



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

September 8, 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 8:

-5th grade received the Vocations Chalice and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

Monday, September 11:

-St. Mark Spirit Day! (details below)

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

-September 11-15: Safe Environment Virtus Lessons

Tuesday, September 12:

-4:00-8:00 PM, Chick-fil-A: St. Mark Auction Fundraiser (details below)

Wednesday, September 13:

-Progress Reports (grades 1-8)

-3:30-4:00 PM: Student Council Meeting

Thursday, September 14:

-North Texas Giving Day (details below)

Friday, September 15:



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

Monday, September 18:
-Fall Enrichment Clubs Begin After School

SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

Congratulations to TK teacher, Mrs. Young, and her family, on the birth of their twins: Emily Ruth, 6 pounds 1 ounce, and Abigail Anne, five pounds, 3 ounces, 19.25 inches. Mother and babies are doing great. Welcome to St. Mark's newest little blessings!

ST. MARK SPIRIT DAY!

The first Monday of the month that we are in school is St. Mark Spirit Day! **This year, the first Spirit Day is this Monday, September 11.** Students may wear a St. Mark t-shirt or sweatshirt of their choosing (this includes any shirt with the St. Mark name, including Field Day shirts). These may be worn with jeans, slacks, Capri-style pants, the school skirt, the school pants, or the school uniform walking shorts (1st and 4th quarters only). Students may wear any closed toe shoe. Sweatpants, leggings, shorts (other than the school walking shorts), caps/accessories, and solid green/gold shirts without the St. Mark logo are not permitted. Please follow the dress policy as written. No exceptions. Complete dress code policies can be found on page 28 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#). For your reference, Spirit Days for the entire school year have been added to the electronic calendar located on the [homepage](#) of the school website. St. Mark spirit wear is available [online](#), at the Lion's Den Spirit Store every Friday morning from 7:30-8:15 AM in the cafeteria hallway, and at all home volleyball games.



MEANT MATH OLYMPIAD REGISTRATION

Registration for the annual MEANT Math Olympiad, sponsored by the Malayalee Engineers Association of North Texas and The University of Texas at Dallas, is now available. It's open to students in grades 1-11 and is a great way for students to challenge their math skills. Scholarships and prizes will be awarded. It will take place September 30 from 9:45 AM - 12:30 PM at the Naveen Jindal School of Management at UTD in Richardson. For more details, see below, or contact Erica.rivera@stmcs.net.

MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

Please make it a priority to read all notices (both email and regular mail) from FACTS. These messages contain important information about pending payments, changes to your account, and credit card expiration dates.

If your credit card expires and you do not update the information, the credit card company will reject your payment and FACTS will charge you a \$30 returned payment fee.

Parents can update credit card expiration dates and other financial information as well as change payment draft dates by logging in to their account. To do so, log in to RenWeb and then click on FACTS in the lower left corner. Changes must be submitted two business days prior to your payment date.

2017-18 LIMITED OPENINGS

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

MEANT MATH OLYMPIAD

WHEN
September 30th, 2017
9:45 am – 12:30 pm

WHERE
Naveen Jindal School
of Management
University of Texas at Dallas (UTD)
800 West Campbell Road, Richardson, TX 75080



NAVEEN JINDAL
SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT



STUDENTS EVENT

REGISTRATION

Registration is mandatory
\$10 payable by PAYPA or by
Check & Submit registration
form at www.meant.org
Deadline by September 20th
00 when capacity is reached

OPEN TO STUDENTS

1st - 11th GRADES
Currently enrolled in
2017-2018 school year

SUPPORTED BY

University of Texas at Dallas

PRIZE

Exciting scholarships
sponsored by MEANT & UTD
Prizes will be awarded to the
first three winners in each
category
Certificate of Participation to
all registered by Sept 20th

