



# ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

## WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN

September 15, 2017

### Prayer for the 2017-18 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 15:

- 3rd grade received the Vocations Chalice and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming week.

### Monday, September 18:

-Fall Enrichment Clubs Begin After School

### Wednesday, September 20:

-6:30 PM, Cafetorium: HSA General Meeting

### Thursday, September 21:

-ECE: Texas Day

### Friday, September 22:

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

-2nd Grade Field Trip

## FALL ENRICHMENT CLUBS START MONDAY

Fall Enrichment Clubs start Monday, September 18. Parents of all participating students should have received an email from



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## QUICK LINKS

[Calendar](#)  
[Lifetime Lions Alumni](#)  
[Admissions](#)  
[Lunch Menus](#)  
[Safe Environment](#)

Mrs. Opon earlier this week informing them of what club their child will be attending, the pickup time, and dismissal location.

### FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

Over the next few weeks, the school nurse will be conducting vision and hearing screenings for all students in grades PK4-8th. If your student wears corrective lenses or a hearing aid device, please ensure that he/she brings them to school. Parents will be notified of screening results only if the screening is failed and the child needs a referral.

### LIONS' DEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Lion's Den Spirit Store is looking for two more parents to volunteer during the Friday morning sales on a rotating schedule. Volunteer hours are 7:25 until 8:15 AM each Friday. During that time, volunteers are asked to help with spirit merchandise sales, organize merchandise, and tag inventory. It's a great way to get involved, raise money for the Athletics Department, and meet lots of other parents. If you can help, please contact [marlene.ehring@stmcs.net](mailto:marlene.ehring@stmcs.net).

### JOIN FATHER CLIFF'S HIKE FOR LIFE TEAM!

Please be part of the "Hike for Life" at JPII High School on September 23! Father Cliff is a team Captain! Help raise funds by sponsoring his team.



It's easy, and takes two minutes to register. Simply visit [www.hikeforlifetexas.com](http://www.hikeforlifetexas.com). Select "Dallas" then "Plano" as the hike site. Register and/or join a team. Make a donation to one of the hikers like Father Cliff. 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. Information cards are also being sent home with students today.

### JOIN STEM SCOUTS

Attention 2nd-8th grade students -- join STEM Scouts!

**Grades 2-5:** Open to boys and girls who are at least 8 years old by October 1, 2017.

Students will work on the following topics: Archaeology, Lights and Colors, Ozbots Games, Astronomy, Magnetism, What's the Matter?, and Can



[Lion's Den Spirit Store](#)  
[Work of Heart Nomination](#)

### THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to St. Mark Catholic



School on North Texas Giving Day yesterday! While we don't have the final total including bonus funds, etc., the initial figure is \$33,841. This money will assist current families who encounter unexpected needs during the school year, as well as incoming families who need assistance to afford a Catholic education. Your generosity will go a long way towards making a St. Mark education available to all -- thank you for your generosity!

### 2017-18 LIMITED OPENINGS

There are limited openings in select grade levels for the 2017-18 school year. Take advantage of our referral opportunities:

**\*School Tour Referral Incentive:** Simply send someone you know to take a school tour. Once they attend in person and indicate you as a referral, we'll send you a \$10.00 gift certificate to the Lion's Den Spirit Store...it's that easy!

You Hear Me? Meetings will be held after school on Fridays until 5:00 PM (students go straight from school to STEM Scouts). Cost is \$200/year. To register for 2nd-5th grade: <https://stemscouts.org/signup-night/6915/>

**Grades 6-8:** Open to any middle school student -- boys and girls. Students will work on the following topics: Crazy Robot Machines, Mobile Apps, How Does Light Work?, Mission to the International Space Station, and War of the Drones. Meetings will be held after school on Mondays until 5:00 PM (students go straight from school to STEM Scouts). Cost is \$200/year. To register for 6th-8th grade: <https://stemscouts.org/signup-night/5420>

**The registration deadline is September 22.**

Questions? Contact [Maribeth.hughes@scouting.org](mailto:Maribeth.hughes@scouting.org) or 214-918-4010.

