

The Bulldog Barks November 15, 2019

Mr. Brookbank – Principal

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Congrats to Aiden Metz, freshman at Elder High School achieving honor roll status the previous nine weeks. Aiden, a 2019 grad of St. Mary's school, continues our academic legacy of excellence.

WE HAVE EXTRA COOKBOOKS, call the school office or stop in. WE HAVE 10 POUND BAGS OF PREPARED BARBEQUE! Each bag is \$40.00 & will serve approximately 40 individuals. GREAT WAY TO SAVE TIME ON THE HOLIDAYS OR SPORTS PARTIES. Call the school office for details.

Musicians in 5 through 8: The choir will be singing at the 5:00 P.M. Mass this 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.**

Average Daily Attendance: 08/07 – 10/31/2019 (50 school days)

of students: 73

Average # of students per day: 71.98

of absent days: 70

Average Daily Attendance: 98.61%

Principal's Open Forum

The next Open Forum meeting will be on Wednesday, November 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The agenda will be:

- 1) Update on progress thus far concerning the school year.
- 2) Grant awards & future plans for grant writing
- 3) Scholarship award programs at St. Mary's
- 4) Recruitment of new students
- 5) Pre-K start up 2020/2021 school year.
- 6) Financial status in respect to now and our future
- 7) Open comments

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:

It takes a village to build the Dickens Village at the Lions Building, and the fun begins on Saturday, November 23rd at 10:00 A.M. Students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade are welcome to help unpack and sort the pieces. There are always wonderful snacks to enjoy during the process. It's always wonderful to see St. Mary's students and alumni participating. If you have questions, contact Mr. Waldon.

Sustainability Committee

Bulldog's Bounty Cookbook - \$15.00/each, there are copies available in the office for purchase. Stop in and pick one up, or send in an order form with payment and it will be filled and returned with your child.

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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A gentle reminder- please make sure your child brings a warm coat, hat, and gloves/mittens when it is cold. If your daughter is wearing a skirt or jumper, make sure she has tights underneath. We do go outside for recess and the children need to be bundled and warm.

Next week in phonics we will be working with 2 letters; Kk- keyword- kite, and Bb- keyword- balloon. We will also be working with rhyming words and syllables.

In math we will be using some new items- geoboards and geobands, to make and copy shapes. These are always fun tools that the class enjoys using.

On Thursday, Nov. 21, we will be celebrating the Pilgrims. We will make butter, use Hornbooks to practice the alphabet, and we will do all of our printing with quills. Thank you, Remi Hensley, for bringing in the turkey feathers. We should have a very enjoyable day.

Show-n-Tell for the week of Nov. 18 will be letter Hh.

Midterm letters for the second grading period will be sent home on Thursday, Nov. 21. Please remember to sign and return them to school.

Grade 1 and Grade 2 – Ms. McPherson

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1st Grade

Our Primary Christmas Program will be held in Church on Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30pm. The 1st graders should meet in the cafeteria at 6:15pm. The students are being asked to wear nice dress clothes!

In Phonics we will be reading and spelling new words that include the letter Jj (as in jar) and the letter Vv (as in vest). We will also learn the "Floss Rule"

In Math we are practicing how to divide shape in half and how to write the fraction one half.

2nd Grade

Our Primary Christmas Program will be held in Church on Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30pm. The 2nd graders should meet in the cafeteria at 6:15pm. The students are being asked to wear nice dress clothes!

In Phonics we will be reading and spelling new words with ghost letter digraphs gn (as in gnat), kn (as in knot), and wr (as in wreath). We will learn diphthong ou (as in mouse) and digraph ou (as in soup). We will also read and spell new words with diphthong ow (as in cow) and digraph ow (as in bow).

In Math we will begin to learn how to locate points on a number line, identify the angles of a polygon, and add three or more single-digit numbers

Grade 3 and Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer

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It is hard to believe we only have a week and a half before Thanksgiving Break! Students will be staying busy. The second journal check of the quarter is Wednesday, November 20. I am looking forward to seeing their second book report project due Tuesday, November 26. Please let me know if you have any questions. Students have the project requirements already.

Fourth graders need to continue to study for their Indiana map test. They need to be able to identify major rivers and cities in Indiana as well as name our bordering states. They have had a study guide since Tuesday. The pretest is Friday, November 22.

