

The Bulldog Barks August 30, 2019

Mr. Brookbank – Principal

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Ann Hutchinson and I co-authored a grant from Indiana Department of Homeland Security to enhance security on our church and school campus. We received notification this past Wednesday, that we have been awarded the grant money we requested. These monies will allow us to install multiple cameras, closed circuit TV and video intercom. We hope to have this equipment installed over Fall Break.

Saint of the Month

Assumption of our
Blessed Mother

Attendance rate: 99% YTD

Picture Day will be on Tuesday, September 17th. Student may be out of uniform, but must dress up (no shorts, jeans, etc.). Wear something nice. We will be sending home envelopes shortly, with pricing information.

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.

Sustainability Committee

The Sustainability Committee has finalized plans for the Aurora Bicentennial weekend of September 13th – 15th. This is when the historic LST 325 will be in Aurora. LST 325 is the only Landing Ship Tank in the United States that is fully operational and restored to its original condition. By giving tours, the crew will educate everyone, young and old, to the role these ships have played in our wars and honor those who built, sailed and served on an LST.

The City of Aurora will have various events on Sunday.

Our booth will be open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. St. Mary's will be selling BBQ sandwiches, chips, brownies, pop and water.

The schedule will be:

Friday – 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Saturday, 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Sunday, 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.

We need volunteers to work and help with this event. If you can help out, please call the school office.

Farmer's Fair

Now that we have settled into the new routine of the school year, I wanted to send out the schedule for the Farmers Fair Booth. The Fair takes place October 2-5th this year and we will have our booth open all 4 days as usual.

If you signed up on the paper sheets at the Open House meeting I have already entered your name into that shift. Please check it and make sure that you are on the day and time you wanted. It's easy to

make a mistake when entering all those names into the schedule!! Let me know if you need me to adjust anything.

If you haven't signed up yet, just click the link below to see what spots are left and get your family signed up for 1 or 2 shifts. We need every family to help out since there are 77 spots to fill between 47 families. Since this fundraiser is not on school grounds we ask that only adults are signed up for the booth. This is just to keep everyone safe while working. Grandparents, aunts, uncles etc. are also welcome to help fill spots if they are willing to do so. Since this is not on school grounds workers do not have to follow the same requirements as school volunteers.

<https://signup.com/go/EufjYXR>

Please contact me with any questions or problems with the sign up process. I will be emailing out more updates on the booth as we get closer to the fair in October.

****The Farmers Fair Committee will be meeting Tuesday September 3rd at 7pm in the school cafeteria. Everyone is welcome. We especially need the shift leaders and anyone with ideas or connections on where to get food supplies for the booth. We are always looking for free/donated/discounted supplies to keep our costs down and profit up. Please join us if you want to help!**

Thanks for volunteering,

Michelle Ryan,
PTO President
859-240-9390 call or text

Farmer's Fair Float

St. Mary's School will have a float in the parade at Farmer's Fair on Saturday, October 5th! The theme for this year is: *Celebrating Aurora's 200 Years*.

We need to get a group together to design, create and build the St. Mary's float. This means we need some physically capable people to create and building "things". We will also need some people to decorate and "make it look nice".

Adam Legge has volunteered to let us use his trailer and to use their barn to building the float and store it until Farmer's Fair.

If you are interested in helping, please call the office. Once we get a list of volunteers we can determine what day/time works best for everyone to get together. We have 1 month to get everything completed!!!!

Book Fair

The book fair was a success! We will let you know the final total after all sales are concluded. We really appreciate all of the volunteers who worked the fair and sent in items for the breakfast. A special thanks goes to Fr. Ben for stopping in to read to the students at the breakfast. We're inviting him back to read again at Halloween! Last, but not least, we thank all of the shoppers! Enjoy your new books!!



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

We just received a check for \$454.60 from Kroger! 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.

