



# ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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**WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN**

**September 9, 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, September 9:**

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

#### **Monday, September 12:**

-St. Mark Spirit Day! (details below)

-8:00 AM, Room 142 (by Music Room; note change):  
St. Mark Community Prayer Team Meeting

-Safe Environment Virtus Lessons (9/12-16)

#### **Wednesday, September 14:**

-Progress Reports Emailed (grades 1-8)

-6:45-8:00 PM, Cafetorium: Auction Volunteer Meeting

#### **Friday, September 16:**

-7:30-8:15 AM, Cafetorium: Lions Den Spirit Store



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### QUICK LINKS

[Calendar](#)

[Limited Openings for 2016-17](#)

[Lifetime Lions Alumni Network](#)

[Lunch Menus](#)

[Safe Environment Training](#)

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

-9:20 AM, Church: Grandparents' Day Presentation

### RSVPs FOR GRANDPARENTS' DAY DUE TODAY

**REMINDER:** RSVPs for the upcoming Grandparents' Day on September 16 are due today: [rene.oconnor@stmcs.net](mailto:rene.oconnor@stmcs.net).

### CAFETERIA ACCOUNTS

If you have requested a new cafeteria account, it should be set up by now, and you should be receiving weekly balance notices on Fridays. If you are not receiving these notices, please contact Cafeteria Manager, Linda Gaines, at [linda.gaines@stmcs.net](mailto:linda.gaines@stmcs.net).

### PICTURE ORDERS

Student picture proofs were sent home on Thursday. If you would like to order prints, please either send a check along with the order form to your child's homeroom teacher, or you can pay Lifetouch directly online (see instructions in your photo packet). All orders are due September 25. Orders submitted after that date will incur additional fees.

### DONATE OLD T-SHIRTS TO THE ART DEPT.

Art Teacher, Ms. Williams, is still in need of old t-shirts in ADULT SIZES ONLY to use as smocks during art classes. Please drop off donations at the front desk.

### AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM WORKERS NEEDED

The St. Mark After School Program is in need of workers. Workers earn \$15.00 per hour, and their children may attend the program for free. Interested? Contact [toni.jobes@stmcs.net](mailto:toni.jobes@stmcs.net).

Flexible schedules are available:

\*Work 1-5 days per week, or be a substitute

\*Arrive at 3:15 PM and work until 5:00 or 6:00 PM

### MATH COUNTS

**Attention All Middle Schoolers:** St. Mark is proud to continue offering the Math Counts program to our students in grades 6-8. **Chris Bender '13**, senior at

ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL



NEWS FROM ATHLETICS

### Upcoming Games

Football and Volleyball seasons are in full swing! [Click here](#) for this weekend's game schedules.



GO LIONS!

### DPL Sports Team Registrations:

\*The DPL Tennis Tournament will take place on November 12 at Collin College in Plano. Registration will open September 19 and close October 14. [Click here](#) for more details.

\*Coming soon: DPL Swim Meet date



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 receives a St. Mark Letter Jacket!

\*Any athlete who raises over \$250 in sponsorships receives a certificate to the Lion's Den Spirit

Cistercian Preparatory School, and **Ivanka Perez '14**, junior at Ursuline Academy, administer this program. It provides an opportunity for students to delve into complex extra-curricular math and how to apply simple concepts to challenging problems. Students attend one weekly meeting at the school. Ten students will be chosen to compete in each of three nationally-ranked competitions.

Please note: The Fall Enrichment Club list sent home on Wednesday indicated that a placement test had already been administered. This has changed. **ANY** interested 6th-8th grade student is eligible. Also, the meeting day is subject to change. Register for Math Counts via the Fall Enrichment Club Permission Form that was sent to all parents on Wednesday, or email [pam.steinkirchner@stmcs.net](mailto:pam.steinkirchner@stmcs.net).



## HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

### THANK YOU:

Thank you to everyone who attended the Room Parent and Committee Chair meetings this week. Packets were sent home with children whose parents were unable to attend.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

#### Committee Chairs

We still have three Committee Chair positions open. Please contact [ashleyternan@gmail.com](mailto:ashleyternan@gmail.com) if you are interested:

- \*Hospitality Committee
- \*Graduation & Confirmation Co-Chairs
- \*Auction Class Basket Coordinator

#### Library Volunteers

If you can help during the following class Library times, please contact [paolabcolon@gmail.com](mailto:paolabcolon@gmail.com):

- \*Mrs. Paulson - Wednesdays from 9:00-9:30 AM
- \*Mrs. Dansby - Fridays from 10:15 - 10:45 AM

### HSA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:

Haven't paid your HSA dues yet? Not to worry, there is still time! All families who have paid their \$20 dues by

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.

