

## The Bulldog Barks September 13, 2019

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### Mr. Brookbank – Principal

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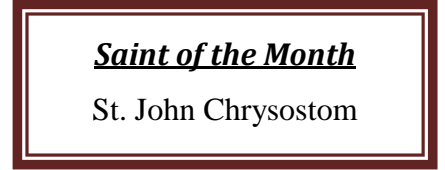
I was out of the office on Thursday, September 5th as part of an Accreditation team. Accreditation is a self-evaluation process that schools and school systems voluntarily use to demonstrate they are meeting a defined set of research-based performance standards. The standards examine schools in a holistic way, supplementing student-testing data to provide a more complete measure of a school's performance and chart a strategic and realistic course for continuous school improvement. There will be an Accreditation team coming to St. Mary's on February 27, 2020.

St. Mary's school body joined together after mass on Wednesday, in front of school for a moment of silence and to reflect on 9-11. We then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Midterm reports were sent home yesterday. Please sign and return to school. If you would like to meet with a teacher, please send them an email and you can set up a time that is convenient for both of you.

### **LST Event – We still need help with this event. Please see below for schedule and list of current volunteers!**

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.



### Join us on Social Media:

- Like. Follow. Share on Facebook:  
[St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception](#)
- Follow us on Instagram:  
[myst.marys](#)

### Average Daily Attendance: 09/03 – 09/13/2019 (9 school days)

# of students: 73

Average # of students per day: 72

# of students absent: 11

Average Daily Attendance: 97.6%



Picture Day is Tuesday, September 17th. Student may be out of uniform, but must dress up (no shorts, jeans, etc.). Wear something nice. We sent home envelopes on Thursday, with pricing information. Please return the envelopes to school with cash or check included.

### ***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 - We still need help with this event.**

The Sustainability Committee has finalized plans for the Aurora Bicentennial weekend of September 13th – 15th. 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.

Volunteers – Need 4 people per shift

- 1. Nicole Eaglin
- 2. Aimee Hollingsworth
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

- 1. Liz Day
- 2. Ann Marie Grove
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

2:30 – 5 p.m.

- 1. Jessica Gerke
- 2. Valida Beckman
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

5 – 9:00 p.m.

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- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
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Sunday, 11 – 2:30 p.m.

- 1. Connie McGuff
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

2:30 – 5 p.m.

- 1. Beth Legg
- 2. Michelle Ryan
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

5 – 9:00 p.m.

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

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

## **Farmer's Fair**

The Fair takes place October 2-5th this year and we will have our booth open all 4 days as usual.

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>

**We need volunteers, but our immediate need is for a lead person on Friday. This can be split between 2 people. Please let Michelle know if you can help.**

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.

**We are always looking for free/donated/discounted supplies to keep our costs down and profit up.**

Thanks for volunteering,

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

## **Farmer's Fair Float – Need of “framers”**

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 put the base of the float together. So this means we need people that can build things and use power tools. We will call this group the “framers”.

Once we get the base together we will need additional people to paint and decorate.

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 Ann Hutchinson in the school office. Once we get a list of volunteers we can determine what day/time works best for everyone to get together.

## **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 [mcpherson.1@mystmarys.com](mailto:mcpherson.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.

## STO – Coloring Contest

The STO held a coloring contest for all students in grades K-4 for Patriot's Day and a poster contest for grades 5-8. All the colored sheets and posters are hanging in the school cafeteria.

The winners for grades K-4 were:

- Kenzi Ohlmansiek, Kindergarten
- Sawyer Wismann, 1st Grade
- Mollee Neeley, 2nd Grade
- Ava Legge, 3rd Grade
- Oliver Wismann, 4th Grade



The winner for the 5-8 grade poster contest was the 8th grade class!

Students were treated to a snack from the 8th grade class. Thank you STO for arranging this event!

## **Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning**

**[amy.denning@mystmarys.com](mailto:amy.denning@mystmarys.com)**

Our new letter in Phonics this week is Pp-(keyword-pig). We will be adding 6 new words to our caterpillar word wall. Index cards will be sent home to make flashcards for practice. Please make sure to read the caterpillar words on a regular basis. We will also unblend 2 initial consonant sounds to identify the sounds heard in a beginning consonant blend (i.e.- gl, sl, pl, etc.), and do our sound tests and spell our caterpillar words.