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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Next week in phonics we will be focusing on letter Hh- keyword- hat. With the new letter comes a new word we will be able to blend to read. We are learning to code the short vowel in the words with a **breve**. (A smile above the vowel) We will also continue our work with compound words and rhyming words.

In math we will identify, describe, and compare circles and rectangles. We will also be sorting, graphing, putting numbers in order (0-10), and identifying a missing number in a number line.

On Wednesday, September 4, the Kindergartners will be joining the rest of the school for their first "All School Mass". Thank you to the 8th graders who will be there to help us.

Have a great week! Enjoy the long weekend.

Grade 1 and Grade 2 – Ms. McPherson

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First Grade

In Phonics this week we are reviewing the sound of the consonant Dd (as in dog) by practicing spelling and reading new words that include the letter d. We will also be spelling and reading words containing the sounds of the letters Ff (as in fish) and Hh (as in hat).

Our first spelling test will be next Friday! Spelling lists will always be sent home the Friday before the test. Please remember to help your child study his/her list throughout the week!

In Math we are identifying how many sides and angles a shape has and practicing writing our numbers.

Second Grade

In Phonics the 2nd graders will be taught two additional sounds of digraph ch (/k/ as in chord and /sh/ as in chef) than they learned in 1st grade. The students will learn how to spell and read words containing voiced s (as in rose) and combination er (as in butter). They will also learn that quotation marks show the exact words that someone says and that we write quotation marks at the beginning and end of what someone says.

In Math we will continue to identify weekday and days to the weekend, create and read pictographs and identify polygons.

Grade 3 and Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer

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Both third and fourth grade will be finishing up their place value chapters in math this week. They will both have a math test on Friday, September 6th. I always send home a study guide with what students should be able to do for the test. Unlike the progress checks students have taken so far, the chapter test is not multiple choice.

Students finished learning about the four types of sentences- declarative, interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory. Students will have a quiz on Wednesday, September 4th. They should use their grammar notebook for examples when reviewing.

The first quarter midterm is Friday. Midterm reports will go home Thursday, September 12th. Have a great week!

Grade 5 – Mrs. Grove

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We loved it when Fr. Ben read a funny book to us at the Book Fair Wednesday morning. Thank you to all the parents that made muffins for us and sent milk and juice. We really appreciate all the hard work Mrs. Rector, Mrs. Ruter, and all the parent volunteers put into making it such a success this year.

Fifth grade continues to rehearse our play, The Case of The Runaway Appetite. We hope to perform it for the other classes soon.

We have voted for a team name for our Robotics team. Our name will be Legends. More info will be coming home about Robotics soon.

Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice

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Midterms will be sent home on Thursday, September 12th.

There are 2 upcoming field trips on September 12th and September 13th. Permission slips will be sent home next week for the September 12th trip to Dillsboro.

6th grade will have the middle school robotics team. More info will be sent home as soon it's available.

6th grade will have their first math test on Wednesday, September 4th. They will have a study guide on Tuesday. 7th grade has been working on operations with integers, properties, and exponents. 8th grade has been working on order of operations, exponents, properties, and sets (union, intersection, etc.).

5th/6th grade science has been studying motion, reference point, position, and direction. They will be studying speed, acceleration, and velocity.

There are still some yearbooks for sale from 2018-19 for \$10.00.

Grade 7 – Mrs. Rector

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The sixth grade have finished From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler. They really enjoyed the story about the adventures of two siblings and the surprise twist at the end. Follow up activities will happen next week. They will have a quiz in social studies over geography terms.

The seventh grade have finished reading How to Eat Fried Worms. We have been discussing how something that began as a bet between friends can turn out to be a true test of friendship. They will be making their own worm recipes next week. They will also have a quiz in social studies over the chapter on geography.

The eighth grade has been learning about early explorers in America. They will complete a study guide on Tuesday and have a test on Friday or Monday.

Enjoy the three-day weekend!

Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon

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Thanks to Mrs. Rector for everything related to the Scholastic Book Fair, and thanks to everyone who supported her efforts! The students have really enjoyed the opportunity to shop and the special get-together after our school Mass on Wednesday.

