

The Bulldog Barks

October 25, 2019

Mr. Brookbank – Principal

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We are doing fantastic with our daily attendance. Thank you for improving this area for state reporting.

Kudos to the Sustainability Committee and Ellen Bruce for her work on the Bulldog Bounty cookbook and pumpkin roll sale.

I attended the PTO meeting Thursday evening and I am excited about the upcoming events they have planned. If you have a desire to help, contact the school office.

It is beginning to feel like fall outside, some days like winter! Try to make sure that your child(ren) are dressed appropriately. Unless the temperature is 32 degrees or below or it is wet, we will still have outside recess!

Saint of the Month

St. John Chrysostom

Average Daily Attendance: 08/07 – 10/24/2019 (50 school days)

of students: 73

Average # of students per day: 71.88

of absent days: 60

Average Daily Attendance: 98.12%

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.

Front Office

Ms. Ann will be out of the office on an unpaid leave, from November 4th – November 14th on a trip to the Holy Land. There will be 48 individuals going on the trip, 24 people from St. Mary's and St. Lawrence. We will have several volunteers in the office to help during her absence. Please pray for a safe trip for everyone going on this pilgrimage.

Sustainability Committee

We currently have several active fundraisers:

- Pumpkin Cake Roll - \$15/without nuts and \$17.00/with nuts, orders are due by Monday, November 4, 2019.

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

St Mary's Sustainability Committee will be holding our second annual Bake Sale at Walmart on Saturday, November 23, 2019. With the help of our parents, grandparents and parish members donating their baked goods last year we had a very successful event!

Starting next weekend, we will have a baked good board in the school lobby, with items for you to bake. We have chosen items that we knew sold very well and were requested at the sale last year. You can simply choose what is easiest for you to be able to help bake and donate for the sale.

Once you have chosen your item, there will be a name and phone number on the back of this card for you to be able to text or call and let them know who you are and what item you have chosen to help bake and donate.

We will have an opportunity for the baked goods to be dropped off at the school by your child, grandchild or yourself, Friday November 22nd. This can be done during school hours or until 6 p.m. We appreciate your time and your talents to make this event a success.

Thank you,
St. Mary's Sustainability

Veterans Day Program

Our Student Teacher Organization will hold a Veterans Day prayer service in church on Monday, November 11th at 1:55 p.m. We will again create a Wall of Fame in the upstairs hallway to remember men and women of our military, living and deceased. If you have a veteran you would like to have included, please send the person's name to the school office by Friday, November 8th by 8:30 a.m., and we will include each person in our prayers and on the Wall of Fame.

Primary Christmas Program and Lessons & Carols

The Primary Christmas Program (Grades K-2) will be at 6:30 p.m. and Lessons & Carols (Grades 3-8) will be at 7:00 p.m. on December 16th (I think that's right.) and that it is a required activity for all students in grades 3 through 8!

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 mcpherson.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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In phonics we will be working with letter Ss; keyword- sun. We'll be unblending sounds to spell words, and we will be listening to the ending sounds in words. We will add 47 "s" words to our caterpillar. That will make a total of 114 words! The class will be excited to see that the caterpillar has grown, and is curling around on the ceiling. A note will come home about our new high-frequency words. Please continue to practice reading all of the high-frequency words on a regular basis. The children will also bring home Reader #3, *Stan's Pigs*, for practice. We will be learning about possessive apostrophes while reading our new reader.

In math we will begin telling time to the hour, identifying the hour and minute hands on the clock face, and writing the time. We will talk about both digital and analog clocks. We will also review ordinal position to fourth place.

We're looking forward to Fr. Ben coming in on Wednesday to read Halloween stories to the students.

Our Halloween celebration will be Thursday, Oct. 31. The children may dress out of uniform if they wear Halloween colors. Thank you to our "party planners" for organizing our celebration.

Grade 1 and Grade 2 – Ms. McPherson

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1st Grade

Our class will be celebrating Halloween on Thursday, October 31st! The 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)!

We will have School Mass on Friday, November 1st. Students must wear regular school uniforms for Mass!

In Phonics we are reading and spelling new words with sneaky e (silent e) sneaking up on the **vowels a** (as in cake), **o** (as in hose) and **u** (as in cube).

In Math we are continuing to practice our doubles addition facts from 0+0 to 9+9, plus 1 facts, and writing number sentences.

2nd Grade

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)!

We will have School Mass on Friday, November 1st. Students must wear regular school uniforms for Mass!

The 2nd graders attended the play Thumbelina presented by Aurora Library on Thursday. They enjoyed watching the performers play the different parts in the play.

In Phonics we will be reading and spelling new words with the **final /k/** and **final /v/** sounds. We will also be reading and spelling with the long i sound of **vowel y** (as in cry).

In Math we are practicing measuring objects to the nearest inch and writing fractions!

Grade 3 and Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer

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It was great to have our grandparents and parents visit our classroom on Friday. We loved sharing about the books we read and showing them how we make learning fun at school! Thank you to everyone who could come, but I understand if you weren't able to make it.

I am excited to see students' first book report project on Friday, November 1. When planning your work time this week, keep in mind that Halloween is the night before the due date.

Third and fourth grade's Halloween party will be Thursday afternoon. Students also get a special visit from Father Ben on Wednesday. He is going to read us a book! Students will also get to enjoy a treat with their prayer buddy! It is going to be a fun week!

