



# ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

## WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN September 27, 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, September 27:

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

-12:00 PM Early Dismissal. The After School Program is available until 6:00 PM. ASP will serve a special "Fair Day" corn dog lunch. If your child does not want corn dogs, please send a lunch for ASP.

10:00 AM-11:00 PM: 1/2 days are Cane's days at St. Mark! Visit the location across the street from the school. Mention St. Mark during the order process and a percentage of your purchase will benefit the Athletics Dept.

### Sunday, September 29:

-9:00 AM, Church: St. Mark Children's Choir sings at Mass

### Wednesday, October 2:

7:15 AM, Cafetorium: Rosary (details below)

-Teacher Luncheon hosted by 2nd and 8th grades



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**WATCH  
D.O.G.S.**

**Thursday, October 3:**

-Michelle Staubach Grimes Author Visit to TK-2nd grades

**Friday, October 4:**

-7:55 AM, Cross outside Narthex: Community Prayer Walk (details below)

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

**Saturday, October 5:**

-Diocesan Speech Tournament

**Monday, October 7:**

-St. Mark Spirit Day! Refer to guidelines on page 27 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#).

-5:30 PM, McGivney Hall/Parish Center: Parish Meet & Greet (details below)

-6:00 PM, St. Rita Catholic School: High School Preview Night (details below)



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 November. Sign-ups are due October 15. Half days and full days are available. Please remember, you must be [Safe Environment](#) trained to serve.

## 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, 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

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents: The results of our "Name That Turtle" contest are in. The name that was suggested by students the most was *Mary!* Because we received so many

wonderful name suggestions from our students (71 to be exact), we decided to give her a second name, so we held a random drawing among all of the submissions.

"Macadoodle" was the winner. **Our new turtle's name is officially "Mary Macadoodle," or "Miss Mary Mac" for short.** She joins Matthew, Mark, Luke and John as one of our beloved St. Mark pets. Be sure and stop by the courtyard from time to time and pay them a visit. Our students can't get enough of them!

On another note, as our emphasis on a growth mindset continues, I'd like to provide you with a second resource that you can use at home. This one centers on self-confidence. [Click here](#) to access some tips on how to build

your child's confidence and [here](#) to link to a fun pencil topper printable that your child can use as a confidence booster.

Have a great weekend,



## AFTERNOON DISMISSAL LINES

Our afternoon dismissal lines are becoming an increasing safety concern. We are seeing that many cars do not have signs to identify the student(s) to be picked up.

**Last request:** All cars must have a sign displayed in the front windshield that includes the child(ren) name(s) written in letters at least 2 inches tall in bold, black marker. This includes daycares.

Carpool signs were issued to each family at the beginning of the year. Please let your child's teacher know if you would like for us to make you another sign.

Beginning very soon, all cars without a sign will be required to pull forward to a designated holding area and drivers will be asked to present their driver's license to the staff member on duty.

## PARISH MEET & GREET

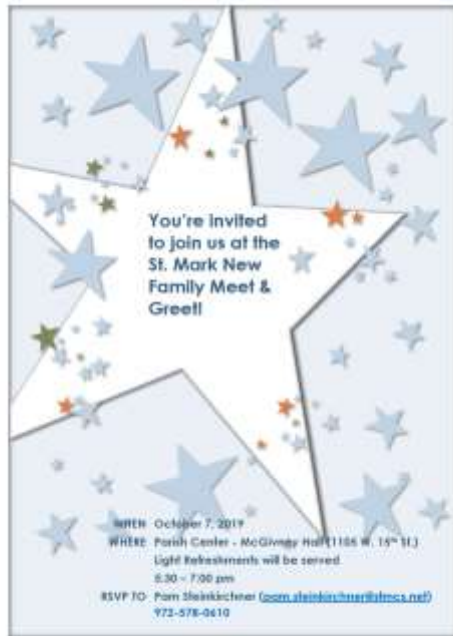
the Cafetorium. Students awaiting class will pray the rosary each Wednesday from October 2-30. You may bring your own rosary or they will be provided in the Cafetorium. The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to an account by a 15th century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others. Today, as through history, we are urged by our Blessed Mother to turn again to the Rosary for help.

**\*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 October 4.

**\*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.



All school families, and especially our new families, are invited to join us for the 4th Annual Parish Meet & Greet. Enjoy refreshments while you hear from our St. Mark ministries about ways to become involved in the parish community and have your questions answered. Children are welcome. Please RSVP to [Pam Steinkirchner](mailto:pam.steinkirchner@stmcs.net).

