



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN November 8, 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, 20

Southfork Ranch
Oil Baron's Ball

REMINDERS

Today, Friday, November 8:

-8th grade received the Vocations Chalice at the All School Mass and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

-8th grade - Feast of Sharing

Saturday, November 9:

-9:00 AM, Cafetorium: Church of the Home Retreat (details below)

-5:30 PM, Church: Children's Choir Sings at Mass

Sunday, November 10 - Friday, November 15:

-St. Mark Book Fair (details below)

Monday, November 11:

-Veteran's Day Celebration

Tuesday, November 12:

-4:00-8:00 PM: Spirit Night at Chipotle (details below)

Wednesday, November 13:

-10:00 AM, Church: 2nd Grade Reconciliation

Thursday, November 14:

-7:00 AM, Cafetorium: HSA General Meeting

Friday, November 15:

-7:30 AM, Library, HSA General Meeting

Saturday, November 16:

-Quiz Bowl Tournament

WELCOME NEW STUDENT

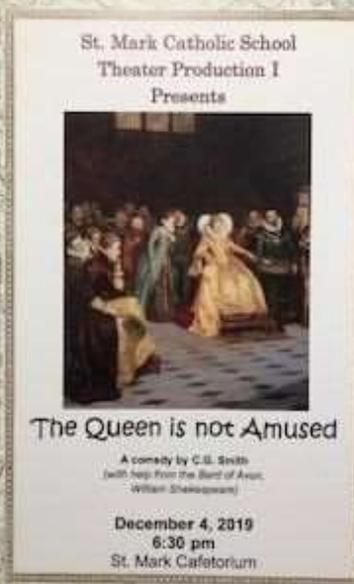


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MARK YOUR
CALENDAR FOR
THE MIDDLE
SCHOOL FALL
PLAY





A warm St. Mark welcome to the new student who joined us this week: Sydney H. in 4th grade.

FALL ENRICHMENT CLUBS HAVE ENDED

A reminder that Fall Enrichment Clubs have ended and you will need to pick up your child at his/her regular dismissal time and place starting on Monday, November 11.

NO MORE WALKING SHORTS

We are still seeing a few students coming to school in the optional uniform walking shorts. **A reminder that students may no longer wear walking shorts to school.** This option will resume in the 4th quarter.

CATHOLIC MATH LEAGUE TEST DATES

Attention Catholic Math League Participants: Please mark your calendars. The remaining 2019-20 Catholic Math League testing dates are as follows: **December 4, February 5, and March 4.** All test dates fall on a **Wednesday**. On the test dates, qualified participants will enter through the Cafetorium between 6:45 and 6:55 AM. Testing starts at 7:00 AM. No students will be admitted after 7:00 AM. Only students taking the test will be admitted. Thank you for your support. (NOTE: Students who qualified to participate have been notified.)

VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION

WATCH D.O.G.S.



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

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.



REMINDERS: Veteran's Day Celebration, Monday, November 11:

*Students can choose to take part in a "dress down day" at no charge where they may wear red, white and blue to school. Please see page 27 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#) for guidelines.

*If a student has a special veteran or someone who is on active duty in the military in their life that they would like to recognize (relative, grandparent, neighbor, friend, etc.), we invite them to print and color this [special "medal" template](#), glue on his or her photo, cut it out, and wear it proudly to school on November 11. Students may wear as many medals as they wish to honor the veterans in their life. See the examples below:



*For those who RSVP'd for a military family member to enjoy a complimentary lunch on us on November 11 -- a reminder that these special guests will go through the lunch line to get their complimentary meal. If a guest has more than one student to enjoy lunch with that day, these guests are welcome to stay during additional lunch periods. (Student lunch periods will follow the regular schedule: PK/TK/K: 10:50 AM; 1st & 2nd: 11:30 AM; 3rd, 4th & 5th: 12:00 PM; 6th, 7th & 8th: 12:30 PM.)

*School parent, Mr. Heiss, will lead an assembly about military service from 2:40-3:20 PM in the Cafetorium for grades 4-8.

We look forward to recognizing the veterans in our school community. Please continue to pray for our military men and women.

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

[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

ANNOUNCING THE ST. MARK "COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY"



Do you have a business you would like the St. Mark Catholic School community to know about? Do you offer a special discount to school families? If so, please consider submitting your business information to the new "[Community Business](#)

[Directory.](#)"

This directory is located on the school website and provides information on businesses owned/operated by current parents, alumni, and their families, as well as any special discounts offered to the community by these businesses.

It is our hope that this directory will continue to grow and become a valuable resource for our school families. Be sure to check back frequently for listing updates. We'll add information as we receive it!

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 are open.
[Online applications are available here.](#)

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!](#)

pray for St. Mark from wherever you are.

