

The Bulldog Barks

November 22, 2019

Mr. Brookbank – Principal

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Principal's Open Forum

Thank you to everyone that attended the meeting on Wednesday. It was a nice showing of support and interest on what is happening at St. Mary's. Attached is a copy of the handout from the meeting, for those who could not attend. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Saint of the Month

St. Andrew

Average Daily Attendance: 08/07 – 11/21/2019 (50 school days)

of students: 73

Average # of students per day: 71.73

of absent days: 94

Average Daily Attendance: 98.26%

Sustainability Committee – Bulldog's Bounty Cookbook

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.

We also have 10 pound bags of prepared barbeque! Each bag is \$40.00 and will serve approximately 40 individuals. GREAT WAY TO SAVE TIME ON THE HOLIDAYS OR SPORTS PARTIES. Call the school office for details.



St. Mary's Sustainability Committee is hosting a bake sale on Saturday, November 23rd at the Aurora Walmart from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.; or until all items have been sold.

We still need people to help bake items, to sell on Saturday. There is a baked goods 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.

If you have time to bake something before Saturday, you can drop it off at school between:

- 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday
- 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Friday.

If those dates/times are not convenient, you can always drop off items at Walmart on Saturday.

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

Thank you,

St. Mary's Sustainability

Lessons and Carols

Mark your calendars for December 11th! We will hold our traditional Lessons & Carols at 7:00 P.M. in the church. All students in grades 3, 4, and 5 are to wear a school uniform. **Lessons & Carols is a required program; attendance is mandatory. Students unable to attend will be assigned a project appropriate for their grade level.**

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:

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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

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 next week we will continue our work with letter Bb- keyword- balloon. We will add 28 “Bb” words to our caterpillar word wall. We will also get reader #5, *The Big Trip*. We will be counting words in sentences, listen for the position of “Bb” in words, and work with compound words and syllables.

We will not have Show-n-Tell the week of Nov. 25 Show-n-Tell will resume on Tuesday, December 2nd, letter Tt.

Our Christmas Program is on Wednesday, December 11th, at 6:30 p.m., in church. The children will meet in the cafeteria at 6:15 p.m. They are to wear dress clothes, no jeans. They have been working very hard practicing their songs. Thank you to Mrs. Vincent and Mr. Hagedorn for all of the hard work they are doing to get our program organized.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday! Enjoy the long weekend.

Grade 1 and Grade 2 – Ms. McPherson

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The Primary Christmas Program will be held in Church on Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30pm. Please have your child meet in the cafeteria at 6:15pm. For our program this year the students are being asked to wear nice dress clothes.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving! I hope you are blessed with many reasons to be thankful this Thanksgiving!

Grade 3 and Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer

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Third and fourth graders are enjoying their new novels. Third grade is reading *Socks* by Beverly Cleary and fourth grade is reading *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume. Students have been reading with a small group, discussing what they read, answering journal questions, and completing fun reading response pages. Book report projects are due Tuesday, November 26. Students will share their project with the class.

Fourth graders need to continue studying their Indiana map. They will be expected to label major cities and rivers in Indiana as well as the bordering states. The final test will be Tuesday, November 26.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving!

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

Please remember to have your 5th grader dress appropriately for our field trip Monday to hear the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. They may be out of uniform. We will be stopping at Eden Park after the performance to eat our lunch and play on the playground. It will be cold, so I recommend gloves and hats. Everyone needs to remember to pack a sack lunch.

The 5th grade girls had a blast at Stevi Peak's house last Friday when Mrs. Peak, our robotics coach, took them home after school for practice. She is going to have an early morning practice with donuts for the 5th grade boys. We will let you know the date.

Our last day with Ms. O'Brien, our student teacher from Thomas More University, will be Wednesday, December 4th. We will miss her.

Please sign and return the midterm reports sent home Thursday.

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

The 6th grade is learning about writing checks and keeping a check register to prepare them for a Holiday Shopping Project they will begin next week. The 7th grade is continuing solving inequalities and the 8th grade is learning about functions. 5th/6th grade science is learning about Newton's 3 Laws of Motion.

Students will learn how to do plastic stitching after Thanksgiving. If anyone has yarn or plastic canvas they want to donate, send it to room 6.

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

The sixth grade class will begin a new novel study of *Fish in a Tree* in language arts. The seventh graders are reading *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. Our goal is to complete these novel studies before Christmas break. We continue to work on writing and grammar, also. They are enjoying using the new chrome books as a tool to make journal entries and turn in assignments.

All three social studies classes will have a test next week. The eighth grade will have a test on Monday over chapter 5 about the time period leading up to the Declaration of Independence. The seventh graders' test is over the information about Africa in chapter 7. The sixth graders' test is also over chapter 7, but the material covers early European history. Both of their tests are on Tuesday.

Midterms were sent home Thursday. Please sign and return if you haven't already done so. Also, students in grades 6, 7, and 8 received an additional internet agreement that needs to be signed and returned by Monday. Have a terrific weekend!

Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon

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WIN A BEAUTIFUL HOME MADE QUILT! Yes, the 8th graders are raffling off a beautiful quilt made and donated by Carol Smith and Carolyn Freeman. Chances are \$5.00 each and can be purchased from any 8th grader. The drawing will be held on January 25th and benefits the class's Splash trip with Mr. Gardner.

8th graders went to Hillforest this past Monday to carry Christmas decorations from the basement to wherever they were labeled to go. The students did a great job and have been invited back to see the mansion once it's decorated. (We'll aim to go right before our Christmas break.) Thanks to Mrs. Wismann and Francine for going along to help out!

Complements, Rest In Peace! We have completed our intense study of direct objects, indirect objects, predicate nominatives, and predicate adjectives, but they will come back to haunt us in whatever we do with grammar.

In reading, we are in the last quarter of our novel, *No Promises in the Wind*, which is set in 1932-33. Mr. Waldon's mom will be visiting us on Monday to talk about growing up during the Great Depression.

God bless you all!

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7th and 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank

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Both classes are beginning a unit on the body systems. The eighth grade unit will go into more depth with each system. The seventh grade unit will be an introduction to each body system

Connie Powers – CRE

FYI: Confirmation will now be celebrated every other year at St. Mary. Our next confirmation will be in 2021. Our current 7th graders will be 8th graders.

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, Istanbul, 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.mymarys.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:

11/21 – Charlotte DeVille, 11/22 – Monica Ramsey, 11/25 – Diane Peters, 11/26 – Kay Gigerich,

Playground Volunteers:

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
25	26	27	28	29
3-Way Tossed Salad Green Beans Crackers Fruit Milk	Chicken Slider Sandwich Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING BREAK	NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING BREAK	NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING BREAK

Calendar of Events:

Saturday, November 23rd	Bake sale at Walmart – Sustainability Committee 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. or until items run out
Friday, December 6th	PTO Advent Breakfast for Students
Monday, December 9th	Feast of the Immaculate Conception - No student mass, students can attend the parish evening mass at 7 p.m.
Wednesday, December 11th	(K-2) Primary Christmas Program 6:30 p.m. in Church (3-8) Lessons and Carols 7 p.m. in Church
Friday, December 20th	End of 2nd Quarter Report cards will be sent home January 9, 2020
December 23 – January 5th	Christmas Break
Monday, January 6, 2020	School resumes
Thursday, January 9th	2nd Quarter Report card sent home 3Q PTO Meeting at 7 p.m. in school cafeteria

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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