



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

September 22, 2017

Prayer for the 2017-18 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 treat Jesus Christ, with all our heart, mind and soul.

REMINDERS

Today, Friday, September 22:

-7th grade received the Vocations Chalice and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

Tuesday, September 26:

-6th grade field trip

-8th grade visits John Paul II High School

Wednesday, September 27:

-Teacher Luncheon hosted by 2nd and 8th grades

Thursday, September 28:

-7:30 AM: School Advisory Council Meeting

-Dress Down Day: Pay \$2.00 and wear casual clothes to school. See page 28 of the Parent Student Handbook for guidelines. Proceeds benefit HSA.

Friday, September 29:

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass planned by the 7th grade. All are welcome.



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-Grandparents' Day (details below)

-12:00 PM: Early Release Day. The After School Program will be available until 6:00 PM. Please pack a lunch for all ASP students.



10:00 AM-11:00 PM: Half days are Cane's days at St. Mark! Place your order, mention St. Mark, and a percentage of the proceeds go to the Athletics Department!

Sunday, October 1:

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

Monday, October 2:

-St. Mark Spirit Day! See page 28 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#) for guidelines.

WELCOME NEW STUDENT

A warm St. Mark welcome to our new student who joined us this week: Iahn Kim, 3rd grade, Mrs. Dansby's class.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Grandparents' Day is next Friday, September 29. Printed invitations have been mailed, and an email with further details was sent to parents earlier this week. Please be sure to review it so that both students and grandparents are ready for a wonderful morning!



REMINDER: EARLY DISMISSAL CARE AVAILABLE ON 9/29

Next Friday, September 29 is an Early Dismissal Day. If your child is not already registered for our After School Program, but you would like to take advantage of the Early Dismissal Care program on that day (so that your child can remain at school until as late as 6:00 PM), please be sure to reserve your slot by preregistering and prepaying. [Click here](#) for details and the registration links. Please plan to send a lunch with your student if he/she will be staying for Early Dismissal Care.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE FOOD DRIVE

[Work of Heart Nomination](#)

SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDERS

Parents: Safety is something we take very seriously at St. Mark. A few reminders to help ensure campus safety:

1. Please do not drop-off your child before 7:15 AM. No child should be left unattended as they wait for the cafeteria to open at 7:15 AM.
2. Doors are unlocked during a brief time for **student entrance only** during morning drop-off. A faculty member is stationed at each door.
3. Dismissal: All children should be picked up using the carpool line. We respectfully ask all parents to refrain from walking up and picking-up their child. Help us work together to keep all of our children safe.
4. We have started our monthly safety drills, and will continue them throughout the school year focusing on fire, weather, and intruder.

THANK YOU FOR WORKING WITH US TO ENSURE STUDENT SAFETY.

2017-18 LIMITED OPENINGS

There are limited openings in select grade levels for the 2017-18 school year. Take advantage of our referral opportunities:

The Diocese of Dallas Catholic Schools Office is conducting a canned food drive for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Donations can be dropped off at the school office between October 1-15. The CSO will take them to the North Texas Food Bank which is currently running very short on food supplies.

OPEN YOUTH HOUSE IS BACK FOR GRADES 6-8!

The new St. Mark NET Team is here, and is once again hosting the popular Middle School Open Youth House event for grades 6-8. Every Friday starting at 3:30 PM, the Youth House (located behind the church parking lot at 1410 Brentwood Dr., Plano, TX) will be opened and the NET team will be present. They will be leading games, having conversations, and engaging anyone who comes. Open Youth House is an ongoing (weekly) and open event. Middle schoolers can come any time from 3:30-6:00 PM. Students will need to be picked up from the Youth House no later than 6:00 PM. If your student would like to go directly from school, please email Mrs. Opon directly at patricia.opon@stmcs.net by the Thursday afternoon directly preceding the event on Friday. Let her know if your child would like to come every week, or if he/she won't make it one day. A [Youth Ministry Enrollment form](#) must be completed and returned by all participants. The NET Team looks forward to getting to know your kids over the course of the year!



JOIN STEM SCOUTS

Attention 2nd-8th grade students -- join STEM Scouts!

Grades 2-5: Open to boys and girls who are at least 8 years old by October 1, 2017.

