

The Bulldog Barks November 8, 2019

Mr. Brookbank – Principal

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Principal Notes: We will be placing in the hands of our 8th graders the Chrome Books Thursday afternoon. Our policy is the same in reference to the Chrome Books staying on site. I will be speaking with each of the three classes receiving the Chrome Books on how to care for the new books. We have an internet policy in place and this policy will be given to each student. This policy should find its way home for your convenience. The policy will be given to the students next week Grades 6, 7, & 8 will receive the new books. Cookbooks can be purchased at the school office or use the handouts you received via your child. Deadline is the 11th. Principal's Open Forum meeting on November 20th. The purpose is to inform you about important items concerning our school and address concerns you may have. We need workers for the bake sale at Wal-Mart on November 23rd.

Saint of the Month

St. Andrew

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

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

St Mary's will be holding our second annual Bake Sale at Walmart, 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!

We have a baked good board located in the school lobby, with items we are requesting. We chose 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 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 text or call and let them know who you are and what item you have chosen to bake and donate.

We will have an opportunity for the baked goods to be dropped off at the school on Friday November 22nd. This can be done during school hours or until 6PM after school.

We appreciate your time and your talents to make this event a success.

Thank you,

St. Mary's Sustainability

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***



Nicole Eaglin, Box Tops for Education Coordinator for St. Mary's School

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 new letter Rr-keyword-rabbit. We will be working with compound words and syllables. After adding 35 Rr words, we will have a total of 176 “caterpillar” words! We will add two new words to our “Pop-up” list. Please have your child practice blending and reading high-frequency words to you each night. That is the best way to help them become fluent readers.

In math we will continue our work with counting money, time to the hour, and ABB patterns. We will learn about a new tool that is used to compare weights; a balance scale.

This month, we are doing a unit about the Pilgrims, their trip on the Mayflower, and their first Harvest Feast. I hope the children are sharing some of the interesting things they are learning.

Our first week of Show-n-Tell went very well. The children did a great job giving clues for their items. Thanks for your help at home. Next week our Show-n-Tell letter will be Gg (hard sound as in goat).

E-learning packets were sent home Monday. Please keep them in a safe spot. They are to be used for Snow days, not 2 hour delays or early dismissal days.

Have a great week!

Grade 1 and Grade 2 – Ms. McPherson

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1st Grade

In Phonics this week we are learning to read and spell new words containing the letter Xx (as in fox) and the letter Yy (as in yarn). We will also be learning digraph sh (as in shark) and the two sounds of digraph oo (as in hook and tooth).

In Math we are continuing to practice our math facts. The 1st graders are beginning to realize it is important to look to see if the fact problem has a minus or plus sign before solving the problem!

2nd Grade

In Phonics this week we are working with digraph ng (as in ring) and the three sounds of digraph ea (as in leaf, thread, and streak). We will also learn that digraph ph makes the /f/ sound as in (phone).

In Math we are practicing counting dimes, nickels, and pennies. We are also identifying a line of symmetry, and measuring to the nearest foot.

Grade 3 and Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer

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Third graders are doing an awesome job with their multiplication so far! I am very proud of them! Fourth graders are now going to be using their understanding of multiplication to divide.

We began our next type of writing- persuasive writing. After discussing what the big words persuasive and persuade mean, students realized that they use persuasion a lot in their lives, especially with their parents! Students will be writing a letter to Indiana’s State Representative to persuade him to make a food of their choice Indiana’s official state food. They will first do a little research on popular foods consumed and grown in Indiana before they make their final choice. I can’t wait to see their choices! After students finish their letter, they will create an official symbol to be used for their food choice. I hope you have a wonderful week!

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

We have finished reading the novel, *The Sign of the Beaver*. The final project, in lieu of a final test, is due next Tuesday, November 12. The students took home The Final Project instructions Tuesday. They will have class time on Thursday, Friday, and Monday to work on it.

Please remember your student may come as early as 7:00am to practice driving their robot. They may stay after school any day as long as you contact me the night before to be sure I will be here.

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

If you want to see what 5th-8th grade have been doing with robotics, join us on Thursday, November 14, 1:15-2:00. Projects will be shared in rooms 7 & 8. The competitive robotics teams will be having practice matches in room 5 and the multipurpose room near the cafeteria.

6th grade presented their Spooky House plans this week and are learning about exponents and order of operations. 7th grade is working with inequalities. 8th grade is learning about functions. The 5th & 6th grade are going on a virtual field trip Wednesday afternoon to a Dairy Farm in Indiana.

