

The Bulldog Barks

September 25, 2020

Mr. Dennis - Principal

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Fall is here! I pray that everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable fall break. We have already reached the end of the first quarter. Report cards will be going out Thursday after break.

Boys basketball will begin right after break. Practices for students in grades 3-8 will begin Monday, October 12. Please check the paperwork sent home to see times.

Fundraising items will come in after break. There will be an email with the big pickup date once we have it.

ENJOY FALL BREAK. Praise God for all good things.

Bus traffic

Please do not park in front of the school. If you need to come into the building or you are waiting to pick up a student, please find a parking spot. The buses cannot drop off or pick up students in a safe and timely manner.

Water Still Needed

We are in need of regular and small size bottled water. If you can also find Lysol sprays we would greatly appreciate it.

BoxTops

I am Nicole Eaglin, and I am the Box Tops for Education Coordinator for St. Mary's School. For those of you not familiar with Box Tops for Education, there are several products our school is able to earn money on just because we purchase those items. St. Mary's receives \$.10 for every Box Top label submitted.

THE NEW BOX TOPS LABELS



Box Tops money may be earned two ways. Some products have labels on the box that you can turn into your child's teacher. I take care of submitting these for reimbursement.

Now Box Tops has gone digital. Just download the Box Tops for Education App. If you purchase items that have a digital label, just scan your receipt. Our school will earn money and receive a check for those items. If you need any help setting up your app or if you simply have any questions, please contact me at nreaglin@comcast.net. I appreciate all of your help in earning money for St. Mary's School.

Ronald McDonald – pop tabs

To many, a pop tab is just a piece of aluminum with one purpose – to open a can. But to Ronald McDonald House Charities, these teeny tiny pop tabs are a valuable resource. Why? Collected pop tabs are recycled, generating much-needed funds to support the House and the nearly 5,000 families we serve each year.



Funds received from the recycling of tabs typically add up to between \$30,000 and \$50,000 annually. All this money goes to the operating expenses of the Ronald McDonald House Charities and can cover the cost of operating 3 rooms in the House for an entire year.

Thanks to generous school children, families, businesses, clubs, and churches, over one billion pop tabs have been donated since the program's inception in 1995, generating more than \$820,000 in pop tab revenue for the House.

There is a yellow can by the FYI Board in the school lobby. Send in any pull tabs with your child(ren) and we will get them to the appropriate person.

Patriotic Living Rosary

Patriotic Living Rosary for St. Mary and St. Lawrence will be on October 12, Monday @ 6:00 PM @ Gabbard Park in Downtown, Aurora.

All parishes in our Batesville Deanery will be holding a Patriotic Rosary for the month of October!

With the pandemic, economic distress and racial unrest going on in the world, let's all pray together that the days ahead are filled with healing, blessings, growth, new opportunities, love, and recovery for our COUNTRY, our CHURCH and the WORLD.

Please come and pray with us.

PreK – Mrs. Strasemeier, Mrs. Wisman and Mrs. Dozier

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We have been busy reviewing the letters A-G in preschool this week and are working on progress reports for our kiddos this far in our school year. After Fall Break, we will be moving onto the letter H and the number 7. We will read *Harold and the Purple Crayon* and talk about the color purple. Our classes will also look at the number 7 (across the sky and down from heaven, that's the way to make a 7). We have been talking a lot about fall and the changes we see in the weather, leaves, and our clothing.

Have a wonderful Fall Break and we will see you back in class on October 12th!

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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After fall break we will be working with letter **Mm**(keyword-monkey). We will have some "tricky" words that contain am (am, h am, l amp, P am). We will also focus on identifying beginning and ending sounds in words.

No school on Friday, 10/2. Fall break is the week of October 4. Reviewing skills during the week off would be beneficial! Have a safe Fall Break. Enjoy your time off.

Report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, October 13. They need to be signed and returned to school.

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson

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A new spelling list was sent home on Thursday. Our test will be after Fall Break on Friday, October 16th. Report Cards will also be sent home after Fall Break on Tuesday, October 13th. Have a wonderful week off. I hope you enjoy the cool fall weather and beautiful changing leaves.

Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove

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We will start the Pizza Hut Reading Incentive Program October 1. It runs through March. The students have the opportunity to earn a free personal pizza every month that they participate. All they have to do is record in their reading log any days they read for 20 minutes. An adult reading aloud to the student counts towards their 20 minutes also. At the end of each month, the student brings their reading log with a parent signature back to school. They will then be rewarded with a certificate for a free Pizza Hut pizza anywhere in the USA. So start reading at home over our Fall Break!

We made fire safety posters for the Aurora Fire Department's Poster Contest. They will judge them and pick a 1st and 2nd place winner from each class in grades Kindergarten through fourth. Thank you for bringing personal water bottles to school. It helps a lot!

Grade 3 and Grade 4 – Mr. Rector**adam.rector@mystmarys.com**

Hello Everyone! I hope everyone has a good break! The quarter ended today, so look for report cards when we return from fall break. Looking to the future, I am going to start incorporating technology a little more into the class. I want to have students prepared in the event of a potential shutdown. My plan is for students to become familiar with Google Classroom and other resources I might use should the need for remote learning arise. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out. Also, if you want to get a jump start on the spelling words for the week we come back, they are available (as always) online here https://quizlet.com/Adam_Rector1.

