give them your joy and peace each day, so that they may forever follow your son Jesus. Amen.*



Upcoming Events: Thanks to everyone who was able to make it to our very first meeting, and to those of you who prayed from where you were. Our next meeting will be on Monday, October 3 at 8:00 AM.

Our next Community Prayer Walk will be held on Friday, October 21. Meet by the cross in front of the Narthex at 7:50 AM. If you have time after the walk, please attend the All School Mass at 8:30. AM

Prayer Requests: The school now has a Prayer Table available to all school visitors (located in the hallway between the Administration offices and the cafeteria). Everyone is welcome to place prayer requests in the bin on the table. These intentions will be taken to Mass on Fridays as part of the offering. We will also pray over these intentions during our monthly meetings. Prayer requests can also be sent directly to kathleenfrye@yahoo.com. Please indicate if your prayer can be shared, or should be kept confidential.

SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

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

Boy Scout Eagle Project:

BISHOP LYNCH HIGH SCHOOL Presents
FUTURE FRIAR NIGHT

FREE admission for all Future Friars! FREE T-Shirt
Face Painting Prizes Games
Kids Zone Autograph Session

Who: Future Friars (K-8th grade)
When: September 29 & 30
Where: Bishop Lynch HS Campus

Join us both nights and bring a friend!
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NIGHT #1
VOLLEYBALL
THURSDAY, SEPT. 29
6PM
BISHOP LYNCH
VS
JOHN PAUL II

NIGHT #2
FOOTBALL
FRIDAY, SEPT. 30
7:30PM
BISHOP LYNCH
VS
TRINITY CHRISTIAN

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CLUB FRIAR

KINDER - 8TH GRADE STUDENTS ONLY

FREE MEMBERSHIP
FREE CLUB T-SHIRT
FREE ADMISSION TO
BISHOP LYNCH HOME ATHLETIC EVENTS!
AND MUCH MORE!

REGISTRATION IS EASY.
BECOME A CLUB FRIAR MEMBER TODAY!

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QUESTIONS? EMAIL AT CLUBFRIAR@BISHOPLYNCH.ORG

FALL FESTIVAL

Fall Festival raffle tickets will be mailed to



school families next week. Please watch your mail. If you do not receive your tickets within the next two weeks, please stop by the school office and pick up the quantity you need to sell to friends/neighbors/family.

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 darrel.sharpe@gmail.com, or Co-Chair Sarah Sharpe at 443-670-2100 or sjsharpe@gmail.com for more



Community Prayer Team Meeting:



Watch D.O.G.S.:



Exaltation of the Cross:



Grandparents' Day:



Preschool Pout Fish:

details. Check the Fall Festival [website](#) and [Facebook](#) pages for even more information.



HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY



For tickets,

sponsorships, underwriting or donations for the Spes Gregis dinner on Friday, September 23, please contact [Agnes Denvir](#).



Learn the 7 steps to a superabundant marriage beginning on September 17. "The Choice Wine" marriage enrichment program integrates the latest findings from modern science with the teaching of the faith. Please [click here for](#) information and registration.

HIKE FOR LIFE

The 2016 "Hike for Life" will



take place Saturday, September 24 from 8:00 AM-12:00 PM at John Paul II High School. Father Cliff has a team called "Father Cliff's Life Brigade" and he invites you to join him! Please [click here](#) to register, or to donate to Hike For Life.



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