

## The Bulldog Barks January 17, 2020

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### Mr. Brookbank – Principal

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A busy two months is ahead for all who attend St. Mary's school. We have challenges as a school, challenges as a staff, and fun events planned this second semester.

A school accreditation team will visit St. Mary's on February 27th. This team will review us from A to Z and evaluate our school. We began preparing for this visit before Christmas break and continue to prep for this event.

The Archdiocese Superintendent of School Gina Fleming has sent a request to all schools in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. This request is a survey to be taken by all shareholders in our school. This includes students, staff, parents, and parishioners. We sent this link to all our school families on Monday, January 13th an email. The purpose is for the Archdiocese administrators and schools to evaluate themselves. We will conduct the student surveys at school. The window will close on January 31st. Please take the survey!

I hope you are helping spread the word concerning St. Mary's opening a PRE-K for the 2020/2021 school year. More details will come as we continue to take steps to complete the process.

National School Choice Week is January 26th thru February 1st. The PTO has scheduled a week of academic and fun events. On Friday, I have invited State Reps Randy Frye and Randy Lyness, State Senator Chip Perfect, Commissioner Rick Probst, Mayor Drury and City Manager Gwenevere Emery to visit our school. They need to see the commitment to education that shareholders, parents, students and staff have at St. Mary's parish!

The refreshing odor of Clorox permeates the halls of St. Mary's! We will continue to fight the good fight against illness in our school.

***Saint of the Month***

St. Francis de Sales

### Martin Luther King Day

**St. Mary's School and South Dearborn schools will be in session on Monday, January 20, 2020.** This was previously scheduled off for Martin Luther King Day.

St. Mary's will be off on Monday, April 13, 2020. This is the Monday after Easter.

If you have any questions, please call the school office.

### **Average Daily Attendance: 08/07 – 01/17/2019 (98 school days)**

# of students: 74

Average # of students per day: 71.23

# of absent days: 147

Average Daily Attendance: 96.26%

### **Sustainability Committee**

Bulldog's Bounty Cookbook - \$15.00/each, there are copies available in the office for purchase. Stop in and pick one up, or send in an order form with payment and it will be filled and returned with your child.

We also have 10 pound bags of prepared barbeque! Each bag is \$40.00 and will serve approximately 40 individuals. GREAT WAY TO SAVE TIME ON THE HOLIDAYS OR SPORTS PARTIES. Call the school office for details.

### **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.

### **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**

**\* Buy \* Clip \* Send \* Earn\***



Nicole Eaglin, Box Tops for Education Coordinator

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 next week we will be focusing on new letter Dd- keyword-dog. We'll work with alphabetizing, spelling, and also get reader #8, *I Did It*. We will add 87 words to the caterpillar (that's a total of 490 words!), and we'll add 4 new words to our “pop-up” list. We have been working with the 8 basic color words. The children brought home self-checking flashcards for practice. They are doing a very good job reading sentences that contain caterpillar words, color words and "pop-up" words. Thank you for practicing at home.

We will be doing a science unit on penguins and polar bears. The class will learn some interesting facts about these polar animals and their polar regions.

We will be celebrating our 100th day of school on Tuesday, January, 21st! We will be doing lots of activities having to do with 100. We will have a fun day.

Show-n-Tell for next week is Ff.

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

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#### **1st Grade**

The 1st graders will be learning to spell and read new words with combination ir (as in bird) and combination ur (as in turtle). We are also learning the soft sound of the letter c (as in circle) and digraph ow (as in bow).

In Reading we are starting the story Snakes. Reading Word List #14 will be sent home Monday! Spelling list #13 went home. Our test will be on Friday, Jan. 24th!

In Math we are working on telling time to the hour, adding two digit numbers without regrouping, and measuring lines segments using nonstandard units.

#### **2nd Grade**

In Phonics we are using the v/cv rule to code and read new words. We are reading and spelling new words with suffixes –ful, and –ness and learning final stable syllable –tion (as in lotion).

Spelling list #16 went home. Our test will be on Friday, Jan 24th!

In Math we are writing fractions to show a part of a set and writing numbers in expanded form.

