



# ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

October 18, 2019

## Prayer for the 2019-20 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.



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*Save the Date  
for the  
33rd Annual Auction and Gala*

**BOOTS**

*and*

*Ballgowns*

February 29, 2020

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## REMINDERS

### Today, Friday, October 18:

-7th grade received the Vocations Chalice at today's All School Mass and will pray for vocations during the upcoming weeks.

-First Quarter Ends

-After today, no more walking shorts until the 4th quarter.

### Monday, October 21:

-Second Quarter Begins

-6:00-7:30 PM, St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic School/Dallas: Catholic High School Preview Night

### Tuesday, October 22:

-50th Day of School & Sock Hop (Early Childhood)

-NAEP Testing (13-year-old students only)

### Wednesday, October 23:

-7:15 AM, Cafetorium: Rosary

-Class Pictures & Individual Picture Retakes; all students need to wear their complete school uniform including the school sweater (details below)

-Report cards (grades 1-8)

### Thursday, October 24:

-7:30 AM: School Advisory Council Meeting

-Blanket Making for Veterans (October service project)

-11:15 AM, Church: Living Rosary presented by 5th grade

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

-10:00 AM - 11:00 PM: 1/2 Days are Cane's Days at St. Mark! Visit the Raising Cane's location across the street from the school, mention St. Mark as you place an order, and a percentage will be donated to the Athletics program.



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**NO WALKING SHORTS  
AFTER 10/18**

A reminder that students may no longer wear the uniform walking shorts to school after today. The walking shorts option will resume in the 4th quarter.

**CLASS PICTURES &  
PICTURE RETAKES**

On Wednesday, October 23, Lifetouch will be on campus to take class pictures and individual student picture retakes. **All students need to wear their complete school uniform, including the school sweater.**

Class Pictures: Class pictures are pre-order only. Order forms were sent home with students earlier this week. If you would like to pre-order your child's class picture, please

-Parent Teacher Conferences

**Friday, October 25:**

-NO SCHOOL: Parent Teacher Conferences

-6:30 PM, Parking Lot: Parish "Trunk or Treat" (details below)

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents: As the saying goes, "It is not happy people who are thankful, it is thankful people who are happy."

As we continue to focus on Growth Mindset, please talk to your child about the value of *gratitude* and how it relates to one's overall well being. To help, I've included another great resource that will jump-start the conversation at home called the [Gratitude Game](#).

As a school, we thank God for our blessings every day. As a faculty and staff, we are grateful for the opportunity to work with our students and families every day. As a family, we hope you take the time to share the things you are grateful for with each other every day. It really does make a positive difference.

Enjoy!



## HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES



Get ready to celebrate Halloween at school on Thursday, October 31!

Students in Preschool, TK and Kindergarten are encouraged to wear a Halloween costume to school. Students will participate in the annual

"Halloween Costume Parade" through the main school building. They should be able to wear their costume comfortably all day, and still be able to manage their own bathroom needs.

follow the instructions on the order form. You may pay in one of two ways:

1. Online through the Lifetouch website - If paying online, enter the payment code on the order form and return it to the school by the morning of October 23.
2. Check - If paying by check, make it out to Lifetouch, and return it, along with the order form, to the school by the morning of October 23.

Individual Student Picture Retakes: Retakes are for students who were absent on Student Picture Day (9/11), new students, or those who are unhappy with the proofs sent home October 2.

If your student will participate in retakes, please make sure he/she is aware, and also email the homeroom/home base teacher by October 22 to ensure the student is sent to the photographer at the appropriate time.

## YEARBOOK ORDERS

The 2019-20 St. Mark yearbooks are on sale now! The yearbook is a wonderful keepsake that chronicles the entire school year and includes all students from Preschool through 8th grade. The cost is \$30 each. [Please click here to purchase your yearbook by December 20 before the price goes up.](#)

NOTE: 8th graders are provided with a complimentary yearbook, so it is not necessary to purchase one for your 8th grade student.