Students will work on the following topics: Archaeology, Lights and Colors, Ozbots Games, Astronomy, Magnetism, What's the Matter?, and Can You Hear Me? Meetings will be held after school on Fridays until 5:00 PM (students go straight from school to STEM Scouts). Cost is \$200/year. To register for 2nd-5th grade: <https://stemscouts.org/signup-night/6915/>



Grades 6-8: Open to any middle school student -- boys and girls. Students will work on the following topics: Crazy Robot Machines, Mobile Apps, How Does Light Work?, Mission to the International Space Station, and War of the Drones. Meetings will be held after school on Mondays until

*School Tour Referral

Incentive: Simply send someone you know to take a school tour. Once they attend in person and indicate you as a referral, we'll send you a \$10.00 gift certificate to the Lion's Den Spirit Store...it's that easy!

*Referral Thank You

Program: Refer a new family to St. Mark and you could receive a \$500 tuition credit. [Click here](#) for details.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

All 7th and 8th grade students and parents are invited to St. Rita Catholic School for [High School Information Night](#) on Monday, October 2, 2017 from 6:00-9:00 PM. Please [click here](#) for complete details.

LIONS' DEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Lion's Den Spirit Store is looking for two more parents to volunteer during the Friday morning sales on a rotating schedule. Volunteer hours are 7:25 until 8:15 AM each Friday. During that time, volunteers are asked to help with spirit merchandise sales, organize merchandise, and tag inventory. It's a great way to get involved, raise money for the Athletics Department, and meet lots of other parents. If

5:00 PM (students go straight from school to STEM Scouts).
Cost is \$200/year. To register for 6th-8th grade:
<https://stemscouts.org/signup-night/5420>

The registration deadline is today, September 22.

Questions? Contact Maribeth.hughes@scouting.org or 214-918-4010.

STEM Scouts needs parent volunteers to act as monitors while the students work on their projects.



Auction Tickets On Sale Now At
Bidpal.net/oscars

New this year!
"School experiences" are available online NOW
through the Silent Auction.

The Silent Auction closes 10/15/2017 at 9:00 PM.

Upcoming Auction Events:

Pre-Auction Mixers: We have secured host homes for each mixer. Stay tuned for more information on dates!

2018 Auction Family Fun Fundraisers

We urge parents to coordinate times and use these fundraisers as fun and fellowship while you support our school.

October's "Give Back" Fundraiser



KENDRA SCOTT

Every piece of jewelry tells a story.

you can help, please contact
marlene.ehring@stmcs.net.

ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL



NEWS FROM ATHLETICS

4th Annual All Souls



Remembrance Run:

Bring the whole family for some great family time and run/jog/walk in honor of your loved ones while supporting our Athletics Department! New this year is our FAMILY PACK option for a family of 3-8 runners. Receive 20% off your total registration fee by using the comp code "FAMILY!" Save even more by taking advantage of our Early Bird rates and register by October 20! [Click here](#) for full details.

Middle School Tennis Tournament Registration

Now Open: The 2017 Middle School Tennis Tournament, hosted by Bishop Dunne, will be held November 10-11. 5th/6th and 7th/8th boys and girls may register. [Click here](#) for complete details.

Football and Volleyball seasons are here! Click for the schedules on the DPL website. Come out and cheer on your St. Mark LIONS!

Jump start your holiday shopping
with our "Kendra Gives Back" event.

Join the St. Mark Catholic School 2018 Auction at
The Kendra Scott Store
The Shops of Legacy Plano
Thursday, October 5, 2017
6:00 to 8:00 PM

Champagne & Sweet Treats Provided

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the
St. Mark Catholic School Auction

The Need to Know Details:

1. You must shop in-person or by phone at (214) 299-5227 for proceeds to benefit the St. Mark Catholic School Auction.
2. The event is not limited to St. Mark families. Invite your friends and family!
3. Children are welcome to attend with you while you shop.
4. Ladies can make a wish-list in the store prior to the event.
5. Shipping fees will be waived if you shop during the event times and indicate the purchase is for St. Mark Catholic School.

Questions? Please contact [Sherry Mehring](#) or [Rebecca Battles](#).



