

The Bulldog Barks January 31, 2020

Mr. Brookbank – Principal

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Friday the 31st I invited our state representatives Frye and Lyness, Senator Perfect, Commissioner Probst, Mayor Drury and city manager Emery. The meeting with these individuals allowed us to shine a deserving light upon St. Mary's. I stressed to the politicians how vital the voucher system is to the continued success of our school. Please continue to promote our kindergarten & Pre-K enrollment drive.

Saint of the Month
St. Francis de Sales

Average Daily Attendance: 08/07 – 01/31/2019 (108 school days)

of students: 74

Average # of students per day: 70.82

of absent days: 259

Average Daily Attendance: 95.71

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.

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***



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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The class really enjoyed all of the special activities and dress days during Catholic Schools Week. They especially liked pajama day, but wanted to sleep all day while in their PJ's! Thank you to all who made our week so wonderful.

Our new letter next week will be Jj- keyword- jar. The children will bring home reader # 9, *Pig's Jet*. We will be working with accented syllables in words, and we will be reading and writing sentences using "pop-up" words and the 8 basic color words. After adding the caterpillar words next week, we have a total of 509 words! Please continue to practice reading with your child.

In math we will be working on subtraction story problems, and we will begin counting by 5's to 100. Show-n- Tell next week will be- Kk.

Grade 1 and Grade 2 – Ms. McPherson

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1st Grade

In Phonics we will be coding and reading words that have the v'/cv syllable division pattern. We will also be spelling words to label objects in pictures.

We will be reading **The Shopping List** from our new Yellow Readers. Reading Word List #16 will be going home. Our test on the story and words will be on Friday!

In Math we are continuing to practice how to add 2 digit numbers together (without regrouping) and how to count and draw tally marks.

2nd Grade

In Phonics we will be labeling digraphs in a vowel pattern. We will also be reading and spelling new word that include the letters a and l (as in wallet).

In reading we are continuing to read the story **Clean Your Room Harvey Moon!** Workbook pages 7-8 will be due on Friday.

In Math we will continue to write money amounts in two different ways, write fractional parts, and we will be learning how to subtract two-digit numbers.

Grade 3 and Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer

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Third grade will be finishing their measurement chapter in math with lessons on grams, kilograms, temperature, telling time, elapsed time, and the calendar. There will not be a chapter test. Next is geometry! Fourth grade is also ending their chapter on fractions. They will be comparing fractions and ordering fractions. Chapter 8 math test will be Friday, February 7.

In science, third graders are learning about fossils. They will complete a Mystery Science called, "How do we know what dinosaurs looked like?" Fourth graders are learning about weathering and erosion, which is a very important topic for ILEARN.

Have a wonderful week!

Grade 5 – Mrs. Grove

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Catholic School's Week has been so fun! Thank you to PTO, STO, and all the parents and staff that have contributed. What a cool place to go every day!

We are wrapping up **The Indian in the Cupboard** novel with an extensive Assessment. It has been an on-going process since we started reading the book. Some of the assessment is written, some oral, and some involves presentations.

Mrs. Ryan came to our room to help us refresh our memories on how to make a brochure in *Word*. We are making travel brochures instead of a Chapter 3 test. The students will choose to make a travel brochure for either Songhai or China. Songhai was one of the largest states in African history. The Songhai Empire dominated western Africa in the 15th and 16th centuries. Chapter 3 was all about The Age of Exploration and expansion of trade in the Middle Ages.

Scholastic book orders are due now!

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

The 6th grade is having a math test on Wednesday. The 7th grade is working on positive/negative rational numbers, ordering, adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing. They need to know the rules for positive and negative operations! The 8th grade has concluded graphing equations and inequalities and will be moving on to polynomials in the next chapter. The 5th/6th grade science class has been studying waves and energy. They just did some activities with flashlights involving light waves. They should have a test on Thursday about waves.

The next robotics event is on Tuesday, February 11th. 6th grade robotics team members may stay for practice next Thursday until 4:00 p.m.

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

We had a great time during Catholic Schools Week! All of the extra fun activities helped to remind us of why our school is so special. We really appreciate everyone who gave their time and efforts to celebrate our school.

Sixth graders had a chance to present their posters about different Western European countries. They will now move on to studying Eastern Europe. The seventh grade presented their work on a North or Western African country. They are now studying a few West African countries in further detail. The eighth graders are looking at the complicated job that the founders of our country had when they were trying to make decisions about how the new nation would work. Have a terrific week!

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

Thanks to everyone who supported our spaghetti dinner: our parents who made it happen, Chris Wandstrat and JTM for donated products, and our generous dinner guests! The food was delicious and the evening was successful. Another success was the quilt raffle! One of quilter Carol Smith's friends was the lucky winner.

