



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

October 24, 2019

Prayer for the 2019-20 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.



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Save the Date
for the
33rd Annual Auction and Gala
BOOTS
and
Ballgowns

February 29, 2020

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Oil Baron's Ballroom

REMINDERS

Today, Thursday, October 24:

-12:00 PM: Early Dismissal. The After School Program is available until 6:00 PM.

-10:00 AM - 11:00 PM: 1/2 days are Cane's days at St. Mark! Visit the Raising Cane's location across the street from the school, mention St. Mark as you place an order, and a percentage will be donated to the Athletics program.

-Parent Teacher Conferences

Friday, October 25:

-NO SCHOOL: Parent Teacher Conferences

-The After School Program is closed.

-6:30 PM, Parking Lot: Parish "Trunk or Treat" (details below)

Tuesday, October 29:

-The Highlands School Visits 8th Grade

-2:30 PM, Bacot Gym: Fall Pep Rally. All are welcome.

Wednesday, October 30:

-7:20 AM, Cafetorium: Rosary

Thursday, October 31:

-PK, TK and K students are encouraged to wear a Halloween costume to school. Grades 1-8 may pay \$2.00 and wear a Halloween costume or t-shirt to school (details below).

-8:15 AM, Cafetorium: 2nd Grade Spunky Pumpkin Play

-Class Halloween Parties

Friday, November 1:

-7:55 AM, Cross Outside Narthex: Community Prayer Walk

-8:30 AM, Church: All Saints Day Mass presented by the faculty. All are welcome.

-2020-21 School Year Applications Open

-Living Saints Museum presented by 8th grade



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**REMINDER:
ENRICHMENT
CLUBS END 11/4**

Countdown reminder: Only two more Monday Enrichment Clubs left. The last club day is Monday, November 4. Beginning November 11, please make plans to pick up your child(ren) at regular dismissal time.

**LIFETIME LIONS
ALUMNI NEWS**



**LIFETIME
LIONS**

Real all about the latest alumni
news in the Fall 2019 edition of

Saturday, November 2:

-HSA Chili Cook-Off (details below)

-All Souls Remembrance Run (details below)

-10:00 AM-1:00 PM: St. Mark booth at *DFW Child* "Project
Preschool" event at The Shops at Willow Bend

-Quiz Bowl Tournament

HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES



Get ready to celebrate Halloween at school on Thursday, October 31!

Students in Preschool, TK and Kindergarten are encouraged to wear a Halloween costume to school. Students will participate in the annual "Halloween Costume Parade" through the main school building. They should be able to wear their costume comfortably all day, and still be able to manage their own bathroom needs.

Students in grades 1-8 may pay \$2.00 and wear a Super Hero costume or t-shirt to school (proceeds benefit Student Council). No sweatpants or shorts. 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. Any closed shoe is allowed. Refer to page 27 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#) for complete "dress down day" guidelines.

All students: No masks, face paint, weapons, gruesomeness, or inappropriate slogans or graphics.

It's going to be a *spooky* good time!

"CHURCH OF THE HOME" PARENT RETREAT

the [Lifetime Lions Alumni Newsletter](#).

YEARBOOK ORDERS

The 2019-20 St. Mark yearbooks are on sale now! The yearbook is a wonderful keepsake that chronicles the entire school year and includes all students from Preschool through 8th grade. The cost is \$30 each. [Please click here to purchase your yearbook by December 20 before the price goes up.](#)

NOTE: 8th graders are provided with a complimentary yearbook, so it is not necessary to purchase one for your 8th grade student.

Yearbook ads are available to non-school teams & activities:

If you would like your non-school team or organization (i.e. Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts/PSA sports teams, etc.) recognized in the yearbook, you may purchase an ad between now and November 22 by [clicking here](#). Pictures and ad copy are due December 13.

Ads options:

- \$75 for 1/4 page (3.25" x 4.5")
- \$100 for 1/2 page (6.75" x 4.5")
- \$150 for full page (6.75" x 9.25")

LOWDOWN FROM THE LION'S LAIR



CHURCH OF THE HOME
A ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL INITIATIVE FOR WOMEN, DADS & GRANDPARENTS - EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

"The greatest power and ability to make things work in a family rests with the parents." - MACTIA

Life is busy. So busy, in fact, that sometimes we don't take the time to recognize the everyday holiness in our own homes, join us as we discuss how to relax and simply be the church of the home by recognizing and celebrating each other's gifts, and have a family evening together in a powerful evangelizing unit.

* Take-home resources will be provided.
* Complimentary childcare is available.

ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Saturday, November 9, 2019
St. Mark Cafetorium

8:45 AM: Children register @ASP

9:00-9:30 AM: Homemade Breakfast Meet & Greet

9:30-10:00 AM: "Church of the Home" presented by St. Mark Family & Adult Ministry

10:00 AM-10:30 PM: Closing Prayers with Father Nathan

PLEASERS, V.P.:
RENE O'CONNOR @
ST.MARK.CATHOLIC

NUMBER OF ADULTS _____

NUMBER OF CHILDREN
NEEDING CHILDCARE
(+ THEIR AGES) _____

[Click here](#) to check out the latest edition from the Video Broadcast Club.

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 each other. There will be many opportunities for you to get involved this school year. Even if you are unable to participate in person, please pray for St. Mark from wherever you are.

***October Rosaries:** Join us with your children on Wednesdays in October from 7:15 to 7:40 AM in the Cafetorium. Students awaiting class will pray the rosary each Wednesday from October 2-30. You may bring your own rosary or they will be provided in the Cafetorium.

***Prayer Walks:** We will conduct Prayer Walks on the first Friday of each month and hope you can join us. The next one will take place November 1.

***Prayer Requests:** Everyone is welcome to place prayer requests in the box on the prayer table located in the hallway between the Admin. offices and the Cafetorium. The

HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT ST. MARK!

Do you know someone interested in a St. Mark education for their PK-8th grade child? We have limited 2019-20 openings in select grade levels.



2020-21 applications open November 1.

Encourage prospective families to schedule 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!](#)

NEWS FROM ATHLETICS



Basketball Registration is Open: Attention 5th-8th grade girls/boys interested in playing on a St. Mark basketball team -- registration is currently open. Divisions

include JV (5th/6th grades) and Varsity (7th/8th grades). Please [click here](#) for more information and to register. Deadline = November 1.



Join us for the 6th Annual All Souls Remembrance Run on Saturday, November 2 on the St. Mark campus. This event benefits the Athletics Program. There will be a 1K "fun run" starting at

8:00 AM, followed by a chip-timed 5K at 8:30 AM. Children, strollers and wheelchairs are welcome in both categories. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers. Personalize your race t-shirt as you run in memory of a loved one for All Souls Day, a day designated for lifting up prayers for the departed in our Catholic tradition.

[Click here](#) to be taken to the registration page and to learn more about volunteer opportunities. Service hours are available for middle school students. Questions? Contact [Marlene Ehring](#)

Saturday, November 2, 2019

6th Annual All Souls Remembrance Run



Thank you event sponsors for your support and generosity



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intentions will be taken to Mass on Fridays as part of the offering.

*Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer

Intention: In addition to your prayers for our St. Mark community, we hope you will also remember Pope Francis' monthly intentions:

October: A Missionary "Spring" in the Church - That the breath of the Holy Spirit engenders a new missionary "spring" in the Church.

AROUND THE PARISH



ST. MARK KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6065 "BINGO KNIGHT"

Saturday, November 2, 2019
Social Hour 6:00 PM
Bingo Starts 7:00 PM
St. Mark Cafetorium

\$25 pre-register online at www.squareup.com/store/6065

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\$30 at the door

GRAND PRIZE: \$600 GIFT CARD

Proceeds benefit military and veteran organizations

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

Does your chili have what it takes? Mark your calendar and join us on Saturday, November 2 for the 1st Annual HSA Chili Cook-Off, held in conjunction with the All Souls Run! For details, registration and sponsorship information, visit www.hsachilicookoff.com. For questions, email James Coulter and Rich Frei at hsachilicookoff@gmail.com.



free way to shop!

Shop early on **Wednesday, November 13** with our "**Breakfast with Books**" or come by late for "**Popcorn for Parents**" on **Thursday, November 14**. Check out the [Book Fair web page](#) for details on these fun Book Fair events and much more!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with the Book Fair. Interested? Please sign-up by [clicking here](#).



**WANT TO VOLUNTEER?
REMEMBER THAT
YOUR SAFE ENVIRONMENT
TRAINING MUST BE CURRENT.**

and numerous other projects supported by the Knights of Columbus.

Must be 21 years old.



The St. Mark parish "Trunk or Treat" will take place on Friday, October 25 starting at 6:30 PM in the parking lot behind the school. Consider [signing up](#) to donate candy or decorate a trunk! It is a fun, family activity and a great way to earn service hours!



HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY

HTS invites you to public mass. Each mass is followed by a reception hosted by the local Serran clubs where you can get to know the HTS seminarians.

Upcoming Mass Dates:

11/10 & 11/17

Time: 9:15 AM

Location: 3131 Vince Hagan Drive, Irving, TX



Family Bible Challenge: It's not too late to join! Each

Sunday, families will receive an email identifying a new Bible passage that they are asked to read together as a family, reflect upon, and discuss. The "challenge" is for families to

2019-20 HSA 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. Below are the links to the 2019-20 HSA Committee and Room Parent Sign-Up Geniuses. All positions are available on a first come, first serve basis. Please consider lending your time and talents to these positions:

[Committee Sign-Up](#)
[Room Parent Sign-Up](#)

Preschool-2nd Grade Classroom Helpers Needed: Please sign-up to help our teachers in the classroom with reading, paper pulling, and craft prep. All of the teachers have Sign-Up Geniuses with specific classroom needs. [Click here](#) to access the Sign-Up Geniuses for each teacher on the school website. Questions? Contact [Liz Delaney](#) or [Brandy Pazora](#).

