

The Bulldog Barks August 16, 2019

Mr. Brookbank – Principal

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Hello and welcome to the 2019/2020 school year at St. Mary's. If your family is new to St. Mary's, we extend a warm welcome. Our school theme this year is "Shout for Joy". The students will be learning the song and occasionally sign it at mass.

As many of you are aware, we have a new priest at St. Mary's, Fr. Ben Syberg. We are excited about his involvement and participation in school events. He was here the first day of school to welcome students as they arrived! Welcome Fr. Ben!

We will again have student mass on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. On Holy days, we will have mass at 1:15 p.m. All are welcome to join us!

Saturday morning approximately 8:30 a.m. we will meet at the Moores Hill firehouse to prepare for the parade. Moores Hill is hosting an all day festival and the parade begins at 10:00 a.m. If you want to participate, show up and join in the parade. Our 8th grade class is working a booth at the festival. Attendance this week is above 95% and that is fantastic. Thank you!

The sixth, seventh, and eight grade math classes have new textbooks to enhance their education. Thanks Mrs. Rice!

The multi-grade classes, 1/2 and 3/4 are learning their class organizational skills and learning is taking place. Mrs. McPherson and Mrs. Meyer prepared over the summer and the tremendous amount of work they are performing is much appreciated! Check out the events the sustainability committee is planning and help if you can. We will have a Robotics team this school year. Mrs. Grove will lead the elementary team and Mrs. Rice will lead the Middle school team. Great job ladies organizing this learning experience. We will compete against area schools in four competitions.

Voucher Program

If you are were a voucher recipient last year and you have not sent in your tax returns, please send in **2018 tax returns ASAP!** The deadline for us to input the information is September 1, 2019.

Does your family qualify for a voucher? If you are not sure, call the office or just send in a copy of your taxes and we will let you know if you qualify. You never know, until you ask!

Sustainability Committee

The Sustainability Committee will be meeting on Wednesday August 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. We will be finalizing two upcoming fundraisers. We need volunteers to work both events. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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.

Saint of the Month

Assumption of our
Blessed Mother

Book Fair News

The Scholastic Book Fair will be here soon! Our book fair is scheduled the **week of August 26-30**. **We need volunteers** to help work at the fair during lunch times and at the end of the day beginning at 2:00 p.m. The book fair will not be open on the weekend this year due to previously scheduled use of the Activity Center.

We will also host our Breakfast with Books event again this year on Wednesday (8/28) after Mass. If you would like to help out any of those times or can send in muffins, juice, or milk for breakfast on August 28, please let Mrs. Rector know (kim.rector@mystmarys.com). The book fair will be open during the breakfast so that parents, grandparents, and special friends may enjoy time with our students and shop. Check your calendar and consider getting involved! Thank you!!

Chess Club News from Adrian Robers and Carson Ruter

Adrian and Carson are two members of the seventh grade class who are interested in starting a chess club at St. Mary's School. They are working out the details, but to begin with the club is for students in grades 6-8 and will take place from 2:00 p.m. - 2:25 p.m. Days of the week will be determined when we see how many students are interested. In order to start a club, they are asking for donations of chess boards and pieces. If you have a chess set laying around and would like to put it to good use, please send it to the seventh grade homeroom. Thanks in advance for your support!

Box Tops for Education

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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 had a great first, full week of school. Thank you for your help at home with handwriting. Please remember when practicing printing at home, the children should not start on the bottom line and write up, they start at the top and go down. Also, please erase mistakes if made, and have your child print the letters correctly.

We have begun practicing reciting addresses, phone numbers, and birthdays. Other basic skills the children should know include- **tying shoes**, zipping, buttoning, and snapping articles of clothing. (Practice at home would be very helpful)

In Phonics this week we will be working with our first vowel, short vowel Oo- keyword- octopus. We will learn to code the short vowel with a breve. We are focusing on rhyming words, and counting words in spoken sentences. We are also reciting the alphabet and identifying the vowels and consonants. Please have your child tell you the five vowels when they are practicing at home.