## 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](http://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

## LOWDOWN FROM THE LION'S LAIR

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

## AROUND THE PARISH



Please join Bishop Burns as he consecrates Dallas to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to pray the rosary for our country on the anniversary of the Fatima Miracle of the Sun with over 1,200 locations across the U.S. and internationally -- Sunday, October 13, 2:00 PM, Flag Pole Hill Park, 8100 Doran Circle in Dallas. For more information, please [click here](#).

## HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY





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. 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 and sponsorships. Service hours are available for middle school students. Contact Marlene Ehring at [marlene.ehring@stmcs.net](mailto:marlene.ehring@stmcs.net) with questions.

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](http://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

Mark your calendar and join us on Saturday, November 2 for the 1st Annual HSA Chili Cook-Off! Questions and team entries can be sent to James Coulter and Rich Frei at [hsachilicookoff@gmail.com](mailto:hsachilicookoff@gmail.com).



## VOLUNTEER



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

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:** \*September 29  
\*October 6 & 13

**Time:**  
9:15 AM

**Location:**  
3131 Vince Hagan Drive, Irving, TX

## 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 !

### 4th Grade Uganda Lesson:



### Grandparents Day:

**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](#)

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**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](#).

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**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](#)

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**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-hands](http://www.stmcs.net/helping-hands).



#### BL Kindness Assembly:



#### 1st Grade Apple Peels:



#### Hike for Life:



#### 6th Grade Girl Scouts:



**Hooray for Box Tops!** 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

(expiration date must be visible); 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 relinked to St. Mark every 12 months.

## FUN FACTS ABOUT THE STAFF



**Did you know?** 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Paulson, graduated with a B.S. degree in Elementary Education from Centenary College. She loves spending time with her family, reading, the outdoors and gardening. She has been married for 41 years, has two grown children and two grandchildren. She loves going to

college football games and taking road trips. Her volunteer efforts include counseling new parents of children with developmental disabilities, as well as encouraging involvement with Camp Summit, Equest, and Holy Angels.

## PAW PRIDE!



Flag Football @ JPll:





We are proud to announce our students who qualified for the Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP) 4th-6th Grade Talent Search based on last year's standardized test scores.

Duke TIP is a nonprofit organization dedicated to identifying and serving academically gifted and talented youth. Letters were mailed to these students' families his week and contain more information, as well as instructions for registering with Duke TIP. Congratulations to our qualifiers: **4th Grade:** Morgan B., Bebe C., Clara C., Charlie D., Nhiem H., Robert L., Isabelle M., Jacob N., Ava N., Naomi N., Maria Q., Keelan S., Annette W.; **5th Grade:** Guru A., Christopher B., Cooper D., Gavin D., Ansley D., Sophia E., Lincoln H., Omar J., Iahn K., Sterling K., Brandon L., Matthew M., Avery P., Marilyn P., Priscilla Y., Julia Z.; **6th Grade:** Karson A., William B., Diya C., Adrian D., Ambrose D., Bianca G., Francisco G., Samuel H., Mason H., Paolina H., Reynold I., Ezekiel R., Maxwell M., Nathan P., Pedro R., Ethan S., Madison S., Quyendi T.

## HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PREVIEW NIGHT**

<p><b>October 7, 2019</b>  <b>6 - 7:30 P.M.</b>  <b>St. Rita Catholic Community School</b>          12521 Inwood Rd., Dallas, TX 75244          Parish Community and Dining Hall</p>	<p><b>October 21, 2019</b>  <b>6 - 7:30 P.M.</b>  <b>St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic School</b>          4019 S Hampton Rd., Dallas, TX 75224          Gymnasium</p>
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**OPEN TO PUBLIC**

**Catholic High Schools Included:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bishop Duvigne Catholic School</li> <li>St. Ann's Catholic High School</li> <li>St. Elizabeth's Preparatory School</li> <li>St. Mary's Catholic College Preparatory School</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Highlands School</li> <li>St. Joseph's College Preparatory School of Dallas</li> <li>John Paul II High School</li> <li>Urbane Academy of Dallas</li> </ul>
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The John Paul II High School National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta students are offering six weeks of **ISEE Study Sessions** in preparation for the high school entrance exam. Sessions will take place every Tuesday from 3:45-4:45 PM from October 22-December 3 at John Paul II High School. The cost is \$30. Snacks will be provided. Participating 8th graders will meet Ms. Steinkirchner at the breezeway doors by the Cafetorium at dismissal and the JP II bus will transport students from St. Mark to JP II. Parents must pick-up students at the JP II main entrance at 4:45 PM. Please [click here](#) for details and registration.

### JP II 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](#).



## QUICK LINKS

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