**Yearbook ads are available to non-school teams & activities:**

If you would like your non-school team or organization (i.e. Girl Scouts/Boy

Students in grades 1-8 may pay \$2.00 and wear a Super Hero costume or t-shirt to school (proceeds benefit Student Council). No sweatpants or shorts. Outfits should be conservative and in good taste. They do not have to be complete, formal costumes. They can consist of a simple cape or a super hero t-shirt. Jeans are allowed. Any closed shoe is allowed. Refer to page 27 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#) for complete "dress down day" guidelines.

All students: No masks, face paint, weapons, gruesomeness, or inappropriate slogans or graphics.

It's going to be a *spooky* good time!

## "CHURCH OF THE HOME" PARENT RETREAT

## HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT ST. MARK!

Scouts/PSA sports teams, etc.) recognized in the yearbook, you may purchase an ad between now and November 22 by [clicking here](#). Pictures and ad copy are due December 13.

### Ads options:

- \$75 for 1/4 page (3.25" x 4.5")
- \$100 for 1/2 page (6.75" x 4.5")
- \$150 for full page (6.75" x 9.25")

## FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

We are currently offering **ImPACT concussion baseline testing** for our students ages 11 & up. We *strongly encourage* every student athlete to take this important health screening. If interested, please [click here](#) to sign up. **NOTE: If your student has already taken the test within the last two years, their test is still good and they do NOT have to retake it.** Feel free to contact Nurse [Caroline Townsend](#) for more information.

## LOWDOWN FROM THE LION'S LAIR

[Click here](#) to check out the latest edition from the Video Broadcast Club.

## COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM

Do you know someone interested in a St. Mark education for their PK-8th grade child? We have limited 2019-20 openings in select grade levels.



Encourage prospective families to schedule a private tour at [www.stmcs.net/open-house-tours](http://www.stmcs.net/open-house-tours). If they attend, you'll receive a \$10 gift certificate for the Lion's Den Spirit Store, and if they enroll, you could receive a [\\$500 tuition credit!](#)

## NEWS FROM ATHLETICS



**Basketball Registration is Open:** Attention 5th-8th grade girls/boys interested in playing on a St. Mark basketball team -- registration is currently open. Divisions include JV (5th/6th grades) and Varsity (7th/8th grades). Please [click here](#) for more information and to register. Deadline = November 1.



Join us for the 6th Annual All Souls Remembrance Run on Saturday, November 2 on the St. Mark campus. This event benefits the Athletics Program. There will be a 1K "fun run" starting at 8:00 AM, followed by a chip-timed 5K at 8:30 AM. Children, strollers and

wheelchairs are welcome in both categories. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers. Personalize your race t-shirt as you run in memory of a loved one for All Souls Day, a day designated for lifting up prayers for the departed in our Catholic tradition.

[Click here](#) to be taken to the registration page and to learn more about volunteer opportunities. Service hours are available for middle school students. Questions? Contact [Marlene Ehring](#)



Welcome to the St. Mark Community Prayer Team! It is our goal to bring the St. Mark community closer to Christ and each other.

There will be many opportunities for you to get involved this school year. Even if you are unable to participate in person, please pray for St. Mark from wherever you are.

**\*October Rosaries:** Join us with your children on Wednesdays in October from 7:15 to 7:40 AM in the Cafetorium. Students awaiting class will pray the rosary each Wednesday from October 2-30. You may bring your own rosary or they will be provided in the Cafetorium.

**\*Prayer Walks:** We will conduct Prayer Walks on the first Friday of each month and hope you can join us. The next one will take place November 1.

**\*Prayer Requests:** Everyone is welcome to place prayer requests in the box on the prayer table located in the hallway between the Admin. offices and the Cafetorium. The intentions will be taken to Mass on Fridays as part of the offering.