Each year the 8th graders look forward to the privilege of ordering and wearing special hoodie sweatshirts representing their long-awaited climb to the status of Eighth Grade. Only 8th graders are permitted to wear the hoodies, and the bright colors they order prompted one of our former priests to dub the 8th graders “Skittles.” It’s now time for ordering, and your son or daughter will be bringing home an order form. We would like to place the final order by September 13th so that we have our sweatshirts by the Thursday before fall break. Let me know if you have any questions.

We will begin our annual religion assessment this next week for grades 7 and 8. This process is the result of a School Improvement Plan from several years ago. We will offer the same assessment at the end of the year to see how we have made progress. Ask your 7th or 8th grader why our church bells have a special ring at 6:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 6:00 p.m. This was one of our bonus questions this past week.

God bless!

7th and 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank

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Both classes are performing labs with the following goals: 1) Read and follow directions, 2) Learn correct and safe lab procedures, 3) Learn and use lab terminology correctly. Different graphing is being performed and the scientific method is being followed in all labs. Each year we are implementing more "hands on" opportunities. I recently received a \$1,000.00 gift to purchase science/lab materials. Every penny was spent on new labs or lab supplies. I am looking forward to introducing these new labs to your 7th and 8th grade children.

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 (17th or 24th) 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.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:

09/02 – Labor Day, 09/03 Kay Gigerich, 09/04 – Marge Waldon, 09/05 – Charlotte DeVille, 09/06 – Monica Ramsey, 09/09 – Pat Scharf, 09/10 – Carolyn Robers, 09/11 – Marge Waldon, 09/12 – Jill Zigan, 09/13 – Monica Ramsey, 09/16 – Diane Peters, 09/17 – Kay Gigerich, 09/18 – eLearning Day, 09/19 – Charlotte DeVille, 09/20 – Monica Ramsey, 09/23 – Pat Scharf, 09/24 – Kay Gigerich, 09/25 – Marge Waldon, 09/26 – Jill Zigan, 09/27 – Monica Ramsey, 09/30 – Diane Peters

Playground Volunteers:

09/03 – HELP NEEDED, 09/04 – Randi McGraw, 09/05 – Jill Zigan, 09/06 – HELP NEEDED, 09/09 – Carolyn Manford, 09/10 – HELP NEEDED, 09/11 Randi McGraw, 09/12 – Chris Strzok, 09/13 – HELP NEEDED, 09/16 – Carolyn Manford, 09/17 – HELP NEEDED, 09/18 – eLearning, 09/19 – Jill Zigan, 09/20 – Carolyn Robers, 09/23 – Carolyn Manford, 09/24 – HELP NEEDED, 09/25 – Randi McGraw, 09/26 – Chris Strzok, 09/27 – HELP NEEDED, 09/30 – Carolyn Manford

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY	3 Chicken Fritter Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Corn Fruit Milk *similar to Southern Chicken	4 Hamburger or Pizza Burger Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	5 Taco (Beef or Chicken) Refried Beans Corn Fruit Milk	6 Cheese Stuffed Bread Stick with Pizza Sauce Tossed Salad Broccoli Fruit Milk

Calendar of Events:

Monday, September 2nd	Labor Day – No School
Tuesday September 3rd	Farmer’s Fair Committee Meeting at 7 p.m.
Wednesday, September 4th	Kindergarten class will attend student mass for the first time
Friday, September 6th	1Q Midterm
Thursday, September 12th	Midterm Reports send home
Friday, September 13th	LST Tour (Grades 5-8)
Tuesday, September 17th	Picture Day
Wednesday, September 18th	eLearning Day
Friday, September 20th	Student Mass at 8:30 a.m.
Saturday, September 21st	Tri Kappa Event at Aurora Pavilion
Sunday, September 22nd	Server Party with Fr. Ben

**2019/2020 School Theme:
Shout to the Lord**

You Tube link to the song

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