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

The sixth grade class will continue to work on reading passages and using evidence from the text to answer questions. They are also working on projects that will highlight important inventions from the Industrial Revolution. Once they complete and present their projects, they will be on display in the upstairs hallway.

The seventh grade class is almost finished with their novel study of *Rascal*. They are also studying the history of Africa in social studies and will be working on a project soon.

The Boston Massacre and the Boston Tea Party were discussed this week in eighth grade social studies. Was it really a massacre? How did colonists use propaganda as a tool in the fight for their rights? These were some questions discussed in our conversations. Next week, each student will research and present facts about all of the acts that the colonists found so objectionable.

On Monday, we will attend a Veteran's Day service at 1:55 in church. Please join us for this STO sponsored event. Have a terrific weekend!

Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon**jim.waldon@mystmarys.com**

The 8th graders are very excited about the new Chromebooks! Michelle Ryan is still tweaking the details, but the students got a little taste of using them this week. We are going to be continually emphasizing the need to take care of these new computers; a few of the students have a reputation for being rather careless with their old computers. Thanks to Rising Sun Regional Foundation for making the Chromebooks possible and to Mrs. Ryan for her dedication in getting them all set up.

We've about finished our unit on complements in English grammar, and this has been a torture for some of the students. The whole action verb/linking verb distinction is at the root of the challenge. Next week we will move back into mechanics (punctuation).

Musicians in 5 through 8: The choir will be singing at the 5:00 P.M. Mass on Saturday, the 16th, and everyone needs to be in the 8th grade room at 4:30 for warm-up. Note that the bell choir will not ring as previously scheduled.
God bless you all!

The 7th grade is finishing their section on the human cell. We are concentrating on structures and functions of the cell. We completed a quiz on identification on Thursday and tested covering function of the organelles on Friday. The class will begin a short unit on Taxonomy on Monday.

The 8th grade is finishing their unit on Taxonomy and will begin a lab on classification today, 11/8. I hope your Felis catus & Canis familiaris is in good health, pets are fun! I wish all the Homo sapiens in our parish a happy week-end!

Saint of the month – St. Andrew

Andrew the Apostle, also known as Saint Andrew, was an apostle of Jesus according to the New Testament. He is the brother of Saint Peter. He is referred to in the Orthodox tradition as the First-Called. According to Orthodox tradition, the apostolic successor to Saint Andrew is the Patriarch of Constantinople.

Born: 5 BC, Galilee, Israel

Died: November 30, 60 AD, Patras, Greece

Feast: 30 November

Buried: Church of the Holy Apostles, İstanbul, Turkey

Patronage: Scotland, Cyprus, Patras, Amalfi, Fisherman, Romania

Parents: Jonah, Joanna

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:

11/11 – Diane Peters, 11/12 – Monica Ramsey, 11/13 – Marge Waldon, 11/14 – Jill Zigan, 11/15 – Monica Ramsey, 11/18 – Pat Scharf, 11/19 – Kay Gigerich, 11/20 – Marge Waldon, 11/21 – Charlotte DeVille, 11/22 – Monica Ramsey, 11/25 – Diane Peters, 11/26 – Kay Gigerich,

Playground Volunteers:

11/11 – Carolyn Manford, 11/12 – HELP NEEDED, 11/13 – Randi McGraw, 11/14 – HELP NEEDED,
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 11/21 – Jill Zigan, 11/22 – HELP NEEDED, 11/25 – Carolyn Manford, 11/26 – HELP NEEDED

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11	12	13	14	15
Rotini & Meat Sauce Tossed Salad Green Beans Bread Stick Fruit Milk	Southern Chicken Fritter Mashed Potatoes Corn Fruit Milk	Hamburger or Pizza Burger Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Cheese Coney Veggie Sticks w/ Dip Fruit Milk	Pizza or Fiesta Pizza* Tossed Salad Carrots Fruit Milk *Fiesta Pizza is individual pizza with beef and cheddar cheese.

Calendar of Events:

Monday, November 11 th	STO Veteran's Day service 1:55pm in Church
Friday, November 15 th	2 Quarter Midterm
Tuesday, November 19 th	Robotics Competition at 5:30 p.m. in the Aurora Elementary Main Gym
Wednesday, November 20 th	Principal's Open Forum - 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 21 st	Midterm Reports sent home
Saturday, November 23 rd	Bake sale at Walmart – Sustainability Committee
Friday, December 6 th	PTO Advent Breakfast for Students
Wednesday, December 11 th	(K-2) Primary Christmas Program 6:30pm in Church (3-8) Lessons and Carols 7pm in Church

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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