In math we are identifying numbers 0-10, counting objects using 1-1 correspondence, creating AB color patterns, and graphing.

In religion we are focusing on creation being a gift of God's love, and we are practicing "*The Sign of the Cross*".

Have a wonderful week!

Grade 1 and Grade 2 – Ms. McPherson

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First Grade

It sure is great to be back in school! Thank you to all the parents who donated school supply to our classroom! Parents, remember to check your child's homework folder each night for permission slips that need to be signed or homework that needs to be completed.

In Phonics we are reading and spelling words that contain the letter Pp (as in pig), the short and long sounds of the letter Ii (as in inch and icicle), the sound of the letter Ll (as in lion), and the short and long sounds of the letter Aa (as in apple and Acorn).

In Social Studies we will be learning about different American symbols such as our country's flag, the Statue of Liberty, Liberty Bell, and the Bald Eagle. All of the 1st graders did a great job reciting the Pledge of Allegiance!

Second Grade

It's wonderful to have the 2nd graders in the classroom again this year! They seem very eager to learn new things! Thank you to all the parents who donated school supply to our classroom! Everyone did a great job returning their permission slips/forms and homework. What a great way to start out the school year!

Mrs. Miller visited us on Wednesday to teach us about caterpillars and butterflies. We are currently observing the caterpillars form chrysalises.

In Phonics we are practicing how to smoothly blend two consonants together so that one can hardly hear each sound. We are also practicing the KandC Spelling Rules and later in the week we will be using the syllable division pattern "vccv" to divide words into two syllables.

Our first spelling list for this year was sent home on Friday. The students will need to know how to spell all twenty words by Friday, August 23rd!

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

Welcome back! We have had a great start to third and fourth grade so far! Third graders are adjusting to being upstairs and having lift top desks. Those are usually the two things they are most excited about! Fourth graders are adjusting to being with me all day, not just in the morning like last year.

Both grades are working on place value in math. Third graders should be able to name place values up to one hundred thousand, while fourth graders should be able to name up to one hundred million. I am teaching each grade separately. Students are doing a great job so far working in their math and reading stations while I work with the other grade.

Scholastic orders are due Friday, August 23 if you are interested. Have a great week!

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

Our Fifth Graders are a fun and smart group of kids. They have matured **SO** much since second grade! I am blessed to be their teacher again.

We will continue the practice of being required to read 20 minutes every school night. Time spent reading in the classroom may count also. Mr. Hallabrin, from ROD, reminded us today that we can fun things. It doesn't have to be hard books all the time. Comic books, magazines, poetry, and reference books are all possible alternatives. Just keep reading!

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

It's great to be back at school at St. Mary's! The renovations and painting look wonderful. Thanks to those who did the work and planned it all. The year has started well. Students and teachers are getting used to the schedule. In another week, it will be very familiar to us all.

I am 6th grade homeroom teacher and teach math to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. I also teach science to a combined 5th/6th grade class and Mrs. Grove teaches 5th/6th grade religion. The 6th graders also have Mrs. Rector for language arts and social studies. I am excited to have new math books for 6-8 grades. Thank you! We are fortunate to have a number of people teaching special classes; Mrs. Ruter for library, Mrs. Hetzer and Mrs. Beinkemper for art, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Wismann for PE, Mr. Hagedorn for primary music, and Mr. Waldon for church music, bell choir and voice choir.

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

Welcome back to school! This summer seemed to fly by. I am certainly glad to be back in the seventh grade homeroom position. I will teach sixth grade language arts and social studies, seventh grade language arts and social studies, and eighth grade social studies. I will also teach a computer class to the sixth and seventh graders when they are in my room together.

