

The Bulldog Barks October 18, 2019

Mr. Brookbank – Principal

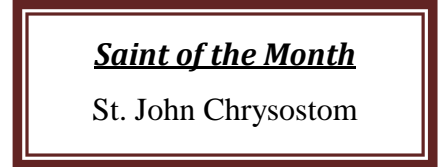
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GREAT NEWS!! St. Mary's School won 1st place for our float at Farmer's Fair! Best display for a church or church group. Thank you to everyone that came to represent St. Mary's. A special thank you to Lyndsay Hays for coordinating this event. We also need to thank Mike and Michelle Ryan for their assistance and for driving the trailer.

I hope everyone had a great Fall Break! There was a lot of activity happening at school to enhance and update our internet service, computers and security!

Richard Lloyd from Aurora Computer came in to update the infrastructure of our internet service. Mr. Brookbank and Ms. Ann received new computer systems. Additionally, the 40 new Chromebooks were delivered.

AEgis Protective Services installed a video intercom systems for the front door. This will allow the school office and Ms. McPherson to monitor and speak to anyone at the front door, without actually going to the door. They also installed 9 additional cameras around campus that will allow us to monitor any activity in and around our buildings! It is amazing how clear the video is on each camera! It has been somewhat distracting for Ms. Ann! Feel free to stop by and ask questions or to see what we see in the front office.



Average Daily Attendance: 08/07 – 10/17/2019 (45 school days)

of students: 73

Average # of students per day: 71.93

of absent days: 52

Average Daily Attendance: 98.54%

Principal's Open Forum

The next Open Forum meeting will be on Wednesday, November 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Mr. Brookbank will give an update on the many positive things that have happened at St. Mary's since the beginning of the school year. He will also discuss future goals we have as a parish, school and community. All parishioners, parents and alumni are encouraged to attend.

Sustainability Meeting

The next Sustainability meeting will be on Thursday, October 24th at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All are welcome to attend!

We currently have two active fundraisers:

- Pumpkin Cake Roll - \$17.00/ each, orders are due by Monday, November 4, 2019.

- Bulldog's Bounty Cookbook - \$15.00/each, orders are due by Monday, November 11, 2019.

Attached are information sheets and order forms for both fundraisers.

PTO

The 2nd Quarter PTO meeting will be on Thursday, October 24th at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Thank you to everyone that helped and participated in making our Farmer's Fair booth a success! We will give a summary of Farmer's Fair and discuss upcoming events.

We still need cafeteria monitors.

These individuals will walk around the cafeteria and monitor students, open milk, and general supervision. Time needed – 11:25 – 11:55 a.m. Call the office if you can help.

Adopt a Student Program

Our Adopt-A-Student Program is aimed at helping struggling families meet the rising cost of a good Catholic Education. It is an opportunity for you, as caring parishioner, to offer a child a quality, Catholic education. It is also an opportunity to help your fellow parishioners with financial support and encouragement.

Your contribution may be applied in one of two ways. First, it could go to help all our St. Mary's children. Secondly, it could also be applied towards a specific child for the child's tuition account. All you need to do, is to specify the child or children you wish to sponsor. In this case, the parents would be notified that their account has been reduced by X amount of dollars. You may donate anonymously, if you wish.

Our Adopt-A-Student program is also funded by the weekly student mass; one half of the funds collected go into the Adopt-A-Student fund.

Contact the school office if you have any questions.

Student Tickets – South Dearborn

St. Mary's has \$3.00 Reduced Student Tickets for the sports events at South Dearborn. We have the tickets in the school office.

Kroger Community Rewards

Thanks to everyone that has enrolled in Kroger Community Rewards and linked their card to St. Mary's. This help raise money for our school! It's easy and free to enroll! Plus, you'll earn fuel points at the same time.

If you are not enrolled, here is the link: <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>

After School Care

The After School Care Program will be supervised by Ms. McPherson in the 1st grade room from 2:35 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mondays - Thursdays and from 2:35 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. on Fridays! If you have any question about the After School Care, please call the office or email Ms. McPherson at mcperson.1@mystmarys.com.

