

## The Bulldog Barks September 20, 2019

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### Mr. Brookbank – Principal

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I had a talk with grades 6-8 about how they are dressing on out of uniform days. There are several students that are “pushing the boundaries” on what they wear. We need to focus on educating students, not spending time on clothing issues. They are old enough to know what is right and what is wrong to wear to school. Problems include: wearing shorts that are tight or too short, bare shoulders, inappropriate shoes (heels, open toe shoes, etc.). As a reminder, students are only allowed to wear shorts during the 1st and 4th quarter of the school year. So after we return from Fall Break – no more shorts.

### Saint of the Month

St. John Chrysostom

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.

### Grading Scale:

A new grading scale has been created in order to be more aligned with our high schools. The grading scale for the 2019-2020 school year will be:

- 93-100 = A
- 85-92 = B
- 76-84 = C
- 70-75 = D

Grades K-2 will continue with a standards-based report card and an achievement scale of E, M, P, & N with the goal of moving 3rd grade to this in the 2020-2021 school year, adding 4th grade the 2021-2022 school year, and 5th grade in 2022-2023.

- E = Exceptional
- M = Mastery
- P = Partial Mastery
- N = No Mastery

Please understand these are not major changes to the report card. We have simply eliminated the many indicators and made an addition of Successful Learning Traits. This policy is a change from the Archdiocese.

### Average Daily Attendance: 09/03 – 09/20/2019 (13 school days)

# of students: 73

Average # of students per day: 72

# of students absent: 21

Average Daily Attendance: 96.8%

### LST Event

Thank you to everyone that helped with the food booth last weekend. A huge shout out to Jamie and Brian Ruter for all of their hard work to ensure a successful event.

***We still 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.

**Farmer's Fair**

Hello All,

We are 2 weeks away from this year's Farmers Fair. There are still quite a few spots left to fill on the volunteer schedule for the booth. Each family needs to fill 2 spots to ensure that we have enough workers. The times we are at greatest need are:

- Wednesday 10/2 8pm-10:30
- Friday 10/4 Multiple shifts starting at 3:30 through closing
- Saturday 10/5 8am-12am Parade Shift

Here is the link to sign up: <https://signup.com/go/EufjYXR>

I am also looking for someone to help me run the booth on Friday. It would be best if it was a parent who has worked the booth a few times, and is willing to be down there for 4-6 hours on Friday. Primary duties are to make sure the booth is running smoothly, filling booth with products and getting booth workers anything they need. The hours are flexible and something that can be worked out based on your availability. Please contact me if you may be available to help.

If you are having a hard time finding a shift that works for you, please let me know and we can figure something out. We need everyone's participation so that we can ensure the success of the booth.

Thanks for volunteering,

Michelle Ryan  
PTO President

**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](mailto:mcperson.1@mystmarys.com).

## 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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In Phonics this week we will be working on our 2nd vowel- short sound **Aa** (keyword-apple). Please continue reviewing letters/sounds, and blending. We'll be adding 11 short vowel "a" words to the caterpillar, and the children will need to look carefully at the words when blending. They are used to reading 'short o' words. The class will be bringing home their first "mini reader", "*Hot, Hot, Hot*". We will also be learning our first sight words. A note will come home with the readers. We will also be spelling the words that we can read. The children need to "unblend" the sounds to spell. Help at home is always appreciated!

In math we will work with triangles and squares, and numbers 0 – 10.

Thank you for completing and returning e-learning packets.

Have a great week!

## 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 **Mm** (as in monkey). We will also be working with the two sounds of the letter **Ee** (as in elephant and equal), and the sound of **digraph ck** (as in duck).

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

Spelling List #3 was sent home on Friday. Remember to help your child study all 10 words and practice writing the 2 spelling sentences throughout the week. Our test is on Friday!

## 2nd Grade

In Phonics we will be learning to spell and read words with **combination wh** (as in whale). We will also be learning that a **contraction** is formed when two words are combined/shortened and an apostrophe takes the place of missing letters.

In Math we will be learning how to write addition and subtraction fact families, practicing addition facts with the sums of 8 and 9, and looking for patterns to solve problems.

Spelling List #6 was sent home on Friday. Remember to help your child study all 20 words throughout the week! Our test is on Friday!

## Grade 3 and Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer

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Students are enjoying their book groups. I think reading and discussing books with classmates makes reading more fun for some and helps them see that reading is cool! Keep working on your September Reading Log.

Third grade has finished their first science chapter about plants. They have proven that water travels through a plant's stem with our daisy and colored water experiment. They have watched seeds germinate. They've also been watching mushrooms grow! After reviewing together on Monday, students will have their science test on Tuesday, September 24.

The fourth grade mass will be Wednesday, September 25. Have a great week!

## Grade 5 – Mrs. Grove

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The 5th and 6th Grade Robotics Club would like to thank Chris Simon, Lauren's dad, for having our robotics team t-shirts made. The students all submitted a design and Mrs. Rice chose the winning design for the t-shirts.