FOR MORE
INFORMATION
VISIT MEANT.ORG

ORDER POPCORN NEXT WEEK

Yearbook/Memory Book will be taking orders for popcorn next week to raise money to cover the cost of printing. Orders will be taken during class time from September 11-14. Popcorn bags are \$2.00 each. Choose from Butter, White Cheddar, Salsa, or Vanilla. Exact change is appreciated. Payment must be made during the order process. The popcorn will be delivered to students on Monday, September 18. If your child would like to enjoy a bag of popcorn, be sure that he/she pre-orders and pays between September 11-14. Please help support the yearbook and enjoy a tasty treat!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: LION'S DEN SPIRIT STORE

The Lion's Den Spirit Store is looking for three 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.

JOIN FATHER CLIFF'S HIKE FOR LIFE TEAM!

Please be part of the "Hike for Life" at JP II High School on September 23! Father Cliff is a team Captain! Help raise funds by sponsoring his team.



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!

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Grandparents' Day is coming up on Friday, September 29! Invitations will be mailed soon, and an email will also be sent to parents with "need to know" information. Stay tuned!

ANNOUNCING EARLY DISMISSAL CARE

Announcing the St. Mark Early Dismissal Care program. In an effort to assist families with childcare on early dismissal days, any student not enrolled in the After School Program may now attend after school care on early dismissal days. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. Details were sent home via email earlier this week, and information is always available on the school website by [clicking here](#).

9.14.17 - NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY

It's easy, and takes two minutes to register. Simply visit www.hikeforlifetexas.com. Select "Dallas" then "Plano" as the hike site. Register and/or join a team. Make a donation to one of the hikers like Father Cliff. Funds raised support Dallas area women's pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes like White Rose, Birth Choice, Bella House, Mater Filius, and In My Shoes. The "Hike for Life" is an event for the whole family to promote a culture of life and raise needed funds. [Click here](#) for more details.

JOIN GIRL SCOUTS

Make friends, learn new skills, enjoy STEM projects and have fun in Girl Scouts. Contact Elena Mappus at elenamappus@gmail.com or 404-213-4122 to register your daughter. All ages are welcome with a specific focus on kindergarten girls to join our Daisy Girl Scout troop led by Stacie Cuvi at mrs.cuvi@gmail.com or 214-874-8233.



ENDOW

ENDOW (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women) is a Catholic study program that engages the intellect of women to help them understand their God-given dignity and respond to our culture's desperate need for an authentic feminine presence to transform every aspect of life and society. More information can be found [here](#). St. Mark's new fall ENDOW study begins September 13. *St. Thomas Aquinas Part 1* is what we will be studying and we will explore what Aquinas has to teach us about the virtues and theory and the essential purpose of living the moral life as Catholic women. Meetings take place on Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Upper Room of the Smyth Pastoral Center and child care is available upon request. [Click here](#) to register. Questions? Contact [Chris Keith](#) or [Liz Quarles](#).

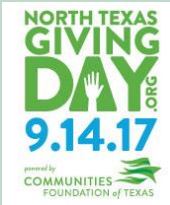


AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

American Heritage Girls will host the kick-off to their 2017-18 program year on Thursday, September 14 at 6:30 PM. Girls ages 5-18 years and their families are welcome. Contact ann@steffler.org for details. AHG offers social development and girls leadership at all levels of programming, life skill enhancement through a multi-level badge program, character development, spiritual development through intentional Catholic programming and religious recognition programs, team building and more.



Mark your calendar! Get up and give to St. Mark Catholic School on North Texas



Giving Day and watch your donation multiply. **New this year -- schedule your donation in advance between now and September 13.** [Click here](#) for complete details.