Box Tops for Education

*** Buy * Clip * Send * Earn***



Welcome back to school!! For those of you who do not know me, my name is Nicole Eaglin, and I am the Box Tops for Education coordinator for St. Mary's School. Box Tops are on many items that you purchase.

Please collect Box Tops and send them in to school with your student. The teachers collect the Box Tops, and then I mail them in to be redeemed. Each Box Top is worth \$.10. There are collection sheets you may fill out or send them in a baggie.

This year, Box Tops for Education has updated their app. Just download the app, fill in our school information, scan in your receipt and scan the item. Our school will then receive credit and a check is mailed to the school quarterly.

I appreciate all of your participation in the Box Tops for Education program. Thank you for helping raise money for our school.

Pull for Ronald McDonald House Charities



Recycled beverage tabs help support local Ronald McDonald House program, a temporary “home-away-from-home” for the families of seriously ill children being treated at nearby hospitals.

There is a can by the front door of school, with the Ronald McDonald logo on it. Please bring in your beverage tabs and put them in the can.

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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We will get a new vowel next week, short vowel *i* - keyword- inch. We will be focusing on rhyming words, syllables, and "twin consonants" (only the 1st consonant makes the letter sound; i.e.- **hill**). We will learn 5 new “pop-up” words. We will practice reading sentences that contain our caterpillar and "pop-up" words. Doing this at home, on a regular basis, would be helpful. We will also be writing simple sentences.

In math we will be working with numbers 0 – 10, and identifying and giving the value for pennies. We will be counting pennies, writing money amounts using cent signs, and we will be doing story problems using pennies.

Report cards for the first grading period were sent home on Thursday. The report card needs to be signed and returned to school. The children have done a nice job these first nine weeks of school. Thank you for all of your help at home.

Thank you also to all who were involved in spending time over fall break setting up our new internet and security systems

Grade 1 and Grade 2 – Ms. McPherson

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1st Grade

Report cards were sent home on Thursday. Please sign and return the yellow copy of your child’s report card by October 25th!

In Phonics we will be reviewing how to divide and code words that have a *vccv* pattern. We will also be reading and spelling words that contain the two sounds of the letter *Uu* (as in umbrella and unicorn) and the letter *Ww* (as in wagon).

In Math we are continuing to write number sentences for “Some, Some Went Away” stories. We will also be creating subtraction problem situations.

Our class will be celebrating Halloween on Thursday, October 31st! 1st graders will not be wearing costumes to school this year, but they may be out of uniform if they wear Halloween colors (orange, black, and purple)!

2nd Grade

Report cards were sent home on Thursday. Please sign and return the yellow copy of your child’s report card by October 25th!

In Phonics we will be reviewing our sight words and we will be reviewing the sounds of final stable syllables -ble (as in bubble), -fle (as in ruffle), -dle (as in candle), -gle (as in bugle), -ple (as in staple) and- tle (as in bottle). We will also be putting two words together to form compound words!

In Math we will be identifying halves, fourths, and eighths of a whole and creating and reading a bar graph.

In Reading we will continue with the story What Lives in a Shell. Workbook pages 65-66 will be due Friday, October 25th!

Our class will be celebrating Halloween on Thursday, October 31st! The 2nd graders will not be wearing costumes to school this year, but they may be out of uniform if they wear Halloween colors (orange, black, and purple)!

Grade 3 and Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer**amanda.meyer@mystmarys.com**

Third graders have been very successful with subtracting three-digit numbers with no regrouping. This week they will practice regrouping or borrowing to find the difference. Fourth graders have jumped into multiplication. Students need to keep practicing their multiplication facts until they are memorized.

We are excited to invite parents and grandparents to our classroom on Friday, October 25 to celebrate our novels about grandparents. We will be preparing a special iMovie just for them. We will also be showing them some of the technology we use in the classroom.

Please return one signed copy of the report card as soon as possible if you have not already. Have a great week!

Grade 5 – Mrs. Grove**annmarie.grove@mystmarys.com**

Thank you to the Simons, Hollanders, Days, and Gerkes for responding to our plea for money to pay the registration fees for the local robotics competitions. The 5th grade needs \$240.00. The 6th grade needs the same. Any amount will be appreciated.

We have a student teacher from Thomas More University in our class until Thanksgiving. Her name is Savannah O'Brien. She is a huge asset to the class. The students love her.