Mrs. Grove is trying to "Be Smarter Than a Fifth Grader". She was trained to be part of a Professional Learning Community Wednesday while her students were home eLearning. Then she went to Indianapolis Thursday to be trained to be a robotics educator.

## Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice

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Robotics will be underway soon in 6th grade. I attended a training on Thursday and received our robotics kit and info. I still need a few pink robotics permission slips returned.

Map Skills and a science weekly challenge is given to the 6th grade each week. I will start taking them for a grade due to lack of effort by some students.

5th/6th grade got a study guide today for their first science test. The study guide is due Monday. We will go over the study guide on Monday and the test is on Wednesday.

## Grade 7 – Mrs. Rector

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The sixth graders are reading *The Kid in the Red Jacket* and the seventh graders just began *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*. They will be reading these books in class as well as for homework assignments. Each student will choose from several activities to complete after finishing the book. Our goal is to finish these fun novels and activities before fall break in two weeks.

We are moving right along in social studies as well. The eighth graders are learning what life was like in the original thirteen colonies. The sixth and seventh graders will be wrapping up their study of geography in general and moving on to learning about different countries.

Mr. Brookbank and the teachers have talked to the students about their attire on out of uniform days. Several students have been pushing the boundary lately and have been warned that they may lose the privilege of being out of uniform if it continues. I told them that if they are wondering whether something they want to wear to school is okay, then they probably shouldn't wear it. Have a great week!

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

Thanks to our choir and bell choir members who helped make this past Saturday evening's Mass so beautiful!

Sweatshirts have been ordered and should be here by fall break. Students verified the information on the order before I placed it, so we don't expect any glitches in the order.

We've moved into grammar in English and are reviewing the parts of speech as well as expanding into such territories as complements. Our journal topics this week have been "Tell about your ride to school," and "Tell about someone you don't like to ride with." Don't worry; these won't be published!

Over the next two weeks we finish Johnny Tremain and will watch the movie by the same name. This will be a good lesson in comparing and contrasting. We're all disappointed that there wasn't a sequel to the book, but we have another fine novel on the horizon.

The annual "Love the Hungry" food packaging event will be held in our Activity Center on Sunday, October 13th. Letters will go home with sixth through eighth graders next week. It would be fantastic if we could have an excellent representation of St. Mary's students participate, and parents and older siblings are welcome, too. Again, a letter will come home next week. God bless!

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

We are concluding our section on Chemistry with a lab and final assessment. We will begin in both classes to focus on Ecology. In today's world Global Warming is an issue. Global Warming will become a larger issue as time passes. Our students will be adults when this issue will be taken more seriously by all governments. They must be educated with facts and make their own decisions when they step into the voting booth.

**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](#), [Anthusia](#)

**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:**

09/23 – Pat Scharf, 09/24 – Kay Gigerich, 09/25 – Marge Waldon, 09/26 – Jill Zigan, 09/27 – Monica Ramsey, 09/30 – Diane Peters, 10/01 – HELP NEEDED, 10/02 – Marge Waldon, 10/03 – Jill Zigan, 10/14 – Pat Scharf, 10/15 – Kay Gigerich, 10/16 – Marge Waldon, 10/17 – Charlotte Deville, 10/18 – Monica Ramsey, 10/21 – Diane Peters, 10/22 – Kay Gigerich, 10/23 – Marge Waldon, 10/24 – Jill Zigan, 10/25 – Monica Ramsey, 10/28 – Pat Scharf, 10/29 – Kay Gigerich, 10/30 – Marge Waldon, 10/31 – Jill Zigan

**Playground Volunteers:**

09/23 - Carolyn Manford, 09/24 – HELP NEEDED, 09/25 – Randi McGraw, 09/26 – Chris Strzok, 09/27 – HELP NEEDED, 09/30 – Carolyn Manford, 10/01 – HELP NEEDED, 10/02 – Randi McGraw, 10/03 – HELP NEEDED, 10/14 – Carolyn Manford, 10/15 – HELP NEEDED, 10/16 – Randi McGraw, 10/17 – Jill Zigan, 10/18 – HELP NEEDED, 10/21 – Carolyn Manford, 10/22 – HELP NEEDED, 10/23 – Randi McGraw, 10/24 – HELP NEEDED, 10/25 – HELP NEEDED, 10/28 – Carolyn Manford, 10/29 – HELP NEEDED, 10/30 – Randi McGraw, 10/31 – HELP NEEDED

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
23	24	25	26	27
3-Way Tossed Salad Green Beans Crackers Fruit Milk	Chicken Patty with Bun Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	Hamburger or Pizza Burger Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Corn Crackers Fruit Milk	Pizza Cheese or Pepperoni Veggie Sticks Fruit Milk

# Calendar of Events:

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)



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