In math we will focus on ordinal numbers- first through fifth. We will also be sequencing events, and do addition and subtraction story problems.

Picture day is Tuesday, Sept. 17. The children may dress out of uniform if they wear dressy clothes.

We have an **e-learning** day on Wednesday, Sept. 18. Work will be sent home on Tuesday, 9/17. All work needs to be returned on Thursday, 9/19.

If you have not already done so, please sign and return midterm letters.

Have a super week!

## **Grade 1 and Grade 2 – Ms. McPherson**

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1st grade

The 1st graders had their first spelling test on Friday! Everyone did a great job! Spelling test #2 will be on Friday, September 20th. Remember, spelling lists are sent home on the Fridays before each test in case you would like your child to study his/her test during the weekend.

In Phonics we will be using the **K and C Rules** to practice spelling new words that include the letters K and C. We will also be learning to spell and read words with the **letter B** (as in balloon)

In Math we are practicing writing and reading number sentences, and solving our doubles math facts (1+1, 2+2, 3+3...etc.)

Mid Terms went home on Thursday. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress.

2nd grade

In Phonics the 2nd graders will be learning to read and spell new words with **combination or** (as in horse). They will also learn the second sound of **combination or**, which makes an /er/ sound (as in doctor) and that a **w** is often called a **bossy w** when it appears by certain letters because it changes the sound those letters usually makes (e.g. worm).

In Math we will review telling and showing time to the half hour. We will also be reading a thermometer to the nearest 10 degrees and practicing our doubles +1 math facts.

Mid Terms went home on Thursday. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress.

## **Grade 3 and Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer**

**[amanda.meyer@mystmarys.com](mailto:amanda.meyer@mystmarys.com)**

Both third and fourth graders have started a new novel. Students will be reading this novel the remainder of the quarter for reading class. They will participate in group discussions, work with vocabulary, practice different reading and writing skills, and read together. Third grade will be reading *Judy Moody and the Bucket List*. Fourth grade will be reading *The War With Grandpa*. Students will still be responsible for reading their own chapter books for AR points.

In math, both grades will continue to practice addition skills. They will be adding multi digit addends with regrouping or carrying. We will finish Religion Chapter 1 next week, and students will be ready for a text on Friday, September 20.

Please return one copy of the midterm as soon as possible. Have a great week!

**Grade 5 – Mrs. Grove****[annmarie.grove@mystmarys.com](mailto:annmarie.grove@mystmarys.com)**

We have finally finished the unit on *The Case of the Runaway Appetite*. All the other classes in the school came to our room to watch us perform it.

Now we have started the novel, *Frindle*. It would be a good one to use for an AR quiz. No one is quite halfway to their first quarter AR goal, even though we are halfway through the quarter.

Our math “Problems of the Day” are proving to be very challenging. Please remind your 5th grader of the quote on the cafeteria wall, “Mistakes are proof you are trying”.

**Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice****[suzy.rice@mystmarys.com](mailto:suzy.rice@mystmarys.com)**

Thank you to Mrs. Rector and the 8th graders for the presentations about the field trips we went on this week. Thank you to everyone that planned the trips.

A packet of information about the 6th Grade Robotics Club was sent home on Wednesday. Please read it and return the forms requested. Midterms went home on Thursday.

The 7th and 8th grade classes both had their first math test this week. Students may correct what they missed to improve their score. We will continue to review that material as we go ahead.

What was special about the dates this week? (9-10-19, 9-11-19, 9-12-19, 9-13-19, 9-14-19, 9-15-19, 9-16-19) Happy Palindrome Week! The dates are the same read forward and backwards.

