



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

September 29, 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 29:

-6th grade received the Vocations Chalice and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

-12:00 PM, Early Dismissal



10:00 AM - 11:00 PM: Half days are Cane's days at St. Mark! Visit the Raising Cane's across the street from the school, place your order, mention St. Mark, and a portion of the proceeds benefit 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.

-8:00 AM, Room 116: Community Prayer Team Meeting



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QUICK LINKS

[Calendar](#)
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[Admissions](#)
[Lunch Menus](#)
[Safe Environment](#)

-6:00 PM, St. Rita: High School Information Night (details below)

Thursday, October 5:

-6:00-8:00 PM, Kendra Scott Store @ Shops at Legacy Plano: "Kendra Gives Back Night," benefitting the St. Mark Auction (details below)

Friday, October 6:

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass presented by the 6th grade. All are welcome.

-8th grade volunteers with Make-A-Wish

DON'T MISS THIS FALL TRADITION...ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE 1K "COFFEE WALK" & 5K RUN!

4th Annual All Souls Remembrance 1K/5K:

Make family memories at this traditional fall event! Run/walk in memory of a loved one while supporting our Athletics Department. Everyone is welcome -- students, parents, friends, family, strollers, wheelchairs. 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.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE FOOD DRIVE

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.

ENRICHMENT CLUBS

The Fall Enrichment Clubs are off to a great start! Our students are having a fun time exploring new ideas while socializing with friends. About 120 students are participating, and we are thrilled to see such a large number of our students taking advantage of our club offerings!

Regarding club dismissal ... the *No More Stick Figures* club dismisses at 4:00 PM, while all other clubs dismiss at 4:15 PM. Out of consideration for the 4:00 PM dismissal group, we ask that parents of the 4:15 PM clubs stay parked back by the

[Lion's Den Spirit Store](#)
[Work of Heart Nomination](#)

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LIONLAND



The October Virtue is Studiousness. St. Mark encourages students to live out our monthly virtues in many ways.



Service From the Heart

October Project:

Blanket Making - Students will make blankets during the school day.

Catholic Social Teaching:
Solidarity

Who Benefits?

Homeless/Veterans of Dallas

Due Date: October 26



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes from the August 24, 2017 School Advisory Council meeting are now available on the [school website](#).

2017-18 LIMITED OPENINGS

rectory garage, allowing the 4:00 PM cars to pull around and pick up their children from the ECE building. At 4:10 PM, all cars should then move forward to be ready for the 4:15 PM club dismissal.

And just FYI- we use this same format at regular dismissal as well. Cars stay in a single file line, to the far right, parked back by the rectory until about 3:10 PM. And in case you are interested, the reason for this procedure has to do with safety, as usual. Just in case an emergency happens, we need to keep the areas in front of the school buildings open for emergency response teams.

Thank you for your cooperation!

FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

Parish Donation: In order to qualify for the parishioner tuition discount, the annual minimum parish donation of \$800 must be paid by December 31, 2017. Tuition Rate Change Notices for families that did not meet the \$800 minimum will be sent out in late January 2018. If you have any questions about the status of your donations, please contact Nadya Collard in the parish office now to avoid the year end rush. Nadya can be reached at (972) 423-5600 ext. 258, or ncollard@stmarkplano.org.

Payment options:

- Check (payable to "St. Mark Catholic Church") may be placed in the weekly collection basket or dropped off at the parish office.
- Electronic payment accessible by [clicking here](#). Please note that recurring payments can also be set-up using this link.
- Please do NOT send your payment to the school office or use the school's electronic payment site.

A few reminders from the parish office:

- The parish office is not notified when an electronic payment is declined or stopped (i.e. credit card expiration date as in the case of recurring payments). It is the responsibility of the family to monitor their bank and credit card statements to ensure the payments are successful.
- If you are putting cash in the collection baskets, you must use your parishioner envelopes. It is the only way to ensure the donation will be credited back to your name.

School Financial Statements: In accordance with the Diocese of Dallas Policy on Financial Management and Administration,

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

***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!

LOWDOWN FROM THE LION'S LAIR

The "News Broadcast" Enrichment Club has produced their very first newscast using iPad and green screen technology in the SmartLab. They are calling it, "Lowdown from the Lion's Lair." You can already see the budding talent! Look for future weekly productions that will be broadcast on our [Facebook page!](#)



St. Mark Catholic School recently completed our agreed upon procedures review. An independent CPA firm conducted the review and no exceptions were noted. The school's financial reports can be found via the following links:

[Statement of Activities](#)

[Statement of Financial Position](#)

POPCORN SALE BENEFITTING YEARBOOK

The Middle School yearbook elective will be selling popcorn to all students in Preschool-8th grade next week to raise money to cover the cost of printing the yearbook. Popcorn orders will be taken during class time on Monday, October 2 through Thursday, October 5. Popcorn bags are \$2.00 each. Choose from Butter, White Cheddar, Salsa, and Caramel. Exact change is appreciated. Payment must be made during the order process. The popcorn will be delivered to students on Monday, October 9, just in time for Standardized Testing Week when students are encouraged to bring a daily snack! If your child would like to enjoy a bag of popcorn, be sure that he/she pre-orders and pays between October 2-5. Please help support the yearbook and enjoy a tasty treat!