### **30TH ANNUAL DINNER & AUCTION NEWS**

**Auction Survey & Volunteers:** We want to hear from you! Be on the lookout for a survey to help us understand what you would like to see at this year's event. We also have many volunteer needs. Please contact Eric Librea if you are interested in helping out at this year's event.

### **FALL FESTIVAL**

**Save the date!**

The 2016 St. Mark Fall



Festival kicks-off with the All Souls Run, followed by a craft fair, basketball tournament, games, live music, Trunk or Treat, great food, a raffle, and more. **This event is open to the public, so be sure to invite your friends!**

**Volunteer! Donate! Sponsor!**

Your help is needed to make this fun-filled, community-building fundraiser a success. Contact Fall Festival Chair Darrel Sharpe at 443-955-4863 or

3:30 PM **TODAY** will be entered into a raffle drawing to win some great prizes! To pay your dues and become an HSA member, please [click here](#).

### ST. MARK SPIRIT DAY!

Monday, September 12 is St. Mark **Spirit Day!** Students may wear a St. Mark t-shirt, sweatshirt or St. Mark team jersey 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. Students may wear any closed shoe. Sweatpants, leggings, shorts (other than the school uniform walking shorts), caps/accessories, and solid green/gold shirts without the St. Mark name are not permitted. Please follow the dress policy as written. No exceptions. For your reference, Spirit Days for the entire school year have been added to the electronic calendar located on the homepage of our [website](#). St. Mark spirit wear is available online (visit the link at the top of this bulletin), every Friday morning from 7:30-8:15 AM at the Lions Den Spirit Store located in the Cafeteria, and at all home volleyball games.



### ST. MARK COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM

**This Week's Prayer:** Please pray for a successful retreat for the 8th grade students, teachers, and chaperones who are returning from The Pines today: *Loving God, we pray for our 8th graders, their teachers, and chaperones. Give them the knowledge, courage and a willing heart to be the disciples of today. Guide them to learn Your will, to share Your message and to know, to love and to serve You with youthful zeal. Bless them with happiness, friendship, love, laughter, peace, hope, faith, achievement and direction. We dedicate and entrust them to your care. Amen.*



**Prayer Requests:** The school now has a Prayer Table available to all school visitors (located in the hallway between the Administration offices and the cafeteria). Everyone is welcome to place prayer requests in the bin on the table. These intentions will be taken to Mass on Fridays as part of the offering. We will also pray over these intentions during our monthly meetings. Prayer requests can also be sent directly to Kathleen Frye.

[darrel.sharpe@gmail.com](mailto:darrel.sharpe@gmail.com), or Co-Chair Sarah Sharpe at 443-670-2100 or [sjsharpe@gmail.com](mailto:sjsharpe@gmail.com) for more details. Check the Fall Festival [website](#) and [Facebook](#) pages for even more information.



HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY

**Upcoming Public Mass:** Join us on September 11 at 9:15 AM at 3131 Vince Hagan Drive in Irving.



For tickets,

sponsorships, underwriting or donations for the Spes Gregis dinner on Friday, September 23, please contact Agnes Denvir.

### "YOUR TWEEN & YOU" PARENT WORKSHOP

5th-8th grade parents --

Learn how to change the dynamics between you and your child. [Click here](#) to register.



**Date:** September 15, 2016

**Time:** 6:30 - 8:00 PM

**Place:** Great Room in the St. Mark Parish Center



Learn the 7 steps to a superabundant marriage. "The Choice Wine" marriage enrichment program integrates the latest

Please indicate if your prayer can be shared, or should be kept confidential.

**Upcoming Meeting:** Monday, September 12, 8:00 AM, Room 142 near the Music Room (note room change). If you are unable to attend, but would like to take part, contact Kathleen Frye. There will be many ways to participate this year, no matter your schedule.

### SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

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

**8th Grade at the Pines:**



**HSA Committee & Room Parent Meeting:**



**Kindergarten Art Class:**



**5th Grade Volleyball Pre-Season Tourney:**

findings from modern science with the teaching of the faith. Please [click here for](#) information and registration.

### HIKE FOR LIFE

The 2016 "Hike for Life" will



take place Saturday, September 24 from 8:00 AM-12:00 PM at John Paul II High School. Father Cliff has a team called "Father Cliff's Life Brigade" and he invites you to join him! Please [click here](#) to register, or to donate to Hike For Life.

### JESUIT 'LIL ROWDY RANGER CHEER CLINIC

The Jesuit Cheerleaders will be hosting the 2016 Lil Rowdy Ranger Cheer Clinic on Friday, October 14 from 5:00-7:00 PM at Jesuit for students in the 4-10 year old age range who have an interest in cheerleading, and who would enjoy the opportunity to perform under the "Friday night lights" with the Jesuit Cheerleaders at Postell Stadium. [Click here](#) for details.

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