\*\*STEM Scouts needs parent volunteers to act as monitors while the students work on their projects.\*\*



#### AUCTION FAQs:

**What is the Auction?** Our school's largest fundraiser, and a night attended by faculty, staff, friends and family. The event consists of dinner, a live auction, and a silent auction.

**When is the Auction?** April 7, 2018

**When will tickets go on sale?** Before the end of September. Stay tuned to your text messages and Weekly School Bulletin for details.

**What is this year's auction supporting?** More details will be coming soon, but we can assure you that this year's funds will support everyone. There is something for students, teachers and parents.

**I want to volunteer.** Please reach out to [Rebecca Battles](#).

#### AUCTION EVENTS:

**Pre-Auction Mixers:** We will be having pre-auction mixers this year. More details will be coming next week. Stay tuned!

**\*Referral Thank You Program:** Refer a new family to St. Mark and you could receive a \$500 tuition credit. [Click here](#) for details.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL COMMUNITY!**

#### **HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT**

All 7th and 8th grade students and parents are invited to St. Rita Catholic School for [High School Information Night](#) on Monday, October 2, 2017 from 6:00-9:00 PM. Please [click here](#) for complete details.

#### **GRANDPARENTS' DAY**

Grandparents' Day is coming up on Friday, September 29! Printed invitations were mailed this week, and an email with further details will be sent to parents next week. Stay tuned!



**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 today, September 15. Half days and full days are available. Please remember,

## 2018 Auction Family Fun Fundraisers

We urge parents to coordinate times and use these fundraisers as fun and fellowship while you support our school.



### September's "Give Back" Fundraiser

Thank you to all families who supported our school auction by dining at Chick-fil-A this week. You helped us raise \$208!

### October's "Give Back" Fundraiser



KENDRA SCOTT

Every piece of jewelry tells a story.

Jump start your holiday shopping  
with our "Kendra Gives Back" event.

Join the St. Mark Catholic School 2018 Auction at  
The Kendra Scott Store  
The Shops of Legacy Plano  
Thursday, October 5, 2017  
6:00 to 8:00 PM

Champagne & Sweet Treats Provided

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the  
St. Mark Catholic School Auction

#### The Need to Know Details:

1. You must shop in-person or by phone at (214) 299-5227 for proceeds to benefit the St. Mark Catholic School Auction.
2. The event is not limited to St. Mark families. Invite your friends and family!
3. Children are welcome to attend with you while you shop.
4. Ladies can make a wish-list in the store prior to the event.

you must be [Safe Environment](#) trained to volunteer.



**LIONS DEN**

The Lion's Den Spirit Store is open every Friday morning from 7:30-8:15 AM in the Cafeteria hallway. 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.

**Middle School Tennis Tournament Registration Now Open:** The 2017 Middle School Tennis Tournament, hosted by Bishop Dunne, will be held November 10-11. 5th/6th and 7th/8th boys and girls may register. [Click here](#) for complete details.

**Mark your calendar:**

**Fall Pep Rally:** Thursday, October 26, 10:40-11:45 AM



**4th Annual All Souls Run:** Saturday, October 28, 2017. For

details and run registration, please [click here](#).

**Spring Pep Rally:** January 31, 2018

5. Shipping fees will be waived if you shop during the event times and indicate the purchase is for St. Mark Catholic School.

Questions? Please contact [Sherry Mehring](#) or [Rebecca Battles](#).



## HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

### 2017-18 General Meetings:

\*September 20, 6:30 PM, Cafetorium: The very first HSA meeting for this school year is coming up! This meeting will begin with an overview of this year's plans, which include some exciting, NEW, fun events, and will feature a special guest speaker immediately following the business portion of the meeting. The speaker is a local police officer who will be speaking about internet safety for our children. Attendance at the meeting will renew your Safe Environment training for this school year. We have also partnered with BJ's restaurant and they will be providing dinner to attendees. For this reason, we kindly ask that you click to RSVP to the [Facebook Event Page](#) so that we order enough food. You can also send your RSVP to Jolea Broome at 469-774-7799. Thank you to those who have already done so.

We are also excited to announce that childcare WILL BE provided for this meeting! Stacy Oliver will be overseeing several of our middle school students as they interact with the children during the meeting (location TBA). If you are in need of childcare, please comment on the link above with name and age of each child attending. This will ensure that we have enough sitters present. Children may bring school work to complete if needed.