THANK YOU 2ND AND 8TH GRADES!

A heartfelt thank you from the faculty and staff to our wonderful 2nd and 8th grade families who hosted an Italian feast for us on Wednesday! The monthly luncheons are always such a treat, and this one didn't disappoint! Pasta, salad, bruschetta, homemade desserts ... delizioso!

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 (including gaga), 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



"Lowdown from the Lion's Lair" - Wk of 10/25/17



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

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.

UPCOMING HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

BISHOP LYNCH HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS
FUTURE FRIAR NIGHT
KINDERGARTEN - 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

VOLLEYBALL
OCTOBER 12, 6:00 PM | BISHOP LYNCH VS. URSULINE ACADEMY

FOOTBALL
OCTOBER 27, 7:00 PM | BISHOP LYNCH VS. LIBERTY CHRISTIAN

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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!



[Buy Tickets and Access Early Bidding](#)

NEW THIS YEAR: ON SALE NOW:
Pumpkin Patch Class Party
First Choice Electives for your Middle Schooler
Reserved seats for the Middle School play
Reserved parking or front circle pick-up

**You can bid on items between now
and 10/15/17 at 9:00 PM.**

2018 [Auction Tickets](#) are on sale now!

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



Ursuline Academy of Dallas invites all prospective families to attend the following admissions events:



**"Meet the Administrators"
Coffee, October 12 &
November 29, 7:30-9:00
AM:** Meet school administration, learn more about UA, and have your questions answered. Registration is available through Ravenna or at www.ursulinedallas.org.

**Open House, October 29,
2:00-4:00 PM:** Tour the campus, meet teachers and students, and immerse yourself in the Ursuline experience.

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

Every piece of jewelry tells a story.

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:

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NEWS FROM ATHLETICS

**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. The registration deadline is October 20.

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

**Concession Stand
Volunteers:** Need service hours? Volunteer at the St. Mark concession stand during home games. Contact [Marlene Ehring](#) to sign-up.

LIONS DEN

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,



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.

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

Bacot Gym. Families welcome!

Spring Pep Rally: January 31, 2018. Families welcome!



Monsignor Smyth Golf Classic: Friday, May 4, 2018



Join us for upcoming Public Masses on October 1, 8, and 15 at 9:15 AM at Holy Trinity Seminary, 3131 Vince Hagan Drive, Irving. A brief reception with the seminarians follows.

FRENCH MASS AT CISTERCIAN

Mrs. Denvir extends an invitation to all students and their families to attend the French Masses at Cistercian. There is an opportunity to do the readings and to sample French snacks at the end of every Mass. Masses take place every third Sunday of the month at 10:30 AM at Our Lady of Dallas Cistercian Abbey, 3550 Cistercian Road, Irving. **Next French Mass: October 15.**

SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

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

**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: 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.*

A Request for Help: October is Rosary month. One of the ways the school celebrates this month is by saying the Rosary every Wednesday morning at 7:15 AM in the Cafeteria. This is open to anyone who would like to attend. **We are in need of parents to help the children follow along with the rosary. If you are able to help during one or more Wednesdays, please sign-up [here](#).**

Rosary Circle: Also, in celebration of Rosary month, we would like to launch our Rosary Circle. We had over 40 people participate in this last year and would love to have even more participate this year! What does it involve? Each person says just one decade of the rosary a day. It does not matter when or where the decade is said. This is a way in which the community can come together to say an entire rosary (all 20 mysteries) for the community's intentions every day. **Please sign up to pray a decade a day for our school and families. [Click here](#) for more details and the sign-up.**

Kindergarten Parts of a Flower:



5th Grade STEM:



3rd Grade Dioramas:



PK3 Shapes/Colors:



2nd Grade @ Aquarium:



1st Grade Applefest:

Upcoming Events:

*Our next meeting will be on Monday, October 2 at 8:00 AM in Room 116. Please send prayer requests to [Kathleen Frye](#) or [Liz Quarles](#). Please indicate if your prayer can be shared or should be kept confidential. You can also place prayer requests in the Prayer Box on our school Prayer Table (breezeway by the Administration offices). We will pray over these intentions during our meeting.

*Join our school in praying the Rosary during the month of October: Wednesday mornings at 7:15 AM in the Cafetorium.

*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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8th Grade High School Visits:



Grandparents' Day:



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