

The Bulldog Barks August 23, 2019

Mr. Brookbank – Principal

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Thank you for everyone that came for the parade in Moores Hill this past Saturday. We had a great showing parents and students to ride/walk in the parade. Special thanks to Adam Legge for driving during the parade. The 8th grade class had a food booth at the event and did well.

Attendance: Not that there is a problem, but we need to stay mindful on why and when children stay home. School is a child's work. It is important for normal development. If your child is absent often, it may be harder to keep up with the class. It is important your child does not miss more than a few days of school a year due to illness.

Saint of the Month

Assumption of our
Blessed Mother

Your child is too ill to go to school if he or she has any of these signs:

- Seems very tired and needs bed rest (this is common with flu symptoms)
- Has vomiting or diarrhea
- Becomes short of breath or is wheezing
- Has a cough that disrupts normal activity
- Has distracting pain from earache, headache, sore throat or recent injury
- Has yellow or green drainage from eye(s) or nose
- Breaks out in a rash; not all rashes require that a child stay home from school so check with your child's doctor
- Fever
- Contagious Disease

Attendance rate: 99% YTD

We 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.

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!

Free and Reduced Lunches

Applications were due on Friday, August 23, 2019. If you still have turned in your application, please bring it to the office on Monday, August 26th.

Sustainability Committee

The Sustainability Committee will be meeting on Wednesday August 28th at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. We will be finalizing plans for the Aurora Bicentennial weekend. Our booth will be open on Friday (p.m.), and will open at 11 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. We need volunteers to work and help with this event. Everyone is welcome to attend. More details to follow.

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.

Book Fair News

The book fair will be here all next week, August 26-30. Students will go with their library class on Monday. They will also have the opportunity to go every day during the week. Send in a little extra because we will have to charge sales tax on each purchase. You can stop by after school each day until 3:10 p.m. If you cannot make it here at those times and would like to come, let Mrs. Rector know and we can work something out.

On Wednesday we are hosting our **Breakfast at the Book Fair**. Please join your student or invite their grandparents or special friend to the activity center after Mass (@9:25) for a muffin or coffee cake. Fr. Ben will read a book and you will have the opportunity to shop at the book fair before your student has to return to class at 10:00. Thank you for supporting our school!

Chess Club News from Adrian Robers and Carson Ruter

We have had as many as 12 students in grades 6-8 playing chess at the end of the day. If you have an old chess set to donate or let us borrow, please send it in. If you would like it returned at the end of the year, please be sure to let us know. Thank you!

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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Please remember that "Homework Folders" need to be returned to school by Friday, 8/30.

We hope you will be able to join us for the Book Fair Breakfast on Wednesday, August 28th. We will meet in the gym at 9:25 a.m.

Our new letter this week is Gg (hard sound) keyword- goat. We are focusing on compound words, and counting words in spoken sentences. We will begin blending sounds to read words this week. It is very important when we are blending, that the children are able to look at the letters learned, and be able to give the sound that the letter makes. If your child does not know the letters/sounds, he/she will not be able to blend to read. We will be blending to read for the remainder of the school year. A note will come home to explain how we do blending. We will also begin our "sound tests". I will give the sound of a letter learned, the children will have to write the partner letters that make the sound. You can practice this at home using the letters on your child's letter ring.

In math we will be using pattern blocks to make designs, work with numbers 0-10, and we will be using positional words like: under, over, on top of, behind, in front of, in back of, etc., to describe positions of items.

Have a great week!

Grade 1 and Grade 2 – Ms. McPherson

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First Grade

In Phonics will be reading and spelling words with the letter Zz (as in zebra). We will be reviewing the /s/ and /z/ sounds of the consonant S. We will learn that when suffix s is added to the end of a root word it means more than one. We will also practice spelling and reading new words that include the letter s and suffix s.

Phonics Reader #1 **Pop It, Toss It!** will be sent home last Wednesday. This was the 1st of many phonics readers that will be sent home throughout the school year. Please have your child practice reading each book until they have mastered all of the words. Reader #2 will be sent home this Wednesday.

In Math we will be acting out and drawing pictures for "Some, Some More" and "Some Went Away" stories, identifying a number between two numbers, and dividing a solid in half.

Second Grade

In Phonics we will be reading and spelling words with digraph ck (as in duck), digraph sh (as in shark), and digraph ch (as in cheese). We will also be reading new words containing the two sounds of digraph th (as in feather and thimble).

The 2nd graders did a great job on their spelling tests on Friday! New lists are sent home every Friday in case anyone wants to start studying their new words during the weekend!