Sixth graders are enjoying reading [From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler](#), while the seventh grade students are super interested in [How to Eat Fried Worms](#). I told them that these were two of my favorite books that I remember reading in grade school. Even though the stories are older, the themes are very relevant today!

In social studies, the sixth and seventh grades are both learning about geography. The eighth graders have begun their study of the United States by going back to the time that the Americas were first inhabited. Have a terrific week!

Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon

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We've had a great start to the school year! It's wonderful to see the 8th graders stepping into their roles as leaders, and we have a wonderful combination of personalities.

Thanks to everyone for getting all necessary forms signed and returned in a timely way.

We're getting to know Johnnie Tremain's story as the colonies begin to address the idea of independence from England. The diversity of characters and personalities is one of the many great features of the novel. Johnnie is the main character and is usually the students' favorite. He's smart, confident, and a bit sassy.

Our first project in grammar is an overview of punctuation and usage. We'll work in depth on these things as the year progresses.

Hope to see many of you in Moores Hill on Saturday. God bless!

7th and 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank

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The 7th & 8th graders are experimenting with the improving skills working with the microscope. The new microscopes are great, and the labs each class are completing have rigor! That is the "new" catch word in education. Looking forward to labs and learning!

Connie Powers – D.R.E.

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Welcome back and may God send many blessings on this school year. We will be celebrating a saint each month again this year. Our August saint is the Assumption of our Blessed Mother. How great it is to honor our school patron as we begin this year.

Congratulations to the following 8th graders on their reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Sally Beckman, Myla Bennett, Noah Bruce, Lily Dennis, Thaddeus Eaglin, Remi Hensley, Charlie Meyer, Ellie Ryan, Bernadette Wismann, and Beth Zigan. Our parish prays for them as they begin their missionary discipleship.

Saint of the month – Assumption of Mary

The Christian feast day of the Assumption of Mary celebrates the belief that God assumed the Virgin Mary into Heaven following her death.

The feast day of the Assumption of Mary commemorates the Virgin Mary's assumption into heaven. Assumption Day is celebrated on or around August 15th in many countries, particularly in parts of Europe and South America, Fire Prevention and Italy.

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:

08/19 – Diane Peters, 08/20 – Kay Gigerich, 08/21 – Marge Waldon, 08/22 – Jill Zigan, 08/23 – HELP NEEDED, 08/26 – Pat Scharf, 08/27 – Kay Gigerich, 08/28 – Marge Waldon, 08/29 – Charlotte DeVille, 08/30 – Kay Gigerich

Playground Volunteers:

08/19 – Carolyn Robers, 08/20 – Kit Woodruff, 08/21 – Randi McGraw, 08/22 – Chis Strzok, 08/23 – Kit Woodruff, 08/26 – Carolyn Manford, 08/27 – HELP NEEDED, 08/28 – Randi McGraw, 08/30 – HELP NEEDED

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
19 3-Way Tossed Salad Green Beans Crackers Fruit Milk	20 Chicken Patty with Bun Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	21 Hamburger or Pizza Burger Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	22 Chicken Fajitas Refried Beans Corn Fruit Milk	23 Pizza Veggie Sticks w/Dip Fruit Milk

Calendar of Events:

Saturday, August 17th	Moores Hill Old Fashion Carnival <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Meet for the parade at the Moores Hill Fire house @ 9 a.m.; parade will begin at 10 a.m. Wear something with St. Mary's on it!- 8th grade class with have food booth
Tuesday, August 20th	Aurora Lion's Club – Vision Screening (Grades 3, 5 and 8)
Wednesday, August 21st	Student Mass at 8:30 a.m.
August 24th – August 30th	Scholastic Book Fair in the Activity Center
Wednesday, August 28th	Student Mass at 8:30 a.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Parent/Grandparents and Special Friends invited to Book Fair after mass- Refreshments will be served
Monday, September 2nd	Labor Day – No School
Friday, September 6th	1Q Midterm
Thursday, September 12th	Midterm Reports send home