



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN September 20, 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.

REMINDERS

Today, Friday, September 20:

-6th grade received the Vocations Chalice at today's All School Mass and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

Wednesday, September 25:

-8:15 AM, Cafetorium: Kindness Assembly for grades 2-4 presented by Bishop Lynch High School

Thursday, September 26:

-7:30 AM: School Advisory Council meeting

-Dress Down Day: Students may pay \$2.00 and wear their favorite football team jersey or t-shirt. Proceeds benefit HSA. See page 27 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#) for guidelines.

Friday, September 27:

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

-Grandparents' Day (details below)



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GRANDPARENT
S DAY

-12:00 PM Early Dismissal. The After School Program is available until 6:00 PM. ASP will serve a special "Fair Day" corn dog lunch. If your child does not want corn dogs, please plan to send a lunch for ASP.

10:00 AM-11:00 PM: 1/2 days are Cane's days at St. Mark! Visit the location across the street from the school. Mention St. Mark and a percentage of your purchase will benefit the Athletics Dept.

Sunday, September 29:

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

PARISH MEET & GREET

All school families, and especially our new families, are invited to join us for the 4th Annual Parish Meet & Greet on Monday, October 7 from 5:30-7:00 PM in McGivney Hall in the St. Mark Parish Center. Enjoy refreshments while you hear from our St. Mark ministries about ways to become involved in the parish community and have your questions answered. Children are welcome. Please RSVP to [Pam Steinkirchner](#).

NAME THAT TURTLE!



It seems the names we chose for the four turtles that live in our school courtyard, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, are not quite accurate. You see, we recently had the thrill of spotting a *baby turtle* in the courtyard, which means we now have the opportunity to add a female name to the group!

We need our students to "name that turtle!"

Students may submit their suggestion to their teacher by Thursday morning, September 26. The winning name will be announced in the bulletin on Friday, September 27.



Grandparents' Day will take place next week -- Friday, September 27. Invitations have been sent to all grandparents in our system, and complete information was sent to all families last week. [Click here](#) for details.

SUPPER OF EXCELLENCE



The Briggles family bid on and won a "Supper of Excellence" at last year's Auction, so a delicious, homemade family BBQ meal is headed their way today! Special thanks to chefs Emily Jackson, Erin McCormick, Patty Helm, Marlene Ehring, Stacy Oliver, and Debbie Reed.

NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY



A huge thank you to everyone who donated to St. Mark Catholic School on North Texas Giving Day yesterday! While we don't yet know the final total raised including bonus funds, the initial figure is \$24,484. This money will assist current families who encounter

unexpected needs during the school year, as well as incoming families who need assistance to afford a Catholic education. Your generosity will go a long way towards making a St. Mark education available to all -- thank you for your incredible generosity!

GIRL SCOUTS



A new St. Mark parish Girl Scout troop is forming. Catholic girls of all grades (K-12) are invited to join. Our first meeting for girls and parents will be Sunday, September 22 at 4:00 PM in Room SPC-103 (1st floor, Smyth Pastoral Center, SW corner of 15th Street and Alma Drive). Adult volunteers are also needed. Email Elena Mappus to let her know your daughter is interested and for answers to any questions.

HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT ST. MARK!

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. If they



COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM

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

***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 October 4.

***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

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



Thank you to everyone who participated in the 23rd Annual Monsignor Smyth Golf Classic last Friday. A great time was had by all as we raised funds for the St. Mark Athletics Department. Special thanks to all of our sponsors and supporters. For a complete list, [please click here.](#)

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. 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



**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-

Francis' monthly intentions:

September: The Protection of the Oceans - That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

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:

- *September 29
- *October 6 & 13

Time:

9:15 AM

Location:

3131 Vince Hagan Drive,
Irving, TX

SEEN & HEARD AROUND

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](#)



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 Helping Hands Committee: <https://stmcs.net/helping-hands>.

[hands](#).



Hooray for Box Tops! We need to keep saving Box Tops for our September collection. 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 (expiration date must be visible); 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 **September 27**. Each Box Top submitted earns

ST. MARK

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

PK3 Coding Introduction:



Tricycles in PE:



4th Grade Virtual Reality:

\$.10 for St. Mark. [Click here for details](#) . For more information, please 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 relinked to St. Mark every 12 months.

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE STAFF



Did you know? PK-5th grade Spanish teacher, Mrs. Benavides, was born and raised in Mexico and attended an all-girls Catholic school which made her want to be a nun. She went to college in Mexico and met her husband, moved to Chicago, Michigan, and then to Texas. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering, two awesome children, and she has taught

Spanish for 18 years. Mrs. Benavides enjoys teaching at various churches, being with family, traveling to Mexico, and exploring archaeological sites.

AROUND THE PARISH

Help moms and save babies by joining the annual Hike for Life!

Mrs. Opon has her own sponsor page again this year in support of Father Roshan's St. Mark team -- let's help her reach her \$625 fundraising goal! You can register as a hiker, sponsor her team, or both, by [clicking here](#) .



Kindergarten & TK
Military Letters:



Enrichment Clubs:



JPII Kindness Assembly:



September All School
Service Project:

HELPING MOMS, SAVING BABIES

SAVE THE DATE



The 46th Annual
Hike for Life

**Saturday,
Sept. 21, 2019**

John Paul II High School

Sign up at:

HikeForLifeTexas.com

Hike for Life Texas is a 501c3 nonprofit organization.

Sponsor a hiker or register as a hiker!



Preschool Texas Week:



NTGD:



4th Grade Field Trip:



2nd Grade Field Trip:

HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

**CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL
PREVIEW NIGHT**

October 7, 2019 6 - 7:30 P.M. St. Rita Catholic Community School 12501 Inwood Rd., Dallas, TX 75244 Parish Commons and Dining Hall	October 21, 2019 6 - 7:30 P.M. St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic School 4019 S Hampton Rd., Dallas, TX 75224 Gymnasium
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OPEN TO PUBLIC

Catholic High Schools Included:

King Darius Catholic School	The Highlands School
St. Elizabeth High School	Jeppia College Preparatory School of Dallas
Cheriton Preparatory School	John Paul II High School
Our Lady of Guadalupe College Preparatory School	St. Anne Academy of Dallas



The John Paul II High School National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta students are offering six weeks of **ISEE Study**

Sessions in preparation for the high school entrance exam. Sessions will take place every Tuesday from 3:45-4:45 PM from October 22-December 3 at John Paul II High School. The cost is \$30. Snacks will be provided. Participating 8th graders will meet

Ms. Steinkirchner at the breezeway doors by the Cafetorium at dismissal and the JP II bus will transport students from St. Mark to JP II. Parents must pick-up students at the JP II main entrance at 4:45 PM. Please [click here](#) for details and registration.



Kindergarten Reading Partners:



JP II 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](#).



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