



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

August 31, 2018

Prayer for the 2018-19 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, August 31:

-5th grade received the Vocations Chalice at today's All School Mass and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

Monday, September 3:

-No School: Labor Day Holiday

Wednesday, September 5-Friday, September 7:

-8th grade to the Pines Leadership Retreat

Friday, September 7:

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass presented by the 5th grade. All are welcome.

WELCOME NEW STUDENT

A warm welcome to the new student who joined the St. Mark family this week, Anaya A., in Ms. Robinson's PK3 class.

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE STAFF



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connected!



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your social media and
help us spread the
word about our
wonderful school!

Did you know that 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Tronzano, grew up in Richardson, attended St. Paul Catholic School and Ursuline Academy of Dallas, has a B.S. degree in Education and a Masters degree in Reading from The University of Arkansas, loves the Arkansas Razorbacks, water sports, gymnastics, and country music, has a daughter, 2 dogs, 1 fish, 14 hens, volunteers at the Equestrian Center, has a landscape design business, and a t-shirt business?

2018-19 YEARBOOKS NOW ON SALE

Don't delay, order your 2018-19 St. Mark Catholic School Yearbook today! The yearbook is a wonderful keepsake that chronicles the entire school year and includes all students from Preschool through 8th grade. **The price is \$25 between now and October 31. After October 31, the price will increase to \$30.**

NOTE: Each 8th grader will be given a yearbook free of charge!

Payment may be submitted in one of three ways:

1. Electronic Payment: If you would like to make your payment electronically, you can do so on the [Electronic Payment page](#) of the school website. Please select the "Yearbook/Memory Book" option and in the Comment box, write "Yearbook" and your child's name and homeroom.
2. Check: Make checks payable to "St. Mark Catholic School." Include your child's name, homeroom, and "Yearbook" on the memo line. Send it to school with your child or drop it off at the front desk.
3. Cash: Place cash in an envelope and write your child's name, homeroom, and "Yearbook" on the outside. Send it to school with your child or drop it off at the front desk.

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NEWS FROM ATHLETICS



REGISTER NOW for the 5th Annual All Souls Remembrance 5K Run and 1K "Fun Run" which will take place on Saturday, October 27. Bring the whole family for a morning of fun and fellowship while supporting the St. Mark Athletics Program. Children, strollers, and wheelchairs welcome! All early-bird registrants for

QUICK LINKS

[Calendar](#)
[Lifetime Lions Alumni Admissions](#)
[Lunch Menus](#)
[Safe Environment](#)
[Lion's Den Spirit Store](#)
[Work of Heart Nomination](#)

GRANDPARENT CONTACT INFO. IN RENWEB



On September 28, St. Mark will host our annual Grandparents' Day. Invitations will be mailed and more information will be provided to the community soon. **If you haven't done so already, please be sure that your family's "grandparent" contact information is up-to-date in [Renweb](#) no later than Tuesday, September 4.**



Calling all "Dads of Great Students!" Watch D.O.G.S. will be hosting its annual "Pizza Night" on Wednesday, September 5 from 7:00-9:00 PM in the

the 5K will receive a commemorative medal and t-shirt, and all 5K runners enjoy a free pancake breakfast! Visit www.allsoulsrun.com for complete details and registration information.

Race Schedule:

8:00 AM - 1K Fun Run Start
8:30 AM - 5K Start
8:50 AM - Post-Race Party Begins
9:30 AM - Awards Presentation
11:00 AM - Close



Cross Country Registration Open: The deadline to register for the St. Mark Cross Country team is September 18. [Click here](#) for complete details.

HOMEcomings 2018 - SAVE THE DATES:

*The annual Homecoming Pep Rally will take place on Thursday, September 27 at 2:30 PM in the Bacot Gym. We invite our entire community to attend!



*The St. Mark Varsity Homecoming Football Game will be played on Sunday, September 30 at 12:00 PM at John Paul II High School stadium against St. Rita. Come cheer on your LIONS!



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

HSA Membership Dues: A reminder that the annual \$25 HSA dues will automatically be charged to your FACTS account unless a specific opt-out request is made in writing not to join. The

school Cafetorium. This is a great opportunity to meet new dads, get your questions answered, choose dates to serve, win some door prizes, and enjoy a free meal. Please RSVP to Aaron Baldwin at ab3163@att.net by September 3. For more information about St. Mark's Watch D.O.G.S. program just for dads, [click here](#).

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PREVIEW NIGHT

All 7th and 8th grade students and parents are invited to St. Rita Catholic School for "Catholic High School Preview Night" on Monday, October 1, 2018 from 6:00-7:00 PM. Please [click here](#) for complete details.