The first quiz on our new novel, *Sign of the Beaver*, will be on Monday.

Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice**suzy.rice@mystmarys.com**

Report Cards went home on Thursday. Please sign and return one copy. This week began the 2nd grading period. Everyone began with a clean slate.

5th and 6th grade each received a 2nd robotics grant. The Girl Power Grant was for another kit, so we now have 2 teams to compete in grade 6 and grade 5. The grants awarded us over \$2,000 worth of robotics equipment, but we have costs we were not aware of. Thanks to Emily Beinkemper Salon, Kraemer Construction and Jake Sweeney (Chris Simon) for their generous sponsorships. We are in need of competition fees of \$240 for both 5th and 6th grades. This covers the fees for the 4 competitions, each at Aurora Elementary School. We are looking for sponsorships big or small to help with these fees. We will be glad to add your name or company to our team posters.

6th, 7th, and 8th grade classes are building and programming Lego Mindstorms Robots. We borrow them from the Dearborn County Extension Service. They love working with the robots. Be sure to check out St. Mary's Instagram and Facebook for some recent pictures.

5th and 6th graders need pumpkins for a math/science activity on October 30th and 31st. We will be measuring and calculating on Wednesday. Then carving and more measuring on Thursday. Students who bring in a pumpkin may take it home on Thursday. We need at least 8 pumpkins. We also need to borrow safe carving tools. If students are allowed to bring in safe pumpkin carving utensils from home, they can take them back home on Thursday.

Grade 7 – Mrs. Rector**kim.rector@mystmarys.com**

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a nice fall break. We are now a week into the second quarter. The first quarter report cards were sent home on Thursday. Please sign and return as soon as possible. If you would like a conference regarding your student's progress, please let me know. I am very flexible with times to meet, and can coordinate with the other 6th, 7th, and 8th grade teachers if you would like to talk to all of us together.

This week, the 6th grade class began reading *Tuck Everlasting* in language arts class. Some have heard the story before, but have forgotten many of the details. They will sometimes have an assignment to read at home. In social studies, the 6th graders began their study of Europe by taking a closer look at the types of land and climates found on that continent.

The 7th graders are enjoying the novel, *Rascal*. The story tells about the adventures of a boy named Sterling and his raccoon during the time period of WW I. Africa is the continent to study for the 7th graders. We began with an overview of the diverse countries that make up the continent, including climate and the physical geography.

The 8th graders are going into more detail about the New England, Middle, and Southern colonies. We also watched a short video and discussed slavery and its role in the growth of the colonies. Another thing we are keeping an eye on is all of the current events occurring in the United States. As we learn about how our country was founded, it is interesting to see how some of the plans made by our past leaders are being translated in today's world.

Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon

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Eighth graders will be going to Oldenburg Academy for an opportunity to shadow next Tuesday, October 22nd. Please return the permission slip on Monday, if possible.

Though we had far fewer than usual St. Mary's School students help with "Love the Hungry" food packaging event last Sunday, we want to thank Myla Bennett, Brynn Hayes, Remi Hensley, and Elizabeth Zigan for taking part. They did a monumental job, helping pack about 42,000 meals which will go to feed hungry people all over the world. We also had members of these girls' families, and some other parishioners for a total of 23 St. Mary's Parish volunteers among about 130 volunteers from other churches and community groups.

We have finally finished Johnny Tremain and were sad to have it end. We began to watch the movie version which changes the plot and characters considerably. Next week we will begin *No Promises in the Wind*, another book of historical fiction, set in the years of the Great Depression.

God bless!

7th and 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank

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We have begun a crucial segment of Biology by introducing the structure and functions of the human cell. We will concentrate on the animal cell. The organelles will be the focus of our research. The function of each organelle will be mastered and the impact to our health when viruses or bacteria invade our bodies. We will discuss the choices we can make concerning our personal health and future decisions concerning our well being. I always, I will introduce as always, careers in this type of Biology. This week we had fun with trapping the gas hydrogen in a test tube. We then lit the gas with a match and a very small explosion occurred. The 3rd and 4th graders were able to complete this lab with myself being more hands on as the "wizard" of festivities. Each Wednesday, from 10:40 to 11:00 I am teaching science to Mrs. Meyer's combined classes.