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

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In math this week, third grade will be finishing up their multiplication and division chapter and moving on to measurement. Students need to continue to practice memorizing their multiplication facts. This will make future math so much easier. Fourth graders are beginning fractions! We will begin by making sure everyone can draw and write fractions, then we will make equivalent fractions.

The next large writing assignment is going to be a combination of writing and religion. So far students have written a personal narrative and persuasive letter. They are now ready for informational writing. Students will be researching a saint and making an informational PowerPoint. I can't wait to learn more about their favorite saints!

## **Grade 5 – Mrs. Grove**

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Scholastic book orders are due January 31st.

We are busy dividing fractions, studying about the Age of Exploration, and continuing our novel, *The Indian in the Cupboard*.

We are feverishly sanitizing our room! Our hope is that all will be well by next Tuesday, the 21st, for our second Robotics Competition. Thank you to the parents that offered to provide the pizza and drinks for after school. The students are welcome to stay after school and ride to the competition with the class or meet us at Aurora Elementary between 4:30-5 p.m.

## **Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice**

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In science, the 5th/6th graders made catapults this week. They planned their design, built it, tried it, adjusted it, and tried it again. There were some interesting designs. They confronted time constraints, working together, and competing.

In math, the 6th grade is continuing solving equations and is beginning on inequalities. The 7th grade is continuing with positive and negatives and solving equations. The 8th grade is solving systems of equations by graphing, substitution, and elimination.

The 2nd Robotics competition is Tuesday, January 21 at Aurora Elementary School. Team members may stay after school, eat pizza together, and get ready to go to the competition. We arrive between 4 and 4:30. Inspections are 4:30-5:00. The event starts around 5:00. It should end around 7:00. Thank you to the parents who volunteered to help out with the cost of the pizza and drinks. We could use another family to split the pizza cost for the Feb. 18 meet. Let us know if you can help.

## **Grade 7 – Mrs. Rector**

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The sixth and seventh graders have been working on a writing unit based on several literature selections. They have also been practicing grammar skills on the online program called IXL. Our focus is to improve our writing with longer, more complex sentences and using information from the text to answer questions. Proper writing conventions also are important!

The eighth grade just took a test and presented projects on the Revolutionary War. We will begin to look at what came next. The war ended, now what? The seventh grade will take a test on Algeria and Egypt at the beginning of the week, before moving their studies on to West Africa. The sixth graders will finish their chapter on Western Europe next week and have a test.

Stay healthy and have a great week!

## **Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon**

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Eighth graders have finished their persuasive essays and did a great job of expressing why people should or should not have pets. Some of the statistics and facts they used were impressive. Now we're working on journals, our thank you notes to Archbishop Thompson, and compound sentences. We spend a chunk of every morning with Huckleberry Finn, too, and are getting some good insights into life on the western frontier in the late 1830s.

We're missing a couple of library books and hope parents can keep an eye out for them at home. They are *Diary of an Awesome Kid: Rowley Jefferson's Journal* and *Diary of a Whimpy Kid: The Meltdown*. If they show up at your house, please send them back to school!

Thanks to the students who have returned their report cards; almost all have been returned.

If you haven't bought chances for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade quilt raffle, time is running out. See any 8<sup>th</sup> grader, or stop in at the school office to get your chances.

Remember our spaghetti dinner next Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM in the Activity Center. Tell your friends and bring your friends!

God be with all of you.

## 8th grade fundraiser

The 8th grade class has a fundraiser to raise money for their trip to Pigeon Key, FL for Mr. Gardner's SPLASH into science trip.

- Quilt Raffle – Navy and white chevron patterned quilt. 72 X 82 (full/twin). Was pieced by Carol Smith and machine quilted by Carolyn Freeman. Drawing will be held on January 25th. Tickets are \$5/each. To purchase tickets, see an 8th grade student or stop by the school office.

## 7th and 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank

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7th grade is completing the drudgery of learning terminology concerning Genetics. We will begin preparing for labs on Friday. The 7th graders will be introduced to the basics of preparing a karyotype. They will be expected to read the karyotype of recognize abnormalities. The eighth grade will be performing the same tasks, except in greater detail and performing new labs ordered with money received by obtaining grants.