***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 December 6.

***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 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:

November: Dialog and Reconciliation in the Near East - That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

AROUND THE PARISH



It's that time of year again! Need a delicious Honey

NEWS FROM ATHLETICS



Come Out and Support our All-Star Lions at the

17th Annual 8th Grade D1/D2 All-Star Volleyball Matches

Monday, November 11, 2019
6:30 PM (8D2) & 7:30 PM (8D1)
St. Monica Catholic School – Large Gym

Congratulations to the following 8th grade athletes who have been chosen to participate in the All Star Volleyball matches:

8D1 Team: Gianna Ferri, Lindsay Keith, Aleia Leal, Hannah Rodrigues

8D2 Team: Anabelle Moxley

GO LIONS!



Congratulations to our students who placed in the 6th Annual St. Mark Catholic School All Souls Remembrance 5K Run: Taylor Salava (Overall Female Winner), Anjali Mascarenhas (Female 10

& Under), Taylor Russo (Female 11-19), 2017 alum Zach Vela (Male Overall Winner), Hudson Wall (Male 10 & Under), and 2017 alum Jack Boland (Male 11-19). For complete results, [click here](#).

Thank you once again to all of our All Souls Run sponsors!

Baked ham or turkey for Thanksgiving? Avoid the lines and support a great cause! Purchase yours from the John Paul II High School Cardinal Cheerleaders by [clicking here](#). Order by November 15 and pick up at JPII on Friday, November 22 from 2:00-4:00 PM. [Complete details and pricing can be found here.](#)



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

FRENCH MASS AT CISTERCIAN

Mrs. Denvir invites all students and their families to attend the monthly French masses held at Our Lady of Cistercian Abbey. There is an opportunity to do the readings and to sample French snacks after each mass.

Upcoming Mass Dates:

11/10 & 12/15

Time: 10:30 AM

Saturday, November 2, 2019

6th Annual All Souls Remembrance Run

Primary Sponsor



Thank you event sponsors for your support and generosity



Librea Family
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Volmer Family

Chip-2-Chip Race Timing
We Have Time For You



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

Location: 3550 Cistercian Road, Irving, TX

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



From

December 6-8 and 12-14, come and see our own second grader, Jillian B., in the North Texas Performing Arts Center production of *Elf Jr.* For details and ticket information, please [click here](#).



Chamberlain Performing Arts presents their annual production of the *Nutcracker* during Thanksgiving weekend. Our own fifth graders, Carter D. and Catalina M., and second graders, Valencia M. and Sophia D., are among the cast members. Please [click here](#) for details and ticket information.

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support St Mark The Evangelist Catholic School. Come in to the Chipotle at **1009 N. Central Expwy** in Plano on **Tuesday, November 12th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to St Mark The Evangelist Catholic School.



CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL
Offers where you eat are included in the fundraising total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards fundraising sales. All purchases made with a working gift card will count.



The St. Mark Book Fair kicks-off **THIS WEEKEND** with a **Family & Parish Day** on **Sunday, November 10** from **9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**. Join us for a Book Scavenger Hunt, prizes, and much more. It's a great opportunity for families to shop together and support our school library!

Check the [Book Fair web page](#) for complete details including ... when your child's class plans to be at the Book Fair, details about the **Annual Book Fair Poster Contest** and "**Get Caught Reading**" Raffle, setting up your [Student eWallet](#), special events, and so much more!

Parent volunteers are **NEEDED** to help make the Book Fair amazing. Interested? Please sign-up by [clicking here](#).

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!

Kindergarten STEM:



All Souls Run:



HSA Chili Cook-Off:





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

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!

Wall of Thanks:



8th Grade Baby Egg Project:



Vocations Talk:



PK4 Outdoor Learning Day:



Prayer Walk:



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-hands.



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? P.E. Coach, Mrs. Greenleaf, was born in St. Louis, Missouri, but grew up in Arlington, Texas. She has been married for 20 years and has two wonderful children, Kennedy and Nick, who both attended St. Mark and are attending Bishop Lynch High School. She has a sweet yellow

Labrador Retriever named Hank and enjoys going to her kids' extracurricular activities, spending time with family and friends, traveling, scuba diving, and reading.



4th Grade Boys Soccer Team:



Art Club - Slime:



Virtue of the Month:



4th Grade Girls Soccer:

HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES



Jesuit Open House will be held on Sunday, November 10 at 1:00 PM. The opening session will take place in the Terry Center. Students and parents who are interested in learning more about the opportunities available at Jesuit are invited to attend.

At Open House, you can:

- Take a student-led tour of campus.
- Learn about the academic departments from faculty members.
- Speak with current students, parents, and teachers.
- Learn about athletic, extracurricular, and special programs.
- Sit in on a typical math and English class.
- Learn more about the Jesuit tradition, Catholic identity, and community service.
- Enjoy Jesuit's award-winning musicians.

Please visit the [Jesuit website](#) to RSVP and to view a copy of the open house program. You can also find information about weekday school tours and monthly parent coffees.

Join the entire John Paul II High School Cardinal Family for Open House on Wednesday, November 20 from 6:00-8:30 PM. This exciting evening

features JP II faculty, staff, administration, and students. Attendees will be entered into a drawing for a \$1,000 credit toward 2020-21 tuition. Stop by the sponsored food trucks on your way in or out of campus, and spend the evening getting the full JP II experience!





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.

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@bishoplynch.org.

QUICK LINKS

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