



WEEKLY WORDS

St. Mark's Cathedral School

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October 19, 2018

OPEN HOUSE October 25
9-11 AM • 5:30 PM

PRAY **PLAY** **LEARN**

It all begins at St. Mark's

318-221-3360 Preschool 2 through 8th Grade • Episcopal Private School www.StMarksSchool.com

- All visitors will sign in at The Little School •
- 9AM - 11AM - Come and Go, Tours •
- 5:30 PM - Division Presentation, Tours •

Getting Ready for Pumpkin Shine



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October 21

-Byrd Open House

October 22 - Pep Rally/
Surprise Birthday
Assembly, Gym, 2:30)

October 23

- PS Pumpkin Patch &

Scarecrow Day

-Pumpkin Shine
on Line

October 25

-Fall Open House

9-11 & 5:30

-Girls BB, Home

5th/6th/8th, 6PM

October 26

-8th Grade-Strand Theatre

-Happy Belly's at Lunch

-MS Dance @ SMCS

COMING UP @ SMCS

October 27

-Magnet Fall Preview, 9:30-12:30

October 28

-Captain Shreve Open House, 1PM

October 30

-PS Halloween Carnival

October 31

-LS Halloween Carnival, 12 noon

November 2

-Eucharist

-2nd grade to Pioneer Heritage

-PS Conferences

-No school for PS



Scripture Verse of the Week

Speak Lord for your servant is listening.

- 1 Samuel 3:10

FROM THE DESK OF Chris Carter, Head of School



October 19, 2018

Dear Parents,

I want to thank those of you who have so quickly shown your support for St. Mark's by pledging to the Annual Fund. Your generosity is so important and makes such a tremendous difference. I know you just received pledge cards last week, and we appreciate these very prompt responses!

I also want to thank you all for your amazing generosity to our surprise birthday gift for Mr. Calvin. We will have a Pep Rally/Surprise Birthday Assembly in the gym on Monday at 2:30. We would love to have you there; I think he will be absolutely shocked—and thrilled—by the present you have given him! Remember—it's a surprise!

Two weeks ago a large group of current and former School Board members spent much of the day on the beginning of a new strategic plan for the school. Fr. David Madison from SAES led the session, and he began by reviewing national and regional trends in Episcopal schools. He then reviewed data from the survey that SAES sent about a month ago. We were delighted to have over 250 responses from current and former parents, as well as parishioners and faculty/staff. Every grade in the school was represented by the respondents. Fr. Madison told us that the overall favorability rating of the school from those who responded was 8.4 on a scale of 1 (low) to 10 (high). The survey gave the Board a sense of perceived current strengths upon which to continue to build, as well as concerns to be addressed in the next few years. Having looked at national/regional trends and local data in

the survey, the group engaged in small group activities to envision the desired future of St. Mark's and to determine where the school needs to focus its attention in order to accomplish that future. The Board will now take those focus areas and establish specific goals for the next three-year period. We hope to have our plan completed by the end of the semester and will share it with the broader community after final approval.

Next week is our Fall Open House. A huge thank you to all who have given us names and addresses for over fifty personal invitations! We can still send an email or make a phone call if you forgot to send us a name, and of course you are welcome to bring someone on your own! We will have both morning and sessions next Thursday; all ages and grades are welcome, but we will gather and begin tours in the Little School.

1st-8th grade students will bring home report cards today. Overall, I am very proud of our students' efforts in the first quarter but please do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers or division head if you have any questions or concerns. Conferences can be scheduled anytime they are necessary.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Warmly,

Chris Carter, D.Min.
Head of School

Come to the 66th Annual Loyola Style Show on November 10 at 11AM



Come celebrate the St. Mark's Seniors of Loyola College Prep at the 66th Annual Loyola Style Show "Snoopy Goes to Space" on November 7th at 11:00 a.m. at the Shreveport Convention Center.

Tickets are on sale now for \$40 until October 24th, when the price increases to \$45. We have reserved a special table for St. Joseph for this out of this world celebration.

