



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

August 30, 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.

REMINDERS

TODAY, Friday, August 30:

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

Monday, September 2:

-NO SCHOOL: Labor Day

Wednesday, September 4-Friday, September 6:

-8th Grade Leadership Retreat at The Pines Catholic Camp

Friday, September 6:

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

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

-2:00 PM: Room Parent Information Meeting

WELCOME NEW STUDENT



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Catholic schools in the
nation for technology
integration.**

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A warm St. Mark welcome to the new student who joined us this week: **Estella G. in PK4.**

GRANDPARENTS' DAY



Grandparents' Day will take place on September 27. Invitations will go out soon. Stay tuned for further details!

NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY



Plan to "get up and give" to St. Mark on September 19! 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! Our goal this year is \$50,000 to benefit the St. Mark Financial Assistance

Fund. This fund helps provide a Catholic education to all, and assists current school families who have a financial need arise during the school year. [Click here](#) for details.

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS: JOIN MATH COUNTS!



Math Counts is about to begin! Does your middle school 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 Preparatory School Senior and former St. Mark student, Joel Kattady, and Paul Sanchez '19, current Freshman at Cistercian Preparatory School. They will need a Safe Environment-cleared parent to attend as well. Math Counts plans to start on Sunday, September 15 on the school campus. If interested, please contact 7th/8th grade Math teacher, Erica Rivera, at Erica.rivera@stmcs.net.

INTERESTED IN GIRL SCOUTS?

Follow us and stay connected!



Like what you see?

"Like" and "share" on your social media!

QUICK LINKS

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

WEBSITE REDESIGN



If you've browsed our [school website](#) lately, you may have noticed that it has a new look. It's undergone a redesign and now has a more up-to-date format. There have been a few new additions, and some links have been moved to different locations (for example, you can now find the Amazon and Alumni links under "Lion News"). However, in general, the content has remained the same. New photos will



Girl Scout troops are forming at St. Mark Catholic Church and School. If your daughter is interested, please email [Elena Mappus](#). Girl Scouts at St. Mark is a leadership development program for girls rooted in the Catholic faith that offers experiences in service, camping, entrepreneurship, STEM, and much more. Financial assistance is available to those who qualify.

CHOIR REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE



Do you have a child in 2nd grade through high school who is interested in joining the St. Mark Children's Choir? [Click here](#) for the 2019-20 calendar, a general overview, and the registration form.

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

Looking for faith, service and fun for your daughter? Join us on September 12 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Smyth Pastoral Center, Upper Room #208. Please RSVP to [Brandy Pazora](#). American Heritage Girls is for girls 5-18 and offers them the opportunity to develop physically, emotionally and spiritually through the support and encouragement of other girls and leaders. They participate in badge work, social, and outdoor experiences that are unique to a female audience, all with an emphasis on Christian values and family involvement.



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.



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!](#)

ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL



NEWS FROM ATHLETICS

continue to be added in the coming weeks. You may also be interested to know that the redesign was done at no charge by our web host, ECatholic!

If you have any questions about the school website, please contact debbie.reed@stmcs.net.



Calling all "Dads of Great Students!" Watch D.O.G.S. will be hosting their annual "Pizza Night" on Wednesday, September 11 from 7:00-9:00 PM in the Cafetorium. This is a great opportunity to meet new dads, get your questions answered, choose dates to serve, and enjoy a free meal. Please RSVP to Aaron Baldwin at ab3163@att.net by September 6. For more information about the Watch D.O.G.S. program just for dads, [click here](#).

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





Registration and sponsorships are available by [clicking here](#).
If you are interested in volunteering,
please contact [Marlene Ehring](#).

You're invited to the 2019 "Play Like A Champion" fundraiser in support of their mission: "A Team for Every Child."

Wednesday, September 25, 2019
6:30 PM
ESRP's Tailgate Room at The Star
Dallas Cowboys World Headquarters
One Cowboys Way, Frisco, TX

Drinks, appetizers and desserts will be plentiful!
Meet 1987 Heisman Trophy winner Tim Brown.

