



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

September 23, 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 23:

-4th grade received the Vocations Chalice at Mass and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

Saturday, September 24:

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

Sunday, September 25:

-School picture orders due (Lifetouch online)

Wednesday, September 28:

-Plano Police Officer visit to PK-K Students

-Teacher Luncheon, hosted by 2nd & 8th grades

Thursday, September 29:

-7:30 AM: School Advisory Council Meeting

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



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[Limited Openings for
2016-17](#)



10:00 AM-11:00 PM: Raising Cane's Fundraiser: Place your order, mention St. Mark, and a percentage goes to our Athletics Dept.

Friday, September 30:

-No school for students: UD Ministry Conference

Sunday, October 2:

-9:00 AM, Church: St. Mark Children's Choir sings at Mass

Monday, October 3:

-St. Mark Spirit Day! Please refer to page 26 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#) for dress code details.

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](#).

PRAYER TABLE NEEDS

Do you have a small chair that you would be willing to donate to the school to sit next to our Prayer Table? If so, please contact pam.steinkirchner@stmcs.net.

We'd also like to thank Kim Broussard for donating the prayer intention container to our table!

Remember -- everyone in the St. Mark community is welcome to submit a prayer intention any time. Take advantage of our Prayer Table at the school, or send your intention via email. See more details in the "Community Prayer Team" section below.

7TH GRADE DUKE TIP LETTERS SENT HOME

St. Mark is proud to announce that 41% of our 7th grade students qualified for the Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP) based on their standardized test scores last year. Duke TIP is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving academically gifted and talented youth. A letter was sent home to qualifiers this

- [Lifetime Lions Alumni Network](#)
- [Lunch Menu](#)
- [Safe Environment Training](#)

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](#).



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week. Parents, please note the registration deadline for this program. More information is included in your letter. Qualifiers are: Abby A., J.P. A., Olivia B., Lauren D., Anthony E., Marielma G., Allison G., Jordan H., Luke H., Veronica J., Kendall K., Kate K., Nathan L., Diego L., Madeleine M., Anupa M., Alex M., Greyson P., Jack P., Jake R., Hannah R., Peyton S., Ann T., Cristian T., Tiffany T., Brenden V., Elena V., and Thomas W. Congratulations to all!

STATE FAIR TICKETS

Tickets to the State Fair of Texas will be sent home on Monday. Each student will receive one ticket. Be sure to check those backpacks next week!

LIBRARY NEWS

Our library software now has a Google Chrome extension that includes library items (both books and database articles) in your Google searches. If you would like to set it up on your home computer, in Chrome go to the Chrome web store. Search for Destiny Discover and click on the "extensions" radial button. Once it's on your toolbar, you will need to click on it to set up our library. Click on the underlined "goFollett" link, choose Texas, then start typing in St. Mark. St. Mark Catholic School, Plano will come up, choose it, and you are all set.



Thank you to everyone who donated to St. Mark during yesterday's North Texas Giving Day event! We raised \$15,445 during this daylong event - a new record! Bonus funds will be awarded soon and will increase this total. Funds raised will benefit all of our students through the St. Mark Catholic School Gap Fund ([click here](#) for more information). We appreciate each and every one of our generous donors!

Congratulations to our NTGD raffle winners! Prizes will be sent home with the oldest student in the family today, and further details will also be sent via email ...

Two tickets to the 2017 St. Mark Auction & Dinner: B. Family

40 Parish Fall Festival Coupons: R. Family

Free Family Lunch in the St. Mark Cafeteria: C., and D. Families

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 is now open. [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.

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

Free Dress Day for All Students in the Family (9/26/16): A., B., M., and M. Families

St. Mark Cinch Bag/Water Bottle/Car Magnet/Koozie/Pen: C., E., F., N., and W. Families



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

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

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

ST. MARK COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM

September's prayer intention for our school: For our teachers, our students, and the safety of our school.

This Week's Prayer: A Prayer Before Sporting Events: *Strong and faithful God, as we come together for this contest, we ask you to bless these athletes. Keep them safe from injury and harm, instill in them respect for each other, and reward them for their perseverance. Lead us all to the rewards of your kingdom where you live and reign forever and ever. Amen.* (From the *Book of Blessings*)



Upcoming Events:

- *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

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 if you are interested.

K-8 STUDENTS CAN GET INVOLVED AT BISHOP LYNCH

BISHOP LYNCH HIGH SCHOOL Presents
FUTURE FRIARS 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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FREE CLUB T-SHIRT
FREE ADMISSION TO
BISHOP LYNCH HOME ATHLETIC EVENTS!
AND MUCH MORE!

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QUESTIONS? EMAIL AT CLUBFRIAR@BISHOPLYNCH.ORG

FALL FESTIVAL

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!

Enrichment Clubs Begin:



Deacon Federico Visits Spanish Classes:



PK3 S.T.E.M.:



3rd Grade S.T.E.M.:



Two St. Mark Tennis Wins:



Fall Festival raffle tickets were mailed to school families this 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 details. Check the Fall Festival [website](#) and [Facebook](#) pages for even more information.

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



North Texas Giving Day:



register, or to donate to Hike For Life. Proceeds benefit our local pregnancy resource centers, White Rose and Birth Choice. St. Mark is always a top fundraiser at this event. Let's do it again in 2016!

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