In Reading the students will be reading the story **Arthur's Pet Business**. Remember, all Reading Logs are due by Friday!

In Math we are continuing to work on ordinal positions, and writing numbers 1-100. This week we will start working with clocks and will learn how to identify the time one hour ago and one hour from now.

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

In religion the first weeks of school, students practiced using the Bible. They learned what each part of a Bible reference stands for, such as book, chapter, and verse. Then, they looked up many different Bible passages. This week students will get to create a poster of one of their favorite Bible verses for the hallway.

Both third and fourth graders will have math lessons on money this week. Third grade will review and practice counting money and making change. Fourth grade will be comparing money and rounding digits up to the hundred million place value. Every four or five lessons, students have a progress check. I send home a half sheet study guide for these checks!

Students get to visit the book fair this week during our library time, which is Monday morning. They may bring money to buy books. They may also buy books during some lunch recesses and after school. Hopefully they can find a new book!

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

We are looking forward to watching two Monarch butterflies emerge from their chrysalises around September 5. Thanks to Mrs. Velda Miller for bringing them to us. She will come to school to tag the butterflies before we release them.

Early cultures of the western hemisphere is our focus in Social Studies and the Old Testament in Religion.

Thank you Mrs. Beinkemper for taking the class to the Art Gallery last Wednesday, the 14th.

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

The 6th grade's school store is open for business. It's called "Student Dollar". It is open before 8:15 and after 2:00. There are pencils, erasers, glue, glue sticks, scissors, folders, spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, highlighters, pencil boxes, pencil sharpeners, and rulers. There is a special with any purchase of \$1 or more, you get a free gift while supplies last.

There are some yearbooks available for this last school year. They are \$10. See Miss Ann or Mrs. Rice for a yearbook.

6th graders have begun algebraic expressions. We have been reviewing estimation, adding, subtracting, and addition and multiplication facts as well.

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

The sixth and seventh grade classes are enjoying their novels. We are nearing the height of activity in both books. The exciting conclusions will come next week, along with several fun activities. In social studies, all three classes will have a quiz towards the end of the week. The sixth and seventh graders are studying the five themes of geography and the eighth graders are reviewing the early explorers of the Americas.

Don't forget to bring in money for the book fair! Have a great week!

Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon

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Our days are going very smoothly – and quickly.

Thanks to everyone, students and parents, who participated in the parade and the food booth at Moores Hill this past Saturday. There's no doubt that this 8th grade class is going to show great spirit and participation in our events and efforts – just as last year's class did.

The students are patiently working through our overview of punctuation and usage, and each day they're eager to read *Johnnie Tremain*. As the plot thickens, the book is harder and harder to put down. Although we'll do monthly written book reports, the first is not due until the last school day of September. Most of the students are already in good shape.

In religion we have just about finished our "Circle of Grace" program required by the Archdiocese to remind the students that they are God's children and should be treated with respect. They have been the most entertaining group I've worked with in the "Circle of Grace" program!

Parents, remember that we leave for Tandy's IGA on Friday mornings at 7:55. Students need to be present by that time if they want to go along.

God bless!

7th and 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank

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Both classes have completed the base training in using the new microscopes and digital scales. We are using equipment that students at the high school level are using on a daily basis. Our grads will enter a freshman lab situation and be prepared to correctly use and discuss lab equipment. The 7th grade will begin lessons on Ecology and the 8th will be delving into Chemistry.

Connie Powers – D.R.E.

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Registration for Religious Education for children not attending St. Mary's school is now open. If you know of any families interested, please have them contact the parish office or myself through my email: connie.powers@mystmarys.com. Sessions will be on Tuesday evenings, 6- 7:30 p.m. They will begin in September (17 or 24) after I return from leave.

I will be out of the office from August 26 through September 16th. You may contact me through email.

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.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:

08/26 – Pat Scharf, 08/27 – Kay Gigerich, 08/28 – Marge Waldon, 08/29 – Charlotte DeVille, 08/30 – Kay Gigerich

Playground Volunteers:

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
26	27	28	29	30
Spaghetti Lasagna Tossed Salad Bread Sticks Green Beans Fruit Milk	Chicken Strips Buttered Noodles Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans French Fries Graham Crackers Fruit Milk	Chicken Rice Bowl Corn Black Beans - cheese, lettuce, salsa and sour cream available Fruit Milk	Sliced Turkey Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Bread Fruit Milk

Calendar of Events:

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

2019/2020 School Theme: Shout to the Lord

You Tube link to the song

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5_aIauL2xKA