

The Bulldog Barks September 27, 2019

Mr. Brookbank – Principal

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GREAT NEWS!!

Our 8th grade class wrote notes to The Most Reverend Charles C. Thompson, Seventh Archbishop of Indianapolis asking him to visit St. Mary's. We received notice that he will visit this coming spring. We will let you know when this visit has been scheduled.

Saint of the Month

St. John Chrysostom

The Oxbow Foundation has awarded St. Mary's a grant equaling \$1,000 to purchase science materials advancing ecological concepts. Mr. Brookbank will oversee the ordering of the appropriate science materials. St. Mary's students will attend an Oxbow meeting, Spring 2020 to present findings of our Ecology labs.

The Rising Sun Grant Foundation has awarded St. Mary's \$17,581.00. This will be used to upgrade the infrastructure of our internet service. This grant also includes 40 Chromebooks, which will enhance many aspects of student learning at St. Mary's!

These enhancements will allow St. Mary's to be in the forefront of education in Dearborn County. We thank everyone who keeps our school in their prayers!

On September 25th, grades 5 thru 8 attended a Cyber Awareness program in our Activity Center. This program was presented by the Indiana State Police. The dangers of internet exploration was discussed in a non-threatening manner. The students had many questions.

Just a reminder, the end of the 1st Quarter is next Thursday. All work must be turned in by Thursday.

Magazine Sale – we will not have a magazine sale this year. The company no longer offers the type of fundraising we participated in the past. We will continue to look for new fundraising ideas. Families may help by supporting the Sustainability Committee and PTO fundraisers.

Average Daily Attendance: 09/03 – 09/26/2019 (17 school days)

of students: 73

Average # of students per day: 72

of students absent: 26

Average Daily Attendance: 98.2%

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.

Adopt a Student Program

Our Adopt-A-Student Program is aimed at helping struggling families meet the rising cost of a good Catholic Education. It is an opportunity for you, as caring parishioner, to offer a child a quality, Catholic education. It is also an opportunity to help your fellow parishioners with financial support and encouragement.

Your contribution may be applied in one of two ways. First, it could go to help all our St. Mary's children. Secondly, it could also be applied towards a specific child for the child's tuition account. All you need to do, is to specify the child or children you wish to sponsor. In this case, the parents would be notified that their account has been reduced by X amount of dollars. You may donate anonymously, if you wish.

Our Adopt-A-Student program is also funded by the weekly student mass; one half of the funds collected go into the Adopt-A-Student fund.

Contact the school office if you have any questions.

Farmer's Fair

****We still have open shifts for the Farmers Fair Booth next week! ****

- Friday 10/4, 6-8:30pm **2 Spots Need Filled**
- Friday 10/4, 7-10:30pm **4 Spots Need Filled**
 - We have NO ONE signed up for this shift to close the booth Friday. Find a friend or family member who can come work with you!
- Saturday 10/5, 8am-12pm **2 Spots Need filled** (During the Parade)

Please see if you can fill in any of the shifts, especially if you haven't signed up yet. Just click the link to the online sign up: <https://signup.com/go/EufjYXR>

THANK YOU to all the families who have signed up for shifts and many are doing multiple shifts over the week. We are not in too bad of shape, but the shifts listed above NEED to be filled or the booth cannot run properly during these times. If you think you MIGHT be able to work one, but are waiting on a work or sports schedule to be confirmed, please just let me know and I can pencil you in as a maybe and it will give me a better idea of how to plan.

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 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.

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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We will be doing individual evaluations for report cards next week. Please review all skills that were listed on the midterm letter. (Letters/Sounds, blending, reading "pop-up" words, reciting addresses, phone numbers, and identifying numbers to 10).

Our new letter next week is **Nn**-(keyword-nest). We will be working with lots of new words. Some of them are "**an**" words. These are tricky, confusing words because they don't say the true short a sound (apple). Please practice the following words with your child: an, ant, tan, pan, pant, plan, plant. We will be reading sentences that contain our caterpillar words, high-frequency words, and sight words. We will also work with syllables (word parts). We will clap each part as we say the words to identify how many syllables are in the words.

No school on Friday, 10/4. Enjoy the fair! Don't forget to stop by the St. Mary's food booth.

Fall break is the week of October 7. Reviewing skills during the week off would be beneficial! Enjoy your time off. See you back at school on October 14.

Grade 1 and Grade 2 – Ms. McPherson

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1st grade

In Phonics we will be reading and spelling words that contain the sounds of **Digraph th** (as in feather and thimble), **Digraph ng** (as in ring), and **Digraph ee** (as in sheep). We will also learn **suffixes –ing** and **–ed**. Little Reader #6 will be going home this week. Remember to have your child practice their readers at home.

