

The Bulldog Barks **September 6, 2019**

Mr. Brookbank – Principal

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We are excited for the work to begin on our new security system. We hope the company can begin work over fall break. The installation of the cameras and new entry system will provide a safer environment.

We have a new social media outlet! Via Instagram you can keep up with our news using #mystmarys. Thank you Emily Beinkemper!

September 9th, "Kids on the Block" will visit our 2nd graders. This program teaches skills in recognizing and avoiding abuse.

We need volunteers for the booth during the LST weekend. September 13, 14, and 15. Call school office for details!

September 25th at 1:00 p.m., grades 5 thru 8 will attend a Cyber Awareness program in our Activity Center. This program is free and presented by the Indiana State Police. The dangers of internet exploration will be discussed in a non-threatening manner.

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.

Shifts:

5 – 9 p.m.

11 – 2:30 p.m., 2:30 – 5 p.m. and 5 – 9:00 p.m.

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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.

Book Fair News

Great news! We earned \$898.46 in Scholastic Dollars to use for purchasing books and other equipment from the Scholastic Book Fair. Thanks again to all of our shoppers and volunteers who helped make it happen!

Chess Club

Thank you to everyone who has sent in chess pieces or complete sets. We have a good number of sets now so that anyone who wants to play has a chance to do so. After grades 6-8 get time to practice, we are going to try to have an afternoon where they can reach out to the younger students to see who would like to play or learn how to play chess.

STO Members for 2019-2020

We are happy to announce the following students as STO members for this school year!

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

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***



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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In Phonics this week we will be working with letter Tt- (keyword-tent). We will be adding 4 new words to our caterpillar word wall. We will have 6 words that we can blend to read. It is very important that you work with your child on letter identification and letter sounds. If the children don't know the letters/sounds, they will not be able to blend to read. We will also begin to “unblend” our sounds in words to spell our words. Practice at home would be helpful.

In math we will be matching number cards to sets of objects, identifying most/fewest on a graph, identifying missing numbers in a number line, and we will be naming shape pieces using 3 attributes: color, size, and shape.

Midterm letters will be sent home Thursday, September 12. Please sign and return them to school as soon as possible.

Grade 1 and Grade 2 – Ms. McPherson

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1st Grade

In Phonics we will be reading and spelling new words that contain the letters **Gg** (as in goat) and **Rr** (as in rabbit). We will also be working with the sound of the letter **Kk** (as in kite), and the sound of the letter **Cc** (as in cat).

In Math we are counting pennies, identifying a number between two numbers, and dividing a solid in half.

In Social Studies we are identifying what makes a good school citizen and discussing ways we can become one.

2nd Grade

In Phonics we are coding and reading new words that contain combination ur (as in turtle), combination qu (as in quilt), and combination ar (as in star). We will also learn that combination ar can make an /er/ sound (as in dollar).

In Math we are identifying fractional parts of a whole, adding 10 to a single digit number, and practicing our adding 9 math facts.

In Reading we will begin the story **Julius**. Remember, Reading Logs are due by Friday!

Grade 3 and Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer

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Both third and fourth grade finished their first math chapter over place value. They will now use their understanding of place value to review and practice addition and subtraction skills. Fourth graders will be having their first science test on Tuesday, September 10.

Each quarter students will be practicing a different type of writing. During the first quarter, we will focus on narrative writing. We have taken time to understand what a personal narrative is and how to choose the best topic for this type of writing. I look forward to reading their stories; although, they won't be completely finished with their final draft until the end of the quarter.

Midterm reports will go home Thursday! Have a great week!

Grade 5 – Mrs. Grove

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We are feverishly trying to multiply whole numbers by two or three digits. It is a skill we will need for life but most of the students need lots of practice.

The class did a nice job on their first Vocabulary quiz last week.

We have been discussing what makes Minecraft different from other popular video games in Social Studies.

Our first group of pen pal letters are ready to be mailed to our new pen pals. They are retired volunteer seniors. We will write back and forth all year and then meet them in person in the spring.

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

6th graders had their first math test on Thursday. It was returned on Friday. A permission slip to go to Dillsboro next Thursday to the Smithsonian exhibit at the library went home last Wednesday. It should be returned ASAP. Friday will be a trip to the Ohio River to tour the LST Boat docked in Aurora.

7th and 8th graders have their first math test on Tuesday. 5th/6th grade science has been working on speed and velocity this week. As you go anywhere this weekend ask your child about speed, constant speed, instantaneous speed, average speed, directions, and velocity.

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

We have a busy week ahead of us. The 5th-8th graders are going to see the “Crossroads” exhibit at the Dillsboro Public Library. We received a grant from the library to pay for our bus, which will take us on Thursday morning. The entire school will also go on a walking field trip to see the historic LST 325 at the Aurora Landing on Friday morning. In preparation for these field trips, the 8th graders have been researching both topics and will present information to all of the other classes so they can better understand what they are going to experience.

In language arts, both the 6th and 7th grade classes were introduced to Readworks. This is an online program that allows the teacher to assign articles to read with questions to answer. We will be using the program throughout the year, especially when we are between novels as we are now. An assignment from Readworks will also be a part of their eLearning assignment on September 18. Both classes will also begin a new chapter in social studies about Earth’s human geography. Have a terrific week!

Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon**jim.waldon@mystmarys.com**

We have a great week coming with two special field trips. On Thursday, fifth through eighth graders are going to visit Dillsboro Public Library to view a traveling Smithsonian display entitled “Crossroads.” This display outlines the changes in rural America and the small communities such as ours over the last century. On Friday we will get to tour the WWII LST (Landing Ship Tank) which will be docked right down the street from us at the Aurora Ferry landing. These events will make the week fly, and we’re grateful for the educational opportunities they allow us. Mrs. Rector has been preparing 8th graders who will make presentations to the younger students on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

Our journals over the past couple of weeks have been devoted to writing letters. Last week we wrote to Father Steve to let him know that we are thinking of him, and this week we have written to Archbishop Thompson. The students have had some wonderful interactions with the archbishop, and they want to remind him that we keep him in prayer daily at St. Mary’s in Aurora!

God bless!

7th and 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank**brookbank.science@mystmarys.com**

The 7th grade has completed several labs on basic equipment usage and safety concerns. We have been studying Ecology with an emphasis on vocabulary and present day concerns of our environment. The eighth grade is completing the Chemistry intro and finishing the basic labs and safety concerns. The eighth grade is concentrating on the Scientific Method and how to write an excellent lab report.

Connie Powers – D.R.E.**connie.powers@mystmarys.com**

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.

Cafeteria/Playground

Contact Aimee Hollingsworth at 744-8738, to sign up for cafeteria and playground duty. The schedule is online at www.mystmarys.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:

09/09 – 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:

09/09 – 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
9	10	11	12	13
Rotini & Meat Sauce Tossed Salad Green Beans Bread Stick Fruit Milk	Chicken Slider Sandwich Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Sausage Gravy Biscuit Sausage Link Peas Carrots O.J. cup Milk	Cheese Coney Veggie Sticks w/ Dip Fruit Milk	Yummy Pizza Stick with Pizza Sauce Tossed Salad Corn Fruit Milk *Bread stick stuffed with Peperoni, Cheese and Sauce

Calendar of Events:

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