**\*Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention:** In addition to your prayers for our St. Mark community, we hope you will also remember Pope Francis' monthly intentions:

October: A Missionary "Spring" in the Church - That the breath of the Holy Spirit engenders a new missionary "spring" in the Church.

## AROUND THE PARISH



Saturday, November 2, 2019

## 6th Annual All Souls Remembrance Run

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The St. Mark parish "Trunk or Treat" will take place on Friday, October 25 starting at 6:30 PM in the parking lot behind the school. Consider [signing up](#) to donate candy or decorate a trunk! It is a fun, family activity and a great way to earn service hours!



HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY

HTS invites you to public mass. Each mass is followed by a reception hosted by the local Serran clubs where you can get to know the HTS seminarians.

### Upcoming Mass Dates:

11/10 & 11/17

Time: 9:15 AM

Location: 3131 Vince Hagan Drive, Irving, TX



**Family Bible Challenge:** It's not too late to join! Each Sunday, families will receive an email identifying a new

Bible passage that they are asked to read together as a family, reflect upon, and discuss. The "challenge" is for families to engage with Sacred Scripture. There is no contest. There are no rules. There is, however, the great benefit of falling in love with Jesus through the power of the Good News found in the Bible. The next session will be on the Infancy Narratives and will begin around Thanksgiving. This would be a wonderful activity for families to do together during Advent. Click the following links for complete information and registration.

[Family Bible Challenge Flyer](#)

[Register Here for the Family Bible Challenge](#)

Shop the Lion's Den Spirit Store for all of your spirit wear needs! It is open every Friday morning that school is in session from 7:30- 8:15 AM in the Cafetorium. Can't make it in person? Shop online at [www.stmcs.net/spirit-gear](http://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.



## HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Does your chili have what it takes? Mark your calendar and join us on Saturday, November 2 for the 1st Annual HSA Chili Cook-Off, held in conjunction with the All Souls Run! For details, registration and sponsorship information, visit [www.hsachilicookoff.com](http://www.hsachilicookoff.com). For questions, email James Coulter and Rich Frei at [hsachilicookoff@gmail.com](mailto:hsachilicookoff@gmail.com).





WANT TO VOLUNTEER? REMEMBER  
THAT YOUR SAFE ENVIRONMENT  
TRAINING MUST BE CURRENT.

**2019-20 HSA Volunteer Opportunities:** The Home & School Association cannot be successful without amazing volunteers to help in our school. There are many ways you can share your time and talents in the new school year. Below are the links to the 2019-20 HSA Committee and Room Parent Sign-Up Geniuses. All positions are available on a first come, first serve basis. Please consider lending your time and talents to these positions:

[Committee Sign-Up](#)  
[Room Parent Sign-Up](#)

**Preschool-2nd Grade Classroom Helpers Needed:** Please sign-up to help our teachers in the classroom with reading, paper pulling, and craft prep. All of the teachers have Sign-Up Geniuses with specific classroom needs. [Click here](#) to access the Sign-Up Geniuses for each teacher on the school website. Questions? Contact [Liz Delaney](#) or [Brandy Pazora](#).

**ECE Front Desk Volunteers Needed:** Early Childhood needs volunteers to man the front desk each day, answering the door, the phone, and doing occasional craft prep. Volunteers may bring a book/work, and the desktop computer is available if needed. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30AM-2:00 PM, and Friday, 9:30AM-2:00 PM. Any amount of time is appreciated. Please [click here](#) for the Sign-Up Genius, and be sure to include the hours you can volunteer in the "comments." Questions? Contact [Liz Delaney](#)

**Library volunteers** are needed for Kindergarten-8th Grade! Please visit the Library [Sign-Up Genius](#) to see the schedule of available times. There are plenty of opportunities!