We've all enjoyed Catholic Schools Week, and we have been busy! In addition to all of our special events and treats, the eighth graders enjoyed a visit from South Dearborn High School guidance counselor Sally Bender who spoke about preparation for high school. Those students who will go to South Dearborn received class requirements and information about scheduling. The date of their school day visit to South Dearborn is yet to be determined.

Thanks to Aurora Lions Club for the candy they gave us; thanks to PTO for the popcorn and water to enjoy with our prayer buddies; thanks to the parents who provided our breakfast on Wednesday; thanks to Father for reading *Creepy Carrots* to the students; thanks to John Popovich for talking to many of the classes about building character; and thanks to our STO for conducting our St. Vincent de Paul product drive and for entertaining us with their Crazy Kompetition on Friday afternoon

We're still 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.

Now, on to February! God bless you all!

South Dearborn – Parent Orientation

The 8th Grade Parent Orientation will be Wednesday, February 12th at 7pm in the High School Auditorium.

7th and 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank

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This past week the 7th grade constructed a human karyotype. They cut 46 chromosomes from a scientific frame of real human chromosomes. Each student had to arrange the chromosomes by size, shape & banding. The completed karyotype would show gender & if the human had any genetic defects. The next karyotype they perform will be similar. I will give each student a set of chromosomes in which a genetic defect will be in place. The student will have to recognize & diagnose the disorder. The eighth grade is performing the same labs except in more detail and more detailed lab write ups.

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	
<u>Feastday:</u>	January 24
<u>Patron:</u>	of Catholic writers, the Catholic press, the deaf, journalists, adult education
<u>Birth:</u>	August 21, 1567
<u>Death:</u>	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.mytmarys.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: 02/03 – Pat Scharf, 02/04 – Kay Gigerich, 02/05 – Marge Waldon, 02/06 – Jill Zigan, 02/07 – Monica Ramsey, 02/10 – Diane Peters, 02/11 – Connie Powers, 02/12 – Marge Waldon, 02/13 – Jill Zigan, 02/14 – Monica Ramsey, 02/17 – Pat Scharf, 02/18 – Kay Gigerich, 02/19 – No School, 02/20 – Jill Zigan, 02/21 – Monica Ramsey, 02/24 – Diane Peters, 02/25 – Kay Gigerich, 02/26 – Marge Waldon, 02/27 – Charlotte DeVille, 02/28 – Monica Ramsey

Playground Volunteers: 02/03 – Carolyn Manford, 02/04 – Connie Powers, 02/05 – Randi McGraw, 02/06 – HELP NEEDED, 02/10 – Carolyn Manford, 02/11 – HELP NEEDED, 02/12 – Randi McGraw, 02/13 – HELP NEEDED, 02/14 –HELP NEEDED, 02/17 – Carolyn Manford, 02/18 – Connie Powers, 02/19 – No School, 02/20 – HELP NEEDED, 02/21- Carolyn Robers, 02/24 – Carolyn Manford, 02/25 – Connie Powers, 02/26 – Randi McGraw, 02/27 – Jill Zigan, 02/28 – HELP NEEDED

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

JANUARY 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
Southern Chicken Mashed Potatoes Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	3-Way Tossed Salad Crackers Green Beans Fruit Milk	Hamburger or Pizza Burger Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Cheese Coney Veggie Sticks with Dip Fruit Milk	Chicken Slider Sandwich Tossed Salad Carrott Fruit Milk

Calendar of Events:

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
Tuesday, February 25th	Mardi Gras
Thursday, February 27th	School Accreditation Visit
Friday, February 28th	“Sweet Chariot” by Viginia Repertory Theatre sponsored by Aurora Public Library - Grades 5-8 St. Mary’s Fish Fry (1 of 5)
Saturday, March 7th	Academic Competition at OA from 9 – 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, March 10th	Athletic Banquet at 5:50 p.m. in the Activity Center
Friday, March 13th	End of the 3rd Quarter St. Mary’s Fish Fry (2 of 5)
March 16 – 20th	Provisional Spring Break
Friday, March 20th	St. Mary’s Fish Fry (3 of 5)
March 23 – 27th	Spring Break – No School
Friday, March 27th	St. Mary’s Fish Fry (4 of 5)
Thursday, April 2nd	3rd Quarter Report Cards sent home
Friday, April 3rd	St. Mary’s Fish Fry (5 of 5)
Thursday, April 23rd	4th Quarter PTO Meeting at 7 p.m. in school cafeteria

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:

St. Mary's Video

Take a few minutes and check out a video that Mr. Brookbank and Lydia Bennett prepared to submit to Institute of Quality Education Video Challenge. The video has general information about St. Mary's and video footage of kids in the classroom!

Ctrl + Click to follow the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W8Ty4mXu6dI>

Shout to the Lord

You Tube link to the song

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5_aIauL2xKA



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