St. Mark is pleased to announce that we are collecting used markers that are ready to be discarded. The markers will be sent to a facility where they will be converted into clean fuel. Please help support our efforts by sending in any used markers you may have around the house - even non-Crayola brands. **Convenient drop-off boxes are located around the school campus for your child to deposit the markers: Front lobby of the main school building, Art Room, Early Childhood Education building, and the After School Program facility.**



Calling All "Dads of Great Students": [Click here](#) to learn more about our Watch



2018 Auction Family Fun Fundraisers

Your 2018 Auction committee is hard at work!
Announcing the first of many "Give Back" fundraisers.
We urge parents to coordinate times and use these fundraisers as fun and fellowship while you support our school.

See the September and October Fundraisers below:

September's "Give Back" Fundraiser



Join the St. Mark Catholic School 2018 Auction at
Chick-fil-A on Plano Parkway & I-75
September 12, 2017
4:00-8:00 PM

Chick-fil-A will donate 15% of proceeds to the 2018 Auction.

****When you dine-in, carry-out, or drive-through,
you MUST mention St. Mark Spirit Night.****

October's "Give Back" Fundraiser



Every piece of jewelry tells a story.

Join St. Mark Catholic School and jump start your holiday shopping with our "Kendra Gives Back" event. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the 2018 St. Mark Auction and Gala.

Thursday, October 5, 2017
6:00 to 8:00 PM
Kendra Scott Store at The Shops of Legacy Plano

D.O.G.S. volunteer program for Dads only, and to reserve your spot during the month of October. Sign-ups are due September 15. Half days and full days are available. Please remember, you must be [Safe Environment](#) trained to volunteer.



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: Late October (date TBA)



4th Annual All Souls Run:

Saturday,
October 28,
2017.

For details and run registration, please [click here](#).

Spring Pep Rally: January 31, 2018

Champagne & Sweet Treats Provided

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](#).

Stay tuned! The 2018 Auction website and ticket sales will launch shortly.



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

2017-18 General Meetings:

***September 20, 6:30 PM, Cafetorium:** The very first HSA meeting for this school year is coming up! This meeting will begin with an overview of this year's plans, which include some exciting, NEW, fun events, and will feature a special guest speaker immediately following the business portion of the meeting. The speaker is a local police officer who will be speaking about internet safety for our children. Attendance at the meeting will renew your Safe Environment training for this school year.

We have also partnered with BJ's restaurant and they will be providing dinner to attendees. For this reason we kindly ask that you click to RSVP to the [Facebook event page](#) so that we order enough food. You can also send your RSVP to Jolea Broome at 469-774-7799.

We are working hard to procure childcare to alleviate the most common obstacle to parent attendance. More details regarding childcare are forthcoming.



**Monsignor
Smyth Golf Classic:** Friday,
May 4, 2018

**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@stmcs.net
to sign-up.



Join us for upcoming Public
Masses on September 10 &
17 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,

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

***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 [Sign-Up Genius](#) link and all the ways you can help out.

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 on Lysol when you purchase any 5 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.

Praying for our Teachers: We would like to invite the community to pray for our teachers who so selflessly serve our school:

Lord God, your spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us in your ways. Look upon these teachers. Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience and endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds. Grant that we may follow Jesus Christ, the way, the truth and the life, forever and ever. Amen. Source: [Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers](#)

Meetings: The first meeting is Monday, September 11 at 8:00 AM in Room 116. If you have a prayer request concerning our school, or another intention you would like us to pray over during this meeting, please send an email to

3550 Cistercian Road, Irving.
Next French Mass:
September 17.

SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

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

Jethsuby Scholarship Recipient:



DPL Volleyball Pre-Season Tournament Champs:



4th Grade Mosaics:

kathleenfrye@yahoo.com or lizquarles97@hotmail.com. Please indicate if you would like your prayer to be shared, or submitted in the Prayer Box to remain confidential.

If you are unable to make the meeting, but would like to be part of this team, contact KathleenFrye@yahoo.com or 214-551-8887. There will be many ways to participate this year, no matter what your schedule is.

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**Choctaw Nation
Recognizes Academics:**



NTGD Help:



8th Grade @ The Pines:



**2nd Grade Reflection in
Art:**



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