### Helping Hands Committee

If you know any St. Mark families that are in need of help due to a birth, sickness, death, or any life changing event, please contact the

## SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

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

### Teacher Commissioning:



### Standardized Testing Week:



### Watch D.O.G.S.

Helping Hands Committee at [www.stmcs.net/helping-hands](http://www.stmcs.net/helping-hands).



Keep saving those Box Tops and submitting online! We are almost at submission time. Download the Box Tops app and scan your receipt with eligible products within 14 days of purchase. For physical Box Tops, please carefully cut out unexpired Box Tops from participating brands; place in a Ziploc (which conveniently has Box Tops!) or envelope; clearly write your child's grade/teacher on it; and turn them in to your child's teacher by **October 23**. Each Box Top submitted earns \$.10 for St. Mark. [Click here for details](#). For more information, contact [Melissa King](#) or [Sharon Mattis](#).



**Shop at Kroger and Earn Money for St.**

**Mark:** Enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards program and a percentage of your purchases will go to the St. Mark Home & School Association. [Click here](#) for complete instructions. Kroger cards must be re-linked to St. Mark every 12 months.

## PAW PRIDE!



The St. Mark Quiz Bowl "Team A" made it to semi-finals in the Lion's Lair Tournament held at St. Mark's School of Texas last Saturday, winning 3rd place AND a ticket to the National competition in Chicago in May! They did an amazing job competing against 24 teams. Congratulations to Captain

Anthony N., Sebastian R., Jozsi A., Donte T., Max Z., (and Michael G., who led "Team B" with the new 6th grade players, but will deservedly be joining "Team A" in Chicago).



University of Dallas Ministry Conference:



PK4 Fire Truck Day:



Virtue of the Month:



At the Diocesan Grade School Speech Tournament, also held last Saturday, Nicholas K./Isaiah P. received the Red Ribbon Award for Duet Acting, both Diya C./Alina S. and Casie P./Sophia L. received the Blue Ribbon Award for Duet Acting, and Vincent O. received the Trophy Award for a perfect score in Dramatic Interpretation.



Pro-Life Tree Banner:



Preschool Police Visit:



## FUN FACTS ABOUT THE STAFF



**Did you know?** Coach Hicks was born and raised in Plano. He graduated from Plano Senior High School, and attended The University of Tulsa and Midwestern State University, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology, Sports and Fitness Management. Growing up, he played various sports such as soccer, football, basketball, and baseball. His club soccer team was highly recruited and he received several scholarship offers from colleges across the nation. He enjoys spending time with family and friends, playing and watching sports, hunting and fishing, coaching, and building and remodeling projects.

## HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES



You're invited to the Ursuline Academy of Dallas Open House on Sunday, November 3 from 2:00-4:00 PM. Meet the faculty, learn about the admissions process, and engage with current students. In addition, you are welcome to schedule an individual school tour or attend a coffee with administration on November 18. Please [click here](#) for details and to pre-register for the Open House and other admissions events.



Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas invites you to Open House on Sunday, November 10 at 1:00 PM in the Terry Center. Sit in on typical classes, take a tour, visit with faculty, staff and current students, and more. No RSVP is necessary. Jesuit also offers weekday school tours and monthly parent coffees. Please [click here](#) for complete information.

**JPII Monthly Information Night!** Information Nights are designed to introduce you to the John Paul II High School community. The evening begins with a short presentation followed by an extensive tour of the campus led by administration, teachers, and students. To register, please [click here](#).



Club Friar is a free membership program at Bishop Lynch High School for students in grades K-8. By signing up for the club, members receive a VIP pass for admission to all home athletic and arts events on campus, a t-shirt, and other goodies and perks! [Click here](#) for information.



Join Bishop Lynch High School for their upcoming Future Friar Night at the Varsity Football game on Friday, October 25. In addition, they will be holding pregame activities, a special Band Clinic, and a Cheer/Dance Clinic. Please click the following links for complete details about the clinics:

[Band Clinic](#)  
[Cheer Clinic](#)

## QUICK LINKS

[Calendar](#)  
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