Visit www.playlikeachampion.org/dallas to learn more
and to RSVP by September 18.

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.



numerous 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.

***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 September 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:

September: The Protection of the Oceans - That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.



Endow will be starting a new women's study for the fall on Wednesday,



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

2019-20 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](#)

Attention Parents with Preschool-2nd Grade Children: 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. **PLEASE REMEMBER, YOUR SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING MUST BE UP-TO-DATE IN ORDER TO VOLUNTEER.** Questions? Contact [Liz Delaney](#) or [Brandy Pazora](#).

IMPORTANT HSA DATES:

Room Parent Meeting:
Friday, September 6, 2:00 PM, Cafetorium



1st General HSA Meeting:
Tuesday, September 10, 6:30 PM, Cafetorium
(Note: We will have a guest speaker from the Diocese that will count for Safe Environment Training Renewal.)



Let the counting begin! August will be our first month of collecting and counting Box Tops, so please turn in any physical Box Tops you have collected and scan as much as you can by August 30. 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 by August 30. Each Box Top submitted earns \$.10 for St. Mark. [Click here for details.](#)

September 11. It is from Ascension Press and is called *Fulfilled: Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism (Part One)* by Sonja Corbit. This is an apologetic approach to sharing the Catholic faith using the Old Testament Tabernacle as a blueprint for God's plan. While it is designed as a faith-sharing Scripture study, you will also gain an understanding of some of the most questioned Catholic teachings. Meetings take place on Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Upper Room of the Smyth Pastoral Center. [Click here](#) to register. Questions? Contact [Chris Keith](#).



HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY

Holy Trinity Seminary, located at 3131 Vince Hagan Drive in Irving, invites you to join their seminarians for public mass. Each mass begins at 9:15 AM and is followed by a reception hosted by the local Serran clubs where you can get to know the seminarians. Upcoming masses: September 8, 15 and 29.

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!

For more information, please 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 directly to the St. Mark Home & School Association.

[Click here](#) for complete instructions. Kroger cards must be relinked to St. Mark every 12 months.

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE STAFF



Did you know? 7th/8th grade Social Studies teacher, Ms. Hassie Wortham, was born and raised in Dallas and attended St. Patrick Catholic School and Bishop Lynch High School. She graduated from Austin College earning her B.A. in History with a minor in Education,

as well as her M.A. in Teaching with 7-12 History Certification. She was a member of the Women's Soccer Team during college and also served as a soccer coach. She spends time volunteering at SNEED Prairie Restoration, Yarns of Hope, and works with the KayCee Club. Ms. Wortham loves technology, playing and watching soccer, reading, music, traveling, Mexican food, candy, and spending time at her farm.

AROUND THE PARISH

Help moms and save babies by joining the annual Hike for Life!

Mrs. Opon has her own sponsor page again this year in support of Father Roshan's St. Mark team -- let's help her reach her \$625 fundraising goal! You can register as a hiker, sponsor her team, or both, by [clicking here](#).

Virtual Reality Comes to St. Mark:



New Playground Equipment:



6th Grade Vocab Analysis:



Light Table Matching:



Library Book Tasting:



Kindness Counts Elective:

HELPING MOMS, SAVING BABIES

SAVE THE DATE

The 40th Annual
Hike for Life
**Saturday,
Sept. 21, 2019**
John Paul II High School
Sign up at:
HikeForLifeTexas.com
Hike for Life Texas is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.
Sponsor a hiker or register as a hiker!



**New Teacher/Student
Welcome:**



HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

You're invited to join the Bishop Lynch High School community for the Leyden Lecture Series which brings distinguished scholars, activists, and artists to the BL campus. Details for the September events are shown at right. Click [here](#) for a complete Lecture Series calendar.

LEYDEN LECTURE SERIES

Lectures will be held in the McGonigle Theatre.

September 6, 2019 7:00 p.m.
Edyta Chlońska
Dancer/Artist

September 13, 2019 7:30 p.m.
Arshay Cooper
Author of Sugar Water

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