ECE Front Desk Volunteers Needed: Early Childhood needs volunteers to man the front desk each day, answering the door, the phone, and doing occasional craft prep. Volunteers may bring a book/work, and the desktop computer is available if needed. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30AM-2:00 PM, and Friday, 9:30AM-2:00 PM. Any amount of time is appreciated. Please [click here](#) for the Sign-Up Genius, and be sure to include the hours you can volunteer in the "comments." Questions? Contact [Liz Delaney](#)

Library volunteers are needed for Kindergarten-8th Grade! Please visit the Library [Sign-Up Genius](#) to see the schedule of available times. There are plenty of opportunities!



Helping Hands Committee

If you know any St. Mark families that are in need of help due to a birth, sickness, death, or any life changing event, please contact the Helping Hands Committee at [www.stmcs.net/helping-](http://www.stmcs.net/helping-hands)

[hands](#).

engage with Sacred Scripture. There is no contest. There are no rules. There is, however, the great benefit of falling in love with Jesus through the power of the Good News found in the Bible. The next session will be on the Infancy Narratives and will begin around Thanksgiving. This would be a wonderful activity for families to do together during Advent. Click the following links for complete information and registration. [Family Bible Challenge Flyer](#)
[Register Here for the Family Bible Challenge](#)

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!

October Service- Blankets of Love:



5th Grade Living Rosary:



Keep saving those Box Tops and submitting online! Download the Box Tops app and scan your receipt with eligible products within 14 days of purchase. For physical Box Tops, please carefully cut out unexpired Box Tops from participating

brands; place in a Ziploc (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. Each Box Top submitted earns \$.10 for St. Mark. [Click here for details](#). For more information, contact [Melissa King](#) or [Sharon Mattis](#).



Shop at Kroger and Earn Money for St.

Mark: Enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards program and a percentage of your purchases will go to the St. Mark Home & School Association. [Click here](#) for complete

instructions. Kroger cards must be re-linked to St. Mark every 12 months.

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE STAFF



Did you know? 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Samples, is from South Dakota. She graduated from the University of Dallas and spent a semester studying in Rome and a summer studying in Costa Rica. She did her student teaching at St. Mark Catholic School, and has been teaching at St. Mark for 16 years. Mrs. Samples enjoys

reading, baking, and watching sports, especially Dallas teams and the Arkansas Razorbacks.

HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES



You're invited to the Ursuline Academy of Dallas Open House on Sunday, November 3 from 2:00-4:00 PM. Meet the faculty, learn about the admissions process, and engage with current students. In addition, you are welcome to schedule an individual school

tour, or attend a coffee with administration on November 18.



ECE 50's Day:



PK4 Mary the Mummy:



Where's Waldo? In the Library!



5th Grade STEM Bridges:

Please [click here](#) for details and to pre-register for the Open House and other admissions events.



Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas invites you to Open House on Sunday, November 10 at 1:00 PM in the Terry Center. Sit in on typical classes, take a tour, visit with faculty, staff and current students, and more. No RSVP is necessary. Jesuit also offers weekday school tours and monthly parent coffees. Please [click here](#) for complete information.

JPII Monthly Information

Night! Information Nights are designed to introduce you to the John Paul II High School community. The evening begins with a short presentation followed by an extensive tour of the campus led by administration, teachers, and students. To register, please [click here](#).



Girl Scouts:



Cheer Team:



Halloween on Campus:



8th Grade Monopoly:



Club Friar is a free membership program at Bishop Lynch High School for students in grades K-8. By signing up for the club, members receive a VIP pass for admission to all home athletic and arts events on campus, a

t-shirt, and other goodies and perks! [Click here](#) for information.



8th graders are invited to be a "Friar For a Day" on Tuesday, December 3 from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Bus service is available. Please pre-register on [Ravenna](#) or RSVP to admissions@bishopllynch.org.

On Friday, November 15 at 9:00 AM, Bishop Lynch High School will host a "Coffee, Talk and Tour" for prospective families. Breakfast and beverages will be served as you learn more about the BL experience. [Click here](#) to register.



The Highlands School invites you to their Preview Morning on Wednesday, November 6 from 8:30-10:00 AM. Hear about the academics, programs, and spiritual formation, take a tour, meet leaders from the administration, the Formation Leadership Team, Student

Ambassadors, and visit classrooms to see students in action. Please [click here](#) to RSVP to the Preview Morning and to learn about other opportunities to visit the campus.



6th Grade AR/VR Writing Assignment:



QUICK LINKS

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[Safe Environment](#)
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