



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

October 14, 2016

Prayer for the 2016-17 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 Jesus Christ with all our hearts, mind and soul.

REMINDERS

TODAY, Friday, October 14:

-6th grade was presented with the Vocations Chalice at the All School Mass. They will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

Monday, October 17-Thursday, October 20:

-Popcorn sale benefitting Middle School Yearbook (details below)

Tuesday, October 18:

-5:30-6:30 PM, McGivney Hall, St. Mark Parish Center: Parish Meet & Greet for New Families

Wednesday, October 19:

-7:20 AM, Cafetorium: Pray the Rosary with the School Community. Morning care students should bring a rosary.

Thursday, October 20:

-7:30 AM: School Advisory Council Meeting

-9:00 AM, 2:30 PM & 6:30 PM, Cafetorium: 4th Grade Fall Play: "America, My Home" (details below)



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[Calendar](#)
[Limited Openings for
2016-17](#)

Friday, October 21:

-1st quarter ends; put away uniform walking shorts until 3/27/17

-Deadline to submit 1st quarter Box Tops to school office. If you would like to help count Box Tops, please contact [Jennifer Pike](#) or [Holly Lewis](#).

-6th grade S.T.E.M. Day

-7:30 AM, Outside Bethany Narthex: Community Prayer Walk

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

-2:15 PM, Bacot Gym: Fall Pep Rally. Fall athletes may wear St. Mark team jerseys over their school uniforms, and cheerleaders wear cheer uniforms all day. All are welcome.

-Sunday, October 23:

-12:00 PM, JPII High School: Junior Varsity Homecoming Game

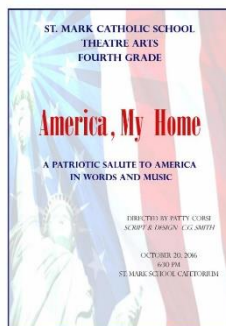
-2:00 PM, JPII High School: Varsity Homecoming Game

4TH GRADE FALL PLAY: "AMERICA, MY HOME"

During this election season, let us remember what America is all about!

Join the 4th grade class for their upcoming fall play, "America, My Home," a patriotic salute to America in words and music.

Performances will take place at 9:00 AM, 2:30 PM, and 6:30 PM in the Cafetorium. All are invited!



POPCORN SALE BENEFITTING YEARBOOK

The Middle School Yearbook elective will be selling popcorn to all students (PK3-8th grade) next week. Popcorn orders will be taken during class time between Monday, October 17 and Thursday, October 20. Popcorn bags are \$2.00 each. Choose from Butter, White Cheddar, Salsa, or Vanilla (Vanilla=Halloween colors!). Order extra bags for gifts or snacks. Exact change is appreciated. Payment must be made during the order process. The popcorn will be delivered to students during school on October 24. If your child would like to enjoy a bag of popcorn, be sure that he/she pre-orders and pays



[Lifetime Lions Alumni Network](#)
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NEW ST. MARK LIBRARY TWITTER FEED

Do you want to be the first to know when we get the newest and most popular books? Do you want to know when your child has a diorama displayed in the library? Then follow the St. Mark Catholic School Library on Twitter [@mark_library](#).

UNIFORM DONATIONS

At this time, we are not accepting used uniform donations at the school. Please hold them until further notice (prior to the next Used Uniform Sale).

ST. MARK SELECTED AS TEST CENTER FOR DUKE TIP

We are pleased to announce that St. Mark has been



selected as a test center for the PSAT (Preliminary SAT) exam, which will be administered to 4th-6th graders who qualified to take this above-level test through the Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP). Any St. Mark

between 10/17-20. Please help support the middle school yearbook elective and enjoy a tasty treat!

GIRLS' AFTERNOON WITH THE DOMINICAN SISTERS

The Dominican sisters who are teaching at The University of Dallas are hosting an afternoon for young girls (age 14 and younger) to meet and pray with them on Sunday, October 16 at 2:00 PM. [Click here](#) for more information.

SUPER HERO DAY, BENEFITTING STUDENT COUNCIL

We know our students are Super Heroes!

Why not dress the part? On Thursday, October 27, students in grades 1-8 may pay \$2.00 to Student Council and participate in "Super Hero Day!" (Note: This is the same day as the class Halloween parties; Preschool-Kindergarten students will be wearing Halloween costumes). 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. No sweatpants, shorts, masks, or face paint. Any closed shoe is allowed.



This is the first in a series of themed dress days for students this school year. Stay tuned for other fun opportunities in the coming months!

30TH ANNUAL GALA & AUCTION

Sponsorships: St. Mark Parents - Do you own a business that would benefit from promotion within the St. Mark community? If so, become a St. Mark Catholic School 2017 Gala & Auction Sponsor. Sponsorship packages range from \$500 - \$2,500 and can include ads on the auction website, in the auction program, and in the St. Mark school directory. In addition to cash donations, the auction committee would also like your in-kind donations...gift certificates, experiences, etc. For sponsorship opportunities, please contact [Ann Rossigno](#), and for in-kind donations, please contact [Chandi Owen](#).



Tickets: The 2017 Gala & Auction is scheduled for February 18, 2017 at Marriott Legacy Center. Purchase your discounted 30th Anniversary Gala & Auction Tickets for \$65 now by [clicking here](#). This discount will only be available until October 29. If you have questions, please reach out to [Eric Librea](#).

student who qualified and registers for the exam, may choose St. Mark as a testing site. More information is available at [Duke TIP](#). We look forward to hosting gifted/talented students, from both St. Mark and many other schools, on our campus in the coming months!