Saint of the month – St. John Chrysostom

Saint John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople, was an important Early Church Father. He is known for his preaching and public speaking, his denunciation of abuse of authority by both ecclesiastical and political leaders, the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom, and his ascetic sensibilities.

Born: [Antioch, Turkey](#)

Died: September 14, 407 AD, [Comana Pontica](#)

Patronage: [Constantinople](#), [Education](#), [Epilepsy](#), [Orator](#), [Preacher](#)

Parents: [Secundus](#), [Anthusa](#)

Cafeteria/Playground

Contact Aimee Hollingsworth at 744-8738, to sign up for cafeteria and playground duty. The schedule is online at www.mytmarys.com, under “Student Life”, under “Cafeteria/Playground”. If you can fill in one of the open positions, you can call the school office to let us know!

Lunch:

11:25 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. – Grades 3 – 5
 11:35 a.m. – 11:55 a.m. – Grades K – 2
 12:00 p.m. – 12:25 p.m. – Grades 6 – 8

Recess:

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Grades K – 2
 11:50 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. – Grades 3 – 4

Cafeteria and Playground hours:

Cafe: First lunch is served at 11:25 a.m., so arrive 10 – 15 minutes early. Serve two lunch periods and help clean up kitchen, wash dishes, etc.

Playground: Arrive around 10:50 a.m. and help the teacher supervise students on playground, Activity Center or at the park (depending on weather). You should be finished around 12:30 p.m.

Cafeteria Volunteers:

10/21 – Diane Peters, 10/22 – Kay Gigerich, 10/23 – Marge Waldon, 10/24 – Jill Zigan, 10/25 – Monica Ramsey, 10/28 – Pat Scharf, 10/29 – Kay Gigerich, 10/30 – Marge Waldon, 10/31 – Jill Zigan

Playground Volunteers:

10/21 – HELP NEEDED, 10/22 – HELP NEEDED, 10/23 – Randi McGraw, 10/24 – HELP NEEDED, 10/25 – HELP NEEDED, 10/28 – HELP NEEDED, 10/29 – HELP NEEDED, 10/30 – Randi McGraw, 10/31 – HELP NEEDED

Lunch Menu: \$17.50 per ticket (5 meals)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21	22	23	24	25
Rotini and Meat Sauce Tossed Salad Green Beans Bread Stick Fruit Milk	Chicken Nuggets Buttered Noodles Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	Sausage Gravy Biscuit Sausage Link Peas Carrots O.J. cup Milk	Taco (Beef or Chicken) Refried Beans Corn Fruit Milk	Pizza Cheese or Pepperoni Veggie Sticks Fruit Milk

Calendar of Events:

Thursday, October 17th	1st Quarter Report Cards sent home
Saturday, October 19th	St. Mary's Oktoberfest – 6 – 10 p.m. (Activity Center)
Tuesday, October 22nd	Oldenburg Academy visit - 8th Grade
October 23rd – 31 st	Red Ribbon Week
Thursday, October 24th	Sustainability Meeting – 6 p.m. 2Q PTO Meeting – 7 p.m.
Tuesday, October 29th	Robotics Competition at Aurora Elementary Gymnasium 5:30 – 7 p.m.
Wednesday, October 30th	No Student Mass
Friday, November 1st	All Saint's Day – Holy Day of Obligation Student Mass at 1:15 p.m.
Saturday, November 2nd	Speech Meet at Oldenburg Academy – 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Sunday, November 3rd	Time Change – fall back 1 hour
Friday, November 15th	2 Quarter Midterm
Sunday, November 17th	Confirmation Retreat for 7th and 8th Grade
Wednesday, November 20th	Principal's Open Forum - 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 21st	Midterm Reports sent home

STO Members for 2019-2020

Grade 8: Charlie Meyer, Ellie Ryan and Bernadette Wismann

Grade 7: Elana Hollingsworth, Carson Ruter and Lakota Vincent

Grade 6: Laura Dennis, Eleanor Eaglin and Maddie Ryan

**2019/2020 School Theme:
Shout to the Lord**

You Tube link to the song

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5_aIauL2xKA



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