Also this year, the Loyola Parents Association is excited to introduce a Preview Party for the Style Show on Saturday, October 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the Loyola Cafeteria. "Snoopy Shoots for the Stars" is an adults only evening including great food, an open bar and live and silent auctions. This is a great opportunity to get to know more about Loyola in a festive setting. Tickets for this cosmic event are just \$45 a person and can be purchased along with the Style Show tickets at <https://lcpstyleshow2018.eventbrite.com>



This Week's Weather Reporter was 7th Grader Lucy Reading



This week was Lucy Reading's turn to join Todd Warren in the Forecast Center. She recommended keeping umbrellas and jackets handy.

Great Job Lucy!

Tune in to NBC affiliate KTAL-TV next Tuesday at 5:00 PM to see who our next weather reporter is!



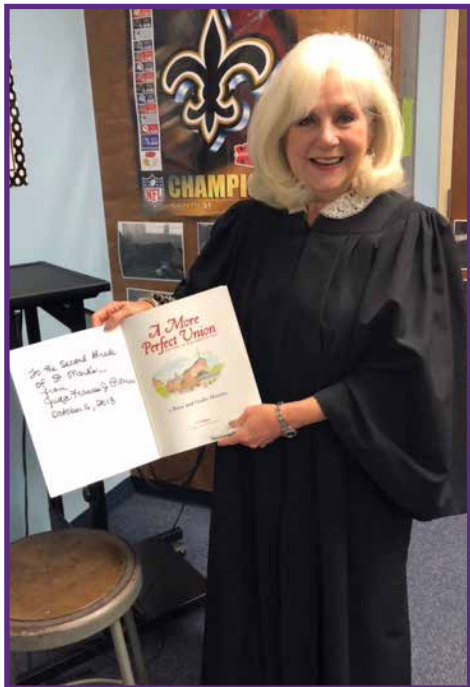
**Coloring
Books &
Crayons Needed**

The Student Council is collecting new coloring books and crayons for the pediatric unit at LSU for Halloween. Please bring them to Mrs. Lewis' room by Monday, Oct. 29th.

Second Grade Welcomes Guest Reader Judge Frances Pitman

Camille Renda's grandfran Judge Frances Pitman, read a book and shared her life as a judge to the second grade.

Thanks for teaching us about our country's constitution!



PARENTS' CLUB CORNER



Thanks to everyone who sent in box tops. We earned \$187.30 for our school. Please keep sending in your box tops! We will continue to collect for our final submission at the end of the year.

QUESTIONS? Contact Jennifer Woodard
jenwoodard4@yahoo.com



*The Christmas greenery order forms have been distributed to students and are due to the school by **November 1**.*

There are extra forms available in the office and church.

Please be sure to support this important fundraiser!



QUESTIONS?
Contact Caffery Brown
marycaf@aol.com



PARENTS' CLUB FACT OF THE WEEK

**Did You
KNOW?**...

Parents' Club makes contributions that help provide:

**PLAYGROUND
EQUIPMENT**

ST. MARK'S CATHEDRAL SCHOOL  **5K**

PAW PRINT SPRINT

SATURDAY  NOV. 10, 2018

  Register at: SportSpectrumusa.com
Just Run With It!

Have you registered for the SMCS Paw Print Sprint?

- **1/2 Mile Fun Run** for the kids starts @ 8:00 at SMCS
- **5K starts** @ 8:30 and begins and ends at SMCS
- The Run/walk course goes through the Historic Fairfield and Highland neighborhoods.
- Registration Cost: \$30.00 (Race day registration cost: \$35.00)

REGISTER TODAY!

Would you like to support **Paw Print Sprint** but not be a runner?
You can register to be a Phantom Runner!



*Thank you for your SMCS spirit and support!
We are looking forward to this fun event.*

LADY LIONS - October Schedule

	<i>OPPONENT</i>	<i>TEAMS</i>	<i>PLACE</i>	<i>TIMES</i>
22	<i>First Baptist</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>Away</i>	<i>5/6/7/8 PM</i>
25	<i>St Joseph's</i>	<i>5th/6th/8th</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>6/7/8 PM</i>



EDUCATION DAY



VS



2:30PM

SATURDAY, OCT. 20TH
JOEAILLETSTADIUM

TICKETS: \$13.00

TO PURCHASE TICKETS CONTACT:

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