S.T.E.M. VS. S.T.E.A.M.

What's the difference? At St. Mark, S.T.E.M. lessons have been a mainstay for more than a year. These lessons incorporating Science, Technology, Engineering and Math encourage students to work together to solve real-world challenges. This year, we are taking this model a step further by adding a Fine Arts component, which turns them into S.T.E.A.M. projects (the "A" stands for "art"). Keep an eye out on our social media sites to learn about the exciting ways our teachers are adding art, music, movement, and design to these lessons. You will continue to see students utilizing both models in their classes.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

We are in great need of substitute teachers. Subs must have a college degree and be [Safe Environment](#)

Mixers: Pre-Auction Mixers have been finalized, and electronic invitations will be arriving in your e-mail soon. Please see dates and times below and begin marking your calendar. If you have questions, please contact [Rebecca Battles](#).

- PK3-TK - December 10, 4-7 PM
- K-2 Grade - December 3, 7-10 PM
- 3-5 Grade - November 11, 7-10 PM
- 6-8 Grade - December 9, 7-11 PM



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

You must be Safe Environment cleared to volunteer in any capacity at school. For more guidance on Safe Environment Training, please [click here](#). Contact [Toni Jobs](#) if you have any questions.

Room Parents: Please understand that you may not participate in the Halloween parties if you are not Safe Environment cleared by October 15. It is a diocesan policy that the school and parish must enforce for the safety of the children.

ATTENTION PAPER PULLERS/READERS/LIBRARY

VOLUNTEERS: If you need to cancel for any reason, please be sure to send the teacher an email so she can be prepared to fill in the time with another activity or make other arrangements.

ST. MARK COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM

October's prayer intention for our school: For our students' parents and/or caregivers.

A Request for Help: We are in need of parents to help the children follow along with the Wednesday morning rosary during the month of October. If you are able to help on one or more Wednesdays, please sign up [here](#).

This Week's Call to Action: Tune in to 910AM at 3:00 PM and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by the Patriotic Rosary. This is a great way to spend time in carpool!

Prayer Requests: Please send any prayer requests you have to



[trained](#), and preferably have some teaching experience. If you are interested, or you have a friend or neighbor who meets the qualifications, please contact Rene O'Connor.



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

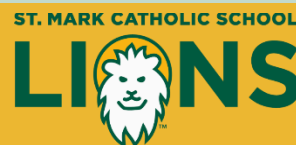


HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY

All Are Welcome! Join [Holy Trinity Seminary](#) for special upcoming Masses at Our Lady of Dallas Cistercian Abbey, 3131 Vince Hagan Drive, Irving, TX 75062:

Public Mass: October 16 at 9:15 AM

French Mass: October 16 at 10:30 AM, followed by French snacks



NEWS FROM ATHLETICS

Kathleen Frye. Please indicate if your prayer can be shared, or should be kept confidential. You can also place any prayer requests in the Prayer Box on our school Prayer Table (located in the hallway between the Administration offices and the cafeteria). This Prayer Box is taken to mass on Fridays and requests are included in the mass intentions when the reader says, "And for all the prayers in our hearts and those included in our Prayer Box."

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be held on Monday, November 7 at 8:00 AM, Room 142 near the Music Room. It will last approximately 30 minutes with prayer at the beginning and business at the end. Please come join us in praying for our school. It is very low key, and there is no pressure to pray out loud unless you want to. All are welcome.

SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

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

Career/Vocations Week:



2nd Grade S.T.E.A.M. Unit:



PK3 S.T.E.M.:



JPII Peanut Butter Pep Rally:

Upcoming Games &

Meets:

Football, Volleyball and Cross Country seasons are in full swing! [Click here](#) for upcoming events.



GO LIONS!

DPL Sports Team

Registrations:

*The DPL Tennis Tournament will take place on November 12 at Collin College in Plano. Registration is now open. [Click here](#) for more details.

*The DPL Swim Meet date is set for Wednesday, October 26 at Loos Center in Addison. Registration is now OPEN. [Click here](#) to register for Swimming.



All Souls

Remembrance 1K/5K

Run: Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 29! [Click here](#) for registration and information.

Sponsorships Available:

We are currently seeking sponsorships, and are offering incentives to anyone who solicits \$250 or more:

*Any athlete who raises over \$500 in sponsorships



Boy Scout Cardboard Campout:



Middle School Recess:



Press Coverage:



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*Any athlete who raises over \$250 in sponsorships receives a certificate to the Lion's Den Spirit Store to purchase the gear of their choice!



Monsignor Smyth Golf Classic: This annual event is tentatively scheduled for May 19, 2017. We are looking for volunteers to head various committees. Please email Marlene Ehring if you are interested.

FALL FESTIVAL



Raffle Tickets
Be sure to sell your raffle tickets!

Volunteer!
Your help is needed to make this fun-filled, community-building fundraiser a success. [Click here](#) to sign-up for a volunteer slot.

For More Information
Contact Fall Festival Chair [Darrel Sharpe](#) at 443-955-4863 or Co-Chair [Sarah Sharpe](#) at 443-670-2100 for more details. Check the Fall Festival [website](#) and

[Facebook](#) pages for even more information.

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