Grade 5 – Mrs. Grove

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We need pumpkins for a special science/Halloween activity next Wednesday and Thursday. If your child can bring a pumpkin to school by Wednesday, they can take home the carved pumpkin

Thursday. It can be any size pumpkin as long as your child can carry it. Small, gourd size pumpkins will not work. If your student does not have their own, that is fine. We are working in groups anyway.

We have both of our robots built and running now. The first robot was built mostly by the boys with some help from the girls. The second was built completely by the girls. We now are practicing driving them for the competition next Tuesday, October 29, at 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the main gym at Aurora Elementary School. Please come to cheer for us. Thank you for all the parents and parishioners that donated money or volunteered to help us.

Grade 6 – Mrs. Ricesuzy.rice@mystmarys.com

The 6th grade had a math test on Thursday. The 7th grade has a math test today and the 8th grade has an algebra test on Wednesday.

The 5th/6th grade science class needs some pumpkins for activities on Wednesday and Thursday, October 30th and 31st. Students that bring in pumpkins may take them home on Thursday. We also need some safe carving/cutting tools for the pumpkins. They will be returned.

The first robotics competition is Tuesday, October 29th at Aurora Elementary School. A letter was sent home with students last Wednesday about competition day. Good luck teams!

Grade 7 – Mrs. Rectorkim.rector@mystmarys.com

The sixth graders are getting to the exciting part of the book *Tuck Everlasting*.

They will have projects to work to go along with the book as we wrap it up next week. After taking a test on the natural resources of Europe and Russia, we began our study into the history with a closer look at Ancient Rome and Ancient Greece.

The seventh graders are eager to find out what happens to Sterling and his buddy, Rascal, in our novel. The events in the story are allowing us to explore many things about nature and the use of language in writing an interesting story.

The 8th grade will have a test on chapter 4 on Wednesday. They completed study guides by today, so they have plenty of time to prepare. Some of the students have not been keeping on top of their work and making sure they are ready for tests. I keep reminding them of their responsibilities and the fact that high school is right around the corner for them.

The 7th and 8th grade are planning their own Halloween party for next Thursday afternoon. If they would like to bring in a snack or drink to share, they should bring in enough for 17 people. They are coordinating with each other what they are going to be responsible for bringing and what games they want to play.

I want to give a special shout out to 7th grader Sarah Bruce for making cookies for the entire school to celebrate the 50th day of school this year! Thanks, Sarah!

Grade 8 – Mr. Waldonjim.waldon@mystmarys.com

Did you see Tuesday's *Journal Press*? The 8th graders made the front page regarding their notes to Archbishop Thompson and his acceptance of their invitation to visit us at St. Mary's. Only four of the letters were published, but all were submitted to the paper. We're happy for the publicity, and we're really enthused about the archbishop's visit – probably in the spring.

Thanks to Mr. Brookbank for accompanying the 8th graders to Oldenburg this past Tuesday. This was one of the many "firsts" and "lasts" which the students will experience this year. The opportunity to shadow at a high school reminds all of us that the students won't get to stay with us forever!

The 8th grade will be hosting our school Mass this coming Friday, November 1 at 1:15 P.M. In anticipation of All Saints Day, we'll join the 7th grade for a Halloween party on Thursday afternoon.

We have begun *No Promises in the Wind* and are getting into the characters and plot. We've also done a great deal of writing this past week, and we work daily on our grammar skills.

God bless!

7th and 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank

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The 7th grade will be ending their photosynthesis unit On Tuesday. They will dissect one of my larger elephant ear plants, (Colocasia). We will attempt to find the xylem and phloem which conducts glucose and water to the plant. We will observe the cell wall and perhaps the chloroplasts within the inner structure of the plant. The 8th grade is continuing to review the organelles of the animal cell. We are beginning a manipulative model of the cell that specializes on structure and function of the organelles. I have added two new labs, thanks to the generosity of benefactors and the City of Aurora Grant program that will allow our eighth grade students to delve deeper into the microbiology aspect of the human cell. I will introduce terminology to the students that they will encounter in the demanding classes that they will encounter at the next level.

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.mystmarys.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:

10/28 – Pat Scharf, 10/29 – Kay Gigerich, 10/30 – Marge Waldon, 10/31 – Jill Zigan

Playground Volunteers:

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 |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | November 1 |
| Sliced Turkey Mashed Potatoes Peas Carrots Bread Fruit Milk | Chicken Slider Sandwich Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk | Hamburger or Pizza Burger French Fries Mixed Vegetables Fruit Milk | Chicken Rice Bowl Corn Black Beans - cheese, lettuce, salsa and sour cream available Fruit Milk | Popcorn Chicken Buttered Noodles Roll Toss Salad Fruit Milk |

Calendar of Events:

- 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.
Evening Mass at 6 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
- Wednesday, November 20th Principal’s Open Forum - 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, November 21st Midterm Reports sent home

Mark your calendars:

Saturday, November 23rd

Bake Sale at Walmart

Friday, December 6th

Advent Breakfast for all students

Wednesday, December 11th

Primary Christmas Program (K-2) at 6:30 p.m.
Lessons and Carols (3-8) at 7 p.m.

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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