**HOME & SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION**

Announcing the St. Mark Talent Show, presented by HSA:

Concession Stand Volunteers:

Need service hours? Volunteer at the St. Mark concession stand during home games. Contact marlene.ehring@stmcs.net to sign-up.



The Lion's Den Spirit Store is open every Friday morning from 7:30-8:15 AM in the Cafeteria hallway. Can't make it in person? Shop online at www.stmcs.net/spirit-gear. Once an order has been submitted it will be bundled and ready for pick up on Friday. Note: Not all items available are offered online.

Mark your calendar:

Fall Pep Rally: Thursday, October 26, 10:40-11:45 AM

Spring Pep Rally: January 31, 2018



Monsignor Smyth
Golf Classic: Friday, May 4, 2018

**JOIN FATHER CLIFF'S
HIKE FOR LIFE TEAM!**

It's
not
too



late to join Father Cliff's
Hike For Life team! [Click here](#) for more details.



2017-18 General Meetings:

*December 6, 8:15 AM, Cafetorium: HSA 2nd General Meeting

This meeting will take place during the morning hours, following drop-off. We will have our business portion of the meeting beginning at 8:15 AM, followed by a service project opportunity. Local volunteer-guru, Michelle Chase of WeeVolunteer, will be setting up a service project that is family-friendly for the Advent season. She will be reaching out to the The Samaritan Inn to see how our families can serve these patrons best. This is a child-friendly meeting and children are encouraged to come and help with the service project.

*March 28, 6:30 PM, Cafetorium: HSA 3rd General Meeting

*May 2, 8:15 AM, Cafetorium: HSA 4th General Meeting

Volunteer Opportunities: Looking to volunteer? Check out the master [Sign-Up Genius](#) link and all the ways you can help out.

In addition, Mrs. Schell needs help with the PK3 classes as students learn basic movement and music skills. Be ready to dance, skip and play instruments! The volunteer position is open to ALL volunteers, not just PK3 parents. You must be current on your Safe Environment certification to participate. [Click here](#) to sign-up.

ATTENTION 2nd and 8th grade parents: The Teacher Luncheon hosted by the 2nd and 8th grades is coming up on September 27 and we are in the planning stages. We need your support in order to make it a successful luncheon.

SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

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

Eagle Scout:



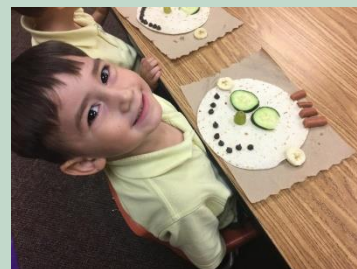
1st Grade Applefest:



ECE Soccer:



PK3 STEM-Emotions:



School of Rock Stars:

A Sign-Up Genius was sent out -- please look for ways that you can help!

Box Tops: Earn additional funds for St. Mark Catholic School by clipping Box Tops For Education from a variety of products, AND earning bonus Box Tops via the Box Tops app. Each Box Top submitted earns \$.10 for St. Mark. [Click here](#) for details.

Right now, Sam's Club is running a "buy 3 get 100" (\$10) promotion through the end of September. Purchase any 3 Box Top products and scan your receipt using the Box Tops app by 9/30/17 (limit 4).

Donation Opportunity for Hurricane Harvey Victims
Earn 100 Box Tops when you purchase any 5 Lysol products. Limit 4.

Hurricane Harvey victims will need to clean up an entire city. Please consider buying 5 Lysol products to donate, and on top of the good deed, the school will make \$10 once you scan your receipt using the Box Tops app.

ST. MARK COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM

The mission of the Community Prayer Team is to provide ways that we, as a community, can come together and pray throughout the year. For more information about our Prayer Team, [click here](#).



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*)

Prayer Requests: The school 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 box on the table. These intentions will be taken to Mass on Fridays as part of



Mrs. Schell's Band:



5th Grade Sculpture Shadows:



New Middle School Students:



Preschool Texas Day:



the offering. We will also pray over these intentions during our monthly meetings. Prayer requests can also be sent directly to kathleenfrye@yahoo.com or lizquarles97@hotmail.com. Please indicate if your prayer can be shared, or should be kept confidential.

Upcoming Events:

*Our next meeting will be on Monday, October 2 at 8:00 AM.

*Our next Community Prayer Walk will be held on Friday, October 13. 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.

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