ENDOW (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women) is a Catholic study program that engages the intellect of women to help them understand their God-given dignity and respond to our culture's desperate need for an authentic feminine presence to transform every aspect of life and society. More information can be found [here](#). St. Mark's new fall ENDOW study begins August 29

deadline to opt-out is September 7 at 3:30 PM. Emails must be sent to Annette Vela at Annette.vela@stmcs.net.

Attention Room Parents: Join us for the Room Parent Kick-Off Meeting on Friday, September 7 at 2:00 PM in the Cafetorium.

2018-19 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.

*Following is a link to the Sign-Up Genius for HSA Committees/Events. All positions are available on a first come, first serve basis.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084eacab28a3f85-201819>

*Want to volunteer in your child's classroom? [Click here](#) to access individual classroom sign-up links for grades PK-2nd.

Important Dates:

*September 12, 6:30 PM, Cafetorium: HSA General Meeting. Parents will be able to renew their annual [Safe Environment Training](#) at this meeting (please note that new families must still attend a "Recognizing, Responding, & Recording" class in order to satisfy Safe Environment requirements).

*September 19, 3:30 PM until close: Spirit Night at Dairy Queen. Take a break from cooking! Grab dinner at the Dairy Queen located at 2425 K Avenue in Plano. Mention St. Mark and HSA will receive 20% back on all receipts.

*September 26: Dress Down Day. Students may pay \$2.00 and wear casual clothing to school. See page 27 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#) for guidelines. Proceeds benefit HSA.

Earn Money for St. Mark by Simply Shopping at Kroger: Enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards program and a percentage of your purchases will go directly to the St. Mark Catholic School Home & School Association. [Click here](#) for complete instructions. Kroger cards must be relinked to St. Mark every 12 months.

COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM

and will be "Teacher of Prayer/St. Teresa of Avila."

Meetings take place on Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Upper Room of the Smyth Pastoral Center and child care is available upon request. [Click here to register.](#) Questions? Contact [Chris Keith](#).

HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT ST. MARK!

Do you know someone interested in a St. Mark



education for their PK-8th grade child? Limited openings are available in select grade levels for the 2018-19 school year.

KEEP THOSE REFERRALS COMING: Encourage prospective families to register for a **private tour** at 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!](#)



Join us for public mass at Holy Trinity Seminary on Sunday, September 9 at 9:15 AM at 3131 Vince Hagan Drive in Irving. A

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, we invite you to join in from where you are. For more information about the Community Prayer Team, please [click here](#).



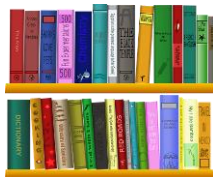
Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention: In addition to your prayers for our St. Mark community of students, families, teachers, staff and religious, we hope you will also remember Pope Francis' monthly intentions:

August: Universal - The Treasure of Families

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

LION PRIDE!

Congratulations to Karsil O. and Jeslyn T. who were the winners of the Summer Catechism Quiz Bowl. They got all 20 of their questions correct and each won a Catholic Tablet from Biblezon!



Throughout the school year, the Library will be holding some fun contests. Winners are able to choose a book from our Librarian, Mrs. Hughes', private collection. Last week, students were challenged to guess how many books are in the library. Congratulations to 4th grader, Catalina Mora, who was our 3rd-5th grade winner, and 6th grader, Kevin Martinez, who was our 6th-8th grade winner!

The 7th and 8th grade classes are once again attempting to raise \$10,000 to sponsor a child's wish through the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Incredibly, they have already raised \$6,130.76 towards that goal through their own individual efforts, as well as class activities such as the recent babysitting sessions offered during Parent Information Nights. They are on a roll, and we encourage them to keep up the great work!



YOU'RE INVITED

reception with the seminarians follows each mass.

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!

#BE GOLDEN:



Children's Health Video:



August Service From the Heart:





Is your child interested in Choir? Registration is now available for the St. Mark Catholic Church Children's Choir for students in grades 2-12. Please [click here](#) for complete details, the rehearsal and Mass schedules, and the

registration form. Questions? Contact Patty Corsi at patty.corsi@stmcs.net.

Looking for faith, service and fun for your daughter? The American Heritage Girls Program, for girls 5-18 years old, enables your daughter to grow in her Catholic faith, cultivate a heart for service, and have more fun than she can imagine! Troops participate in badge work, social, and outdoor experiences with an emphasis on Christian values and family involvement.



Join us for the 2018 American Heritage Girls Kick-Off on Thursday, September 13 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Great Hall/St. Mark Parish Center. Please RSVP to Brandy Pazora at brandy76610@yahoo.com, by September 6.



School parent, Adeola Chukwumah, is a docent at the Art Centre of Plano, and invites all St. Mark families to their current exhibit, The Bernard and Shirley Kinsey Collection: Harlem Renaissance. The exhibit runs through September 22, and she is happy to provide personal tours for St. Mark parents and students. For more information, visit www.artcentreofplano.org.

7th/8th Grade Make A Wish Service:



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