**Grade 7 – Mrs. Rector****[kim.rector@mystmarys.com](mailto:kim.rector@mystmarys.com)**

The students in grades 5-8 enjoyed two field trips this week. The first was to see the “Crossroads: Change in Rural America” Smithsonian exhibit at the Dillsboro Public Library. We enjoyed the exhibit and stories told by Peggy and Cathy. We are thankful to the Aurora Public Library District for program and the grant that paid for our transportation. On Friday, the same group was able to walk to the tour of the LST 325 to see in person the historical WWII ship they learned about in class.

In social studies, the 8th grade began a new chapter on Colonial America. The 6th and 7th graders are continuing their study of people around the world. The 6th and 7th grade language arts classes are continuing to practice grammar skills, write in their journals, and read articles online with Readworks.

Remember that Wednesday is an eLearning day. Work will be sent home on Tuesday to be completed so that we can count the student day while the teachers are at their in-service. The work from me will involve the internet, so if your child does not have access at home, please send me a note. Have a great weekend!

**Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon****[jim.waldon@mystmarys.com](mailto:jim.waldon@mystmarys.com)**

We have had another great week with so many things going on. Thanks to Mrs. Grove and the fifth graders for treating us to their delightful play, to Mrs. Rector for setting up the field trip to Dillsboro for the Smithsonian exhibit, and to Mr. Brookbank for setting up our tour of the LST 325. We understand that someone’s generosity made our tour possible, and we’re grateful. As we’ve commemorated Patriots’ Day this week, we also took extra time to pray for and think about those who have kept our nation safe through the years. May God bless our first responders, members of the military, and everyone who protects us or comes to our aid in disasters.

Thanks to the students who have returned their mid-term progress reports! All others are urged to return their signed copies by this coming Tuesday.

Our order for 8th grade sweatshirts will be placed this coming week. We are still waiting for a few student orders.

God bless!

**7th and 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank****[brookbank.science@mystmarys.com](mailto:brookbank.science@mystmarys.com)**

The 7th grade is dissecting the atom. We are studying the sub-atomic particles, electrical charges, and electron orbits. We are performing labs that we were able to purchase through a generous donation. The ability to perform "hands on" labs to reinforce concepts is crucial to learning. You can see the equipment that was purchased with several of our students on Instagram. The eighth grade is digging deeper into the structure of the atom. I have introduced ions, isotopes, balancing equations, and connecting these chemical factors to how we use them in our industry and everyday lives.

**Connie Powers – D.R.E.****[connie.powers@mystmarys.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 – St. John Chrysostom**

Saint John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople, was an important Early Church Father. He is known for his preaching and public speaking, his denunciation of abuse of authority by both ecclesiastical and political leaders, the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom, and his ascetic sensibilities.

**Born:** [Antioch, Turkey](#)

**Died:** September 14, 407 AD, [Comana Pontica](#)

**Patronage:** [Constantinople](#), [Education](#), [Epilepsy](#), [Orator](#), [Preacher](#)

**Parents:** [Secundus](#), [Anthusa](#)

## Cafeteria/Playground

Contact Aimee Hollingsworth at 744-8738, to sign up for cafeteria and playground duty. The schedule is online at [www.mymarys.com](http://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:

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:

09/16 – 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
16	17	18	19	20
Sliced Turkey Mashed Potatoes Peas Carrots Bread Fruit Milk	Chicken Nuggets Buttered Noodles Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	NO SCHOOL  eLearning Day	Taco (Beef or Chicken) Refried Beans Corn Fruit Milk	Boneless Rib Sandwich with bun BBQ sauce French Fries Tossed Salad Fruit Milk



# Calendar of Events:

Friday – Sunday September 13 – September 15th	LST Event in Aurora
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
Wednesday, September 25th	Cyber Awareness (Grades 5-8) - St. John students will be attending
Thursday, October 3	End of 1st Quarter
Friday, October 4th – Friday, October 11th	Fall Break
Tuesday, October 15th	Duke Energy Troupe (K-8)
Thursday, October 17th	1st Quarter Report Cards sent home
Saturday, October 19th	St. Mary's Oktoberfest
Tuesday, October 22nd	Oldenburg Academy - 8th Grade
Thursday, October 24th	2Q PTO Meeting – 7 p.m.

## **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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5_aIauL2xKA)