In Math we are continuing to practice our doubles addition facts from 0+0 to 9+9. We will also be using a balance to identifying lighter and heavier object.

The 1st graders drew pictures of their favorite things to do at Aurora’s Farmer’s Fair. They will be displayed in the Lion’s Club building during the fair!

2nd grade

The 2nd graders are focusing on writing complete sentences. We are also recognizing if a sentence is an asking sentence or a telling sentence.

In Phonics we are practicing how to code and read new **“Wild Colt” words** and words that follow the **“Floss Rule”**. We will also be reviewing **suffixes –ed, -ing, -less, and –s**.

In Math we are learning how to write addition and subtraction fact families.

The 2nd graders made multi-media scarecrows to display at the Farmer’s Fair. They will be displayed in the Lion’s Club building during the fair!

Grade 3 and Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer

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As the quarter comes to an end, we will be wrapping up our novels and math chapters. Both grades will have their novel test on Thursday. Third grade’s chapter 2 math test will be Wednesday, while fourth grade’s chapter 3 math test will be Thursday.

Our goal is to have personal narratives finished before break. We should have all the editing and revising finished so that students can start typing their final draft on Monday. The last journal check of the quarter will be Wednesday, October 2. Students have been doing a great job with their journal entries!

Be sure to look for third grade’s multi-media pumpkins at the Farmer’s Fair if you go. Aurora Lions Club has asked K-3 to participate in a craft project to display. I hope everyone enjoys Farmer’s Fair and has an awesome Fall Break!

Grade 5 – Mrs. Grove

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We have found relief in the form of Short Division. Long Division has proved to be tedious! On a happy note, almost everyone earned an A on the mid chapter quiz.

The students made a twenty-one foot timeline to help us understand the relationship of events in the Native American history from the early civilizations of the Anasazi, Mayans, and the Mound Builders through the Aztecs, and Incas. It was so long that we had to hang it all along our windows on the window shades.

We finished our novel, Frindle and have moved on to read about Paul Revere. Everyone is doing a great job of getting closer to their Accelerated Reader goals.

Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice

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The 5th and 6th grade began robotics on Thursday! Thank you to our sponsors EmBein Salon, Kraemer Construction, and Chris Simon.

The 6th grade had a math test and social studies test on Friday. The 7th and 8th grades will have tests next Wed. 5th/6th grade science had a test on Wednesday.

The end of the quarter is next Thursday.

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

All three classes had a test or quiz in social studies. The eighth grade is going to continue to study life in the colonies. The seventh grade is going to begin their study of Africa, and the sixth grade will be taking a closer look at Europe. We have also been discussing the national news and discovering how impeachment works and learned that it is a part of the balance of power that the founders of our country made part of our Constitution. It will be interesting to see what happens- a story to follow for sure!

The sixth and seventh graders will finish their novels and all activities this week before fall break. Remember that October 3rd is the end of the first quarter and report cards will be distributed when we return from break. Make sure all, missing and makeup work is turned in by October 3rd. Have a terrific week!

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

Eighth graders will host Mass this next Wednesday, and we'd love to have you join us. Those who pray with us really get a feeling for the spirit we have at St. Mary's!

We appreciated the Cyber Awareness presentation by Indiana State Police this past Wednesday and heard some surprising things. We also learned things we could do to protect ourselves. Be sure to ask your 8th grader what he or she learned.

This week we finished our review of our religion assessment in 7th and 8th grade religion. What the students knew at the beginning of the year isn't as important as what they will know when we revisit this in May. The assessment is not for a grade, but you might ask your son or daughter how many correct answers he or she achieved. We will refer to the assessment throughout the year, mostly in the bonus questions students receive at the beginning of each religion class.

The annual "Love the Hungry" food packaging event will be held in our Activity Center on Sunday, October 13th. Letters went home with sixth through eighth graders this week, but note that the letter has an incorrect date. The event will be on Sunday, the 13th. 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.

God bless!

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

Both classes will begin a unit on the composition of the human cell. This includes the organelles within the cell and their individual functions. This unit is vital to several units taught in the future concerning biological principals. Labs will supplement teaching strategies and visual aids will be used in the classroom. This unit sets the foundation to better comprehend the Genetics unit that will be introduced second semester. We will attempt to link the specific organelles and their functions to diseases that afflict the human situation. Our Ecology unit went well especially with the current events occurring at the United Nations and in the daily news.

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, 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:

09/30 – 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:

09/30 – 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
30	1	2	3	4
Rotini and Meat Sauce Tossed Salad Green Beans Bread Stick Fruit Milk	Chicken Strips Buttered Noodles Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	Mini Corn Dogs French Fries Veggie Sticks Fruit Milk	Taco (Beef or Chicken) Refried Beans Corn Fruit Milk	NO SCHOOL – FARMER’S FAIR

Calendar of Events:

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



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