- \*December 6, 8:15 AM, Cafetorium: HSA 2nd General Meeting
- \*March 28, 6:30 PM, Cafetorium: HSA 3rd General Meeting
- \*May 2, 8:15 AM, Cafetorium: HSA 4th General Meeting

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Looking to volunteer? Check out the master [Sign-Up Genius](#) link and all the ways you can help out.

In addition, Mrs. Schell needs help with the PK3 classes as students learn basic movement and music skills. Be ready to dance, skip and play instruments! The volunteer position is open to ALL volunteers, not just PK3 parents. You must be current on your Safe Environment certification to participate.



Monsignor Smyth

Golf Classic: Friday, May 4,  
2018

**Football and Volleyball seasons are here!** Click for the schedules on the DPL website. Come out and cheer on your St. Mark LIONS!

### Concession Stand

**Volunteers:** Need service hours? Volunteer at the St. Mark concession stand during home games. Contact [marlene.ehring@stmcs.net](mailto:marlene.ehring@stmcs.net) to sign-up.



HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY

Join us for an upcoming Public Mass on September 17 at 9:15 AM at Holy Trinity Seminary, 3131 Vince Hagan Drive, Irving. A brief reception with the seminarians follows.

### FRENCH MASS AT CISTERCIAN

Mrs. Denvir extends an invitation to all students and their families to attend the French Masses at Cistercian. There is an opportunity to do the readings and to sample French snacks at the end of every Mass. Masses take place every third Sunday of the month at 10:30 AM at Our Lady of Dallas Cistercian Abbey, 3550 Cistercian Road, Irving. **Next French Mass: September 17.**

[Click here](#) to sign-up.

**ATTENTION 2nd and 8th grade parents:** The Teacher Luncheon hosted by the 2nd and 8th grades is coming up on September 27 and we are in the planning stages. We need your support in order to make it a successful luncheon. A Sign-Up Genius was sent out -- please look for ways that you can help!

**Box Tops:** Earn additional funds for St. Mark Catholic School by clipping Box Tops For Education from a variety of products, AND earning bonus Box Tops via the Box Tops app. Each Box Top submitted earns \$.10 for St. Mark. [Click here](#) for details. Right now, Sam's Club is running a "buy 3 get 100" (\$10) promotion through the end of September. Purchase any 3 Box Top products and scan your receipt using the Box Tops app by 9/30/17 (limit 4).

**Donation Opportunity for Hurricane Harvey Victims**  
Earn 100 Box Tops on Lysol when you purchase any 5 products. Limit 4.

Hurricane Harvey victims will need to clean up an entire city. Please consider buying 5 Lysol products to donate, and on top of the good deed, the school will make \$10 once you scan your receipt using the Box Tops app.

## ST. MARK COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM

The mission of the Community Prayer Team is to provide ways that we, as a community, can come together and pray throughout the year. For more information about our Prayer Team, [click here](#).



**September's prayer intention for our school:** For our teachers, our students, and the safety of our school.

**Prayer Requests:** The school has a Prayer Table available to all school visitors (located in the hallway between the Administration offices and the cafeteria). Everyone is welcome to place prayer requests in the box on the table. These intentions will be taken to Mass on Fridays as part of the offering. We will also pray over these intentions during our monthly meetings. Prayer requests can also be sent directly to [kathleenfrye@yahoo.com](mailto:kathleenfrye@yahoo.com) or [lizquarles97@hotmail.com](mailto:lizquarles97@hotmail.com). Please indicate if your prayer can be shared, or should be kept confidential.

## SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

A few scenes from this week.  
To learn the stories behind these photos, visit our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages!

### NTGD:



### 2nd Grade English Tacos:



### 6th Grade Writing Conferences:



### PK3 Letter F:



### PK4 Skittle Prayers:

**Upcoming Events:** Thanks to everyone who was able to make it to our very first meeting, and to those of you who prayed from where you were. Our next meeting will be on Monday, October 2 at 8:00 AM. We would love for you to come! Our next Community Prayer Walk will be held on Friday, October 13. Meet by the cross in front of the Narthex at 7:50 AM. If you have time after the walk, please attend the All School Mass at 8:30 AM.

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