



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

October 27, 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, Thursday, October 27:

-12:00 PM Early Dismissal: Parent/Teacher Conferences



10:00 AM-11:00 PM, Raising Cane's Fundraiser: Place your order, mention St. Mark, and a percentage goes to our Athletics Dept.

-After School Program available until 6:00 PM.

Friday, October 28:

-No School: Parent/Teacher Conferences

-3:30 - 6:00 PM: Middle School Open Youth House

Saturday, October 29:



8:00 AM, St. Mark Campus: All Souls Remembrance 1K/5K Run - [register here](#)



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FAITH IN ACTION



9:00 AM, St. Mark Campus: Parish Fall Festival.

[Click here](#) for more info. or to volunteer.

Sunday, October 30:

-Priesthood Sunday: Show your appreciation to our parish priests.

Monday, October 31:

-Living Saints Museum presented by 8th grade

Tuesday, November 1:

-8:30 AM, Church: All Saints Day Mass

Friday, November 4:

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass presented by 7th grade. All are welcome.

-8th grade visits Bishop Lynch High School

Sunday, November 6:

-Daylight Savings Time Ends (turn clocks back one hour)



9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Lions Lair Gym: St. Mark Book Fair Family Day (Book Fair runs Nov. 6-11; details below)

-11:30 AM - 1:00 PM, St. Mark Library: Open House for Prospective Families (details below)

**PARISH DONATIONS DUE
DECEMBER 31, 2016**

In order to qualify for the parishioner tuition discount, the annual minimum parish donation of \$800 must be paid by December 31, 2016. Tuition Rate Change Notices for families that did not meet the \$800 minimum will be sent out in late January 2017.

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:



November's Virtue -

Courtesy: Teachers discuss the Virtue of the Month with students to engage them into seeing the virtue in action. [Click here](#) for the 2016-17 virtues.



November All- School

Service Project: Students will make cards for soldiers

during class time, and also donate the following items to the food pantry:

Preschool, TK, K, 1st Grade: Canned fruit

2nd Grade: Ramen Noodles

3rd/4th Grades: Jelly in plastic jars

5th/6th Grades: Cereal

7th Grade: Canned carrots

8th Grade: Canned pork & beans

Catholic Social Teachings: Option for the poor and vulnerable; solidarity

Who Benefits? St. Vincent de Paul/St. Michael Society

Due Date: November 17, 2016

OPEN HOUSE

Know anyone interested in a St. Mark education for their child? The first Open House of the



year will take place on Sunday, November 6 from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM in the St. Mark Library. Prospective families can [click here](#) to pre-register.



LIFETIME LIONS

- 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 (ie 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.

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 tickets for \$65 now by [clicking here](#). This discount will only be available until November 18 (deadline extended). We nearly reached capacity prior to Christmas last year, so buy your tickets early to ensure you get to enjoy the festivities. If you have questions, please reach out to [Eric Librea](#).

Check out the latest updates from our St. Mark alumni in the October edition of the [Lifetime Lions Alumni Newsletter](#). They continue to impress with their vast array of accomplishments!



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

FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

ImPACT concussion baseline testing has started again for the year. To sign up, please [click here](#). Contact [Nurse Townsend](#) with questions. Students must be 11 or older to take the test. If your student took the ImPACT test last year, they do not need to take it again this year. The test is good for two years.

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NEWS FROM ATHLETICS

Upcoming Games & Meets: [Click here](#) for upcoming events.

Download Game Photos: Check out the [Dallas Parochial League Smug Mug photo site](#). View and purchase photos from recent events!

Basketball Registration Now Open: Please [click here](#) for information and

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

IT'S ST. MARK BOOK FAIR TIME!

The annual St. Mark Scholastic Book Fair will take place November 6-11 in the Lions Lair Gym. Our theme this year is "Reading is My Superpower." Purchase required reading books, holiday gifts, and more. Students can enter the annual Poster Contest, participate in the new "Get Caught Reading" raffle, and purchase the new *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down* book. Parents: Volunteer during your child's class time, take advantage of special events such as Pastries For Parents, and pick up a book or two for your child's class. [Click here](#) for complete details about how to buy books at the Book Fair, how to volunteer, and to see when the grade-levels visit the Book Fair. All proceeds benefit the St. Mark Library.



ST. MARK COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM

October's Prayer Intention for Our School: For our students' parents and/or caregivers.

This Week's Call to Action: Please join us every Monday at 2:30 PM to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for our school and country. We will meet in the Church cry room.



Upcoming Events:

* Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 7 at 8:00 AM, Room 142 near the Music Room. It will last approximately 30 minutes. Please come join us in praying for our school. All are welcome.

SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

registration. The deadline is November 14, 2016.

Dallas Parochial League Scholarships:

The DPL will offer 4-6 separate \$500 scholarships to worthy 6th, 7th and 8th grade students in the 2016-17 school year. Additional details, eligibility, and the application can be found on the [DPL website](#). The deadline to apply is December 9, 2016.

Coach Safe Environment Training:

All volunteer coaches for Basketball, Baseball, Softball, and Track must submit their Safe Environment certification to [Marlene Ehring](#) as soon as possible.



All Souls

Remembrance 1K/5K Run: The run takes place Saturday morning! Haven't registered yet? [Click here!](#)



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.



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Safe Environment: A reminder that you must be [Safe Environment](#) cleared to volunteer in any capacity at school. Contact [Toni Jobs](#) with questions.

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

Halloween Parade, Super Hero Day, Class Parties:



2nd Grade Spunky Pumpkin Play:



5th Grade Living Rosary:



2nd Grade Alternative Seating:



Library Fun:



Fall Pep Rally:

Link Your Shopper Cards & Earn Money for St. Mark: Remember to link your Kroger, Tom Thumb and Target cards to St. Mark. Kroger cards need to be re-linked every year. [Click here](#) for more details.



Box Tops: Keep saving! They will be counted throughout the year and prizes/parties awarded. Be sure to write the grade level on the baggies when you turn them in to the school office.

FALL FESTIVAL



The Parish Fall Festival is this **Saturday!** Volunteers are still needed! For more information, check the Fall Festival [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page, or contact Fall Festival Chair [Darrel Sharpe](#) at 443-955-4863 or Co-Chair [Sarah Sharpe](#) at 443-670-2100.

SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

Please join us in congratulating 6th grade teacher, Mrs. Becky Johnson, who just announced that she and her husband, Grant, are expecting! Baby Johnson will make his or her debut on May 16, 2017 (they plan to be surprised). She is 12 weeks along, and she and her husband got to hear the heartbeat for the first time this week. We look forward to meeting the newest addition to the LION family!

BISHOP LYNCH TOUR OPPORTUNITIES



Plano Fire Clowns:



6th Grade S.T.E.M. Day:



PK-4 & Kindergarten Halloween S.T.E.M.:



8th Grade Pines Poster/Pin Presentation:



Moms' Tea and Tour
- November 10,
2016, 9:00 AM in the

BL Bistro: BL invites all moms of prospective students to the annual [Moms' Tea and Tour](#). Enjoy a light breakfast, hear from admin., current moms, and take a tour. RSVP to the email below (include name and student's name).



Open House - BL Sunday -
November 13, 2016, 1:00 PM in the
Leyden Arts & Athletics

Gymnasium: Come to [BL Sunday](#), the annual Open House for all prospective students and parents. Visit classrooms, attend info. sessions, and tour the campus.

For additional information, email admissions@bishoplynch.org, or call 214.324.3607, ext. 4127 or ext. 4134.

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