I hope you have a great week!

Grade 5 – Mrs. Grove

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We are so sad that our next Robotics competition has been cancelled. We hope they will be able to reschedule it.

We are looking forward to our field trip to hear the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra play a Young People's Concert on Monday, November 25.

Friday is halfway through the second quarter. Congratulations to Daniel, Audrey, Stevi, Garrett, and Rachel for already reaching their 2nd quarter AR reading goal.

Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice

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The Robotics Showcase went well. The students showed what they accomplished over the past several weeks. The VEX IQ Robotics teams' meet on Tuesday, Nov. 19 was cancelled, but they are trying to reschedule it. We'll let you know, when we find out more.

Midterms will go home next Thursday, Nov. 21. 6th grade is working on writing numerical and algebraic expressions, using the proper names for terms and their parts, and order of operations. The 7th grade is working on solving inequalities and graphing the solution on a number line. The 8th grade is learning about functions and how to write function rules. 5th/6th grade science went on a virtual field trip this week to Homestead Dairy Farm in Plymouth, Indiana. It was fascinating. We wanted to see more.

Grade 7 – Mrs. Rector

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The seventh and eighth graders have their new chromebooks. The sixth graders will not be far behind! We have spent some time getting used to using Google Classroom as a tool to complete and turn in assignments. They can also communicate easily with me or other teachers. Students are only able to email others with a mystmarys.com account. Students are not permitted to take the new chromebooks home, but they can access any work on Google Classroom from any device that has Google Chrome by

logging in to their mystmarys.com account. To access it on a smartphone, we discovered that they will need to download the free Classroom app. We are thankful to Mrs. Ryan for all of her hard work in getting the computers ready and setting up safeguards for our students. Also, Mr. Brookbank for writing the grant that enabled us to get the Chromebooks. We will keep discovering new things here at St. Mary's School. Have a terrific week!

Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon

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7th and 8th graders watched an impressive and thought-provoking presentation this past Wednesday to reinforce the importance of reporting bullying and building strong self-esteem. The speaker, Nick Vujicic, was born without hands or legs and is a motivational speaker whose anti-bullying message impacts young people who can be such positive influences in the world. Thanks to Mrs. Rector for recommending this to us!

We were happy to get pen pal letters last week from high school students involved in Dearborn Community Foundation's Youth Council. 8th graders had written letters right after fall break but didn't know who their pen pals would be. Now that they have received responses, they have been able to write again to tell the high schoolers a little more about their interests and personalities. We will eventually welcome the high school pen pals to St. Mary's for breakfast and getting-to-know-you activities. Thanks to Denise Sedler for arranging this!

7th and 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank

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The 7th grade is beginning the unit on Taxonomy. We will be completing several "paper" labs which involve organizing organisms based upon physical characteristics. The seven levels of classification will be involved in this process. Attempting to produce Zoologists! The eighth grade will begin a unit on the body systems. I have received feedback concerning a weakness in the area of Health preparation for high school. The systems will be introduced, as well as structure & function of organs.

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.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:

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, 11/15 – HELP NEEDED, 11/18 – Carolyn Manford, 11/19 – HELP NEEDED, 11/20 – Randi McGraw, 11/21 – Jill Zigan, 11/22 – HELP NEEDED, 11/25 – Carolyn Manford, 11/26 – Carolyn Robers

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
18	19	20	21	22
Sliced Turkey Mashed Potatoes Carrots Bread Fruit Milk	Chicken Nuggets Buttered Noodles Tossed Salad Green Beans Fruit Milk	Sausage Gravy Biscuit Sausage Link Peas Corn O.J. cup Milk	Taco (Beef or Chicken) Refried Beans Corn Fruit Milk	Sloppy Joe on a Bun or Boneless Rib Sandwich Tossed Salad Veggie Sticks Fruit Milk

Calendar of Events:

Friday, November 15th	2 Quarter Midterm
Tuesday, November 19th	St. Mary's will be in session with NO Bus service. Robotics Competition at 5:30 p.m. in the Aurora Elementary Main Gym CANCELLED: Makeup TBD
Wednesday, November 20th	Principal's Open Forum - 6:30 p.m. St. Lawrence 7/8 th Grade Boys Basketball 5:30pm Activity Center
Thursday, November 21st	Midterm Reports sent home
Saturday, November 23rd	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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