## Saint of the month – St. Francis de Sales

St. Francis de Sales was born to a noble family at Chateau de Sales in the Kingdom of Savoy near Geneva, Switzerland on August 21, 1567. He was a Bishop and Doctor of the Church.

Francis was both intelligent and gentle. From a very early age, he desired to serve God. He knew for years he had a vocation to the priesthood, but kept it from his family. His father wanted him to enter a career in law and politics.

In 1580, Francis attended the University of Paris, and at 24-years-old, he received his doctorate in law at the University of Padua.

All the time, he never lost his passion for God. He studied theology and practiced mental prayers, but kept quiet about his devotion. To please his father, he also studied fencing and riding.

God made his will clear to Francis one day while he was riding. Francis fell from his horse three times that day. Every time he fell, the sword came out of the scabbard, and every time it came out, the sword and scabbard came to rest on the ground in the shape of the Christian cross.

After much discussion and disagreement from his father, Francis was ordained to the priesthood and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, in 1593, by the Bishop of Geneva.

During the time of the Protestant reformation, Francis lived close to Calvinist territory. He decided he should lead an expedition to bring the 60,000 Calvinists back to the Catholic Church.

For three years, he trudged through the countryside, had doors slammed in his face and rocks thrown at him. In the bitter winters, his feet froze so badly they bled as he tramped through the snow.

Francis' unusual patience kept him working. No one would listen to him, no one would even open their door. So, Francis found a way to get under the door. He wrote out little pamphlets to explain true Catholic doctrine and slipped them under the doors. This is one of the first records we have of religious tracts being used to communicate the true Catholic faith to people who had fallen away from the Church.

The parents wouldn't come to him, so Francis went to the children. When the parents saw how kind he was as he played with the children, they began to talk to him.

By the time Francis returned home, it is believed he brought 40,000 people to the Catholic Church.

### FACTS

Feastday: January 24

Patron: of Catholic writers, the Catholic press, the deaf, journalists, adult education

Birth: August 21, 1567

Death: December 28, 1622

## 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:** 01/20 – Pat Scharf, 01/21 – Kay Gigerich, 01/22 – Marge Waldon, 01/23 – Jill Zigan, 01/24 – Monica Ramsey, 01/27 – Diane Peters, 01/28 – Kay Gigerich, 01/29 – Marge Waldon, 01/30 – Jill Zigan, 01/31 – Monica Ramsey

### Playground Volunteers:

01/20 – HELP NEEDED, 01/21 – Connie Powers, 01/22 – Randi McGraw, 01/23 – HELP NEEDED, 01/24 – HELP NEEDED, 01/27 – Carolyn Manford, 01/28 – Connie Powers, 01/29 – Randi McGraw, 01/30 – HELP NEEDED, 01/31 – HELP NEEDED

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

## JANUARY 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
20	21	22	23	24
Rotini with Meat Sauce and Meatballs Tossed Salad Green Beans Bread Stick Fruit Milk	Popcorn Chicken Buttered Noodles Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	Sloppy Joe on a Bun Fries Carrots Fruit Milk	Taco (Beef or Chicken) Refried Beans Corn Fruit Milk	Pizza or Fiesta Pizza Veggie Sticks with dip Fruit Milk

# Calendar of Events:

Monday, January 20th	St. Mary's School and South Dearborn schools will be in session
Tuesday, January 21st	5th/6th grade Robotics meet at Aurora Elementary at 5 p.m.
Saturday, January 25th	Spaghetti Dinner from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. in the Activity Center - Free Will Donation - 8th Grade Fundraiser
January 26th – 31, 2020	Catholic Schools Week
Wednesday, January 29th	Student Mass at 8:30 a.m. School open all day for visitors Open House/Kindergarten Round Up and Registration from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Friday, January 31st	Local and state politicians visiting the school
Friday, February 7th	End of 3rd Quarter
Tuesday, February 11th	5th/6th grade Robotics Meet at Aurora Elementary at 5 p.m.
Thursday, February 13th	3rd Quarter Midterm Reports go home
Tuesday, February 18th	5th/6th grade Robotics Meet at Aurora Elementary at 5 p.m.
Wednesday, February 19th	eLearning/Professional Development Day
Friday, February 21st	Mission Festival

## **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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