



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

September 14, 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, September 14:

-3rd grade received the Vocations Chalice at today's All School Mass and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

Monday, September 17:

-Fall Enrichment Clubs begin (details below)

Monday, September 17-Friday, September 21:

-Texas Week (Preschool)

Tuesday, September 18:

-8:15 AM, Cafetorium: Kindness Assembly (ECE-1st grade)

Wednesday, September 19:

-Progress reports emailed (grades 1-8)

-8:15 AM, Cafetorium: Kindness Assembly (2nd-4th grades)



3:30-10:00 PM: Dairy Queen Spirit Night (details below)

Thursday, September 20:

-North Texas Giving Day (details below)



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Friday, September 21:

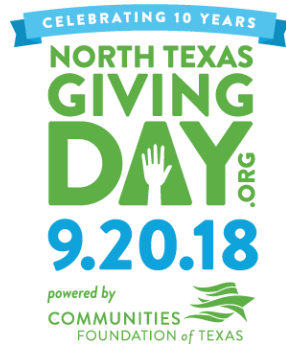
-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass presented by the 3rd grade. All are welcome.

ENRICHMENT CLUB REMINDERS

A reminder that Fall Enrichment Clubs start this coming **Monday, September 17**.

Pick-Up Information: The *No More Stick Figures* club dismisses at 4:00 PM from the circle in front of the Early Childhood Education building, while all other clubs dismiss at 4:15 PM behind the elementary building. Out of consideration for the 4:00 PM dismissal group, we ask that parents of the 4:15 PM clubs stay parked back by the rectory garage, allowing the 4:00 PM cars to pull around and pick-up their children from the ECE building. At 4:10 PM, all cars should then move forward to be ready for the 4:15 PM club dismissal.

NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY



Plan to "get up and give" to St. Mark next Thursday, September 20! This is a one day, online giving event where all donations to the school up to \$10,000 will receive bonus funds, making your donation go even further! Not available that day? Schedule your online donation between now and September 19 just like you'd schedule an online bill payment. [Click here](#) for details. Our goal this year is \$50,000 to benefit St. Mark Financial Assistance.

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!

QUICK LINKS

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

SCHOOL PICTURES

Lifetouch envelopes are being sent home with students today, so please check those backpacks. If you ordered school pictures, they will be in your envelope. If you requested a proof, that's what you will receive, along with instructions for ordering prints. If you are not pleased with the photos or proof, please write "RETAKE" on the Lifetouch envelope and return it, along with the photos/proof, to the school office by Friday, September 21. **Retakes will take place on October 16, and will include students who were absent on Student Picture Day (8/23).**

GRANDPARENTS' DAY



Invitations to the September 28 "St. Mark Grandparents' Day" were

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.



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-birds who register for the 5K by 10/19 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



mailed last week. Please [click here](#) to access a copy. Further details will be provided to all school parents in the coming days.



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

HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

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

PARISH VOLUNTEER & SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

St. Mark Catholic Church invites you to participate in

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

HOMECOMING 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!

LIONS DEN

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

Let the counting begin! September will be our first month to collect Box Tops. Please turn in any Box Tops you have collected to-date by September 28. Remember, each Box Top earns \$.10 for St. Mark! [Click here for details](#). For more information, please contact [Melissa King](#) or [Sharon Mattis](#).



Box Top Instructions:

Carefully cut out unexpired Box Tops from participating brands, place in a Ziploc bag (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 28. (Please note that Box Tops submitted without a grade/teacher on them will count towards our overall goal, but will not apply to the upcoming class competition at the end of October.)

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.

their upcoming community service and spiritual opportunities. Click the links for more information and to sign-up for service:

*October 20: [VA Hospital BBQ in Bonham, TX](#)
Travel form required.

*October 27: [Spaghetti Dinner](#) sponsored by the Knights of Columbus benefiting Jonathan's Place

*[Let Us Adore](#) is a night of adoration. Join us in the church from 7:00-9:00 PM on the following dates:

- Thursday, October 4
- Thursday, November 15
- Thursday, December 6

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE STAFF

Did you know that Mrs. Peralta is a French Canadian who grew up in Sugarland, Texas? She has three daughters. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and a Texas Certification in Education. She loves the Dallas Cowboys, Houston Rockets, country music, cake decorating, water sports, and sugar. Her family also owns a food truck!

HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT ST. MARK!

*[Click here](#) for a link to the Sign-Up Genius for HSA Committees/Events. All positions are available on a first come, first serve basis.

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

Important Dates:

*September 19, 3:30-10:00 PM: Spirit Night at Dairy Queen. Take a break from cooking! Grab dinner at the Dairy Queen located at 2425 K Avenue in Plano. Simply drop your receipt in one of the decorated "St. Mark" boxes located inside on the counter or at the drive-thru window. HSA will receive 20% back on all receipts. Proceeds benefit the P.E. Department. ALL purchases count as long as you drop your receipt in a box.



*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

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:

September:

Universal - Young People in Africa

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 16 at 9:15 AM at 3131 Vince Hagan Drive in Irving. A 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:

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

YOU'RE INVITED



Middle School Parents: Math Counts is about to begin! Does your child love math? Is your child interested in furthering his/her math skills and competing in local math competitions? St. Mark middle school students have the opportunity, as in years past, to participate in Math Counts. Topics ranging from introductory high school geometry to the characteristics of mathematical proof, and basic trigonometry will be covered. A heavy emphasis is placed upon the application of simple concepts to challenging problems. Students apply their skills in four nationally-ranked competitions that take place throughout the school year. Meetings will be conducted by Cistercian Junior and former St. Mark student, Joel K. He will need a Safe Environment-cleared parent to attend as well. Math Counts plans to start on a Sunday in September from 3:00-4:00 PM on the school campus. The time may change based upon student availability. If interested, please contact Erica.rivera@stmcs.net.



Please be part of the "Hike for Life" at JP II High School on September 22. Father Cliff is a team Captain! [Join his team](#) and help raise funds by donating through [Mrs. Opon's fundraising page](#). Funds raised support Dallas area women's pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes like White Rose, Birth Choice, Bella House, Mater Filius, and In My Shoes. The "Hike for Life" is an event for the whole family to promote a culture of life and raise needed funds. [Click here](#) for more details.

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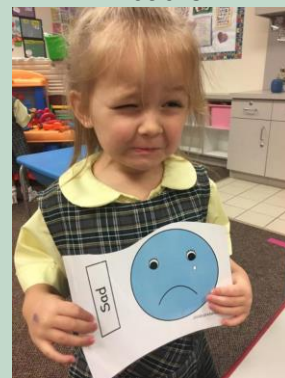
PK3 Library Visit:



6th Grade Personal Narratives:



PK3 Learns About Emotions:



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