Grade 5 and Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice**suzy.rice@mystmarys.com**

The first quarter of school has ended. The second quarter begins after fall break. Report cards go home on Tuesday, October 13. 5th grade has begun division. They need to keep working on multiplication facts, speed and accuracy. 6th grade is working on order of operations, exponents, expressions, equations. 7th grade just had a math test over solving equations and will begin solving 2 step equations. 8th grade also just had a test over solving equations and will move on to solving inequalities. In STEM all grades presented their band poster and have started using fischer technik equipment to build simple machines.

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

The first quarter ends today. Report cards will be sent home when we return from fall break. Please let me know if you would like to schedule a conference to discuss your student's progress. We can coordinate with others if you would like to talk to all of your student's teachers in one visit. More information on this will be sent home with the report card.

As we move into the second quarter, I will have higher expectations in the classroom. We are no longer new to using the computer to complete assignments. We will use some new websites and focus more on completing assignments digitally rather than on paper so that we are prepared in case we would have to go back to eLearning. The kids are doing great with all of the new technology we are using.

I hope you have a restful fall break, whatever you are doing. I have a few cross country meets and some basement remodeling in my immediate future. I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready to go on October 12!

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

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders will pray the rosary in church during religion class once each week during For the week of the 12th, the 5th and 6th will plan to pray the rosary on Tuesday, the 13th at about 12:35 P.M.; the 7th and 8th will pray the rosary on the Thursday, the 15th at about 1:20 P.M. Guests are welcome to pray with us!

Wow! The 8th graders all brought in their sweatshirt orders last Friday, and that was a record! The order was placed Friday after school, so we hope the sweatshirts will be waiting for them when they return after fall break.

The religion assignment for October will be to memorize the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Students have received copies of the works of mercy and have those inside the cover of their religion books. Some students are ahead of the game, and we congratulate them for their initiative. REMEMBER THAT ALL RELIGION BOOKS SHOULD BE KEPT IN STUDENT BACKPACKS WHEN NOT IN USE. THIS IS AN ONGOING ASSIGNMENT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

The syllabuses for 8th grade language arts and religion (and 5th, 6th, and 7th religion) will be updated during fall break, and we will go over the updates when we return on October 12th.

God be with you!

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:

11:00 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. – K-1
11:30 a.m. – 11:55 a.m. – Grades 2 - 4
11:40 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. - PreK
12:00 p.m. – 12:25 p.m. – Grades 5 – 8

Recess:

11:35 a.m. – 11:55 a.m. – Grades K – 1
12:00 p.m. – 12:25 p.m. – Grades 2 – 4

Cafeteria and Playground hours:

Cafe: First lunch is served at 11:00 a.m., so arrive 10 – 15 minutes early. Serve three lunch periods and help clean up kitchen, wash dishes, etc.

Playground: First recess is at 11:35 a.m., so arrive 10 – 15 minutes early. You will help the teacher supervise students on playground, Activity Center or at the park (depending on weather).

Cafeteria Volunteers:

10/12 – Diane Patterson, 10/13 – Kay Gigerich, 10/14 – Marge Waldon,, 10/15 – Charlotte Deville, 10/16 – Lisa Grove, 10/19 – Diane Patterson, 10/20 – Kay Gigerich, 10/21 – Marge Waldon, 10/22 – Charlotte Deville, 10/23- Lisa Grove, 10/26 - Diane Patterson, 10/27 – Kay Gigerich,, 10/28 – Marge Waldon, 10/29 – Charlotte Deville, 10/30- Lisa Grove

Playground Volunteers:

10/12 – Tara Schuler 10/13 – HELP NEEDED, 10/14 – HELP NEEDED, 10/15 – Connie Powers, 10/16 – HELP NEEDED, 10/19 – Tara Schuler, 10/20 – HELP NEEDED, 10/21 – HELP NEEDED, 10/22 – Connie Powers, 10/23 – HELP NEEDED, 10/26 – Tara Schuler, 10/27 – HELP NEEDED, 10/28 – HELP NEEDED, 10/29 – Connie Powers, 10/30 – Help Needed

****We need more playground volunteers. If you can help on any day, please call the school office at 812-926-1558!**

Lunch Menu: ~~\$17.50 per ticket (5 meals)~~ All meals are free for all students, until further notice.

| 12 | 13 | 14 | 29 | 16 |
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| Rotini with Meat Sauce & Meatballs Bread Stick Tossed Salad Green Beans Fruit Milk | Chicken Strips Scalloped Potatoes Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk | Taco Nachos with Taco Meat & Cheese Sauce Pinto Beans Corn Fruit Milk | Cheese Stuffed Bread Sticks with Pizza Sauce Broccoli Fruit Milk | Cheese Coney Tossed Salad Carrots with Dip Fruit Milk |

Calendar of Events:

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| Thursday, October 1st | End of 1st Quarter |
| Friday, October 2 – Sunday, October 11th | Fall Break |
| Tuesday, October 13th | 1st Quarter Report Cards go home |
| Saturday, October 17th | Drive Thru Fish Fry – 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. (3 of 3) |
| October 23 – 31th | Red Ribbon Week – 7th grade SSO in charge |
| Wednesday, October 30th | Halloween celebrations |
| Wednesday, November 11th | Veteran’s Day Program – 1:50 p.m. |
| November 25-27th | Thanksgiving Break |
| December 21-January 3 | Christmas break |
| Monday, January 4, 2021 | Classes Resume - Welcome back! |

- South Dearborn Schools will not return until Tuesday, January 5th. St. Mary’s is coming back 1 day early, so we can take Easter Monday off. There will be no bus service on Monday, January 4, 2020.

School Theme for 2020/2021

Friends I have a youtube video of our school theme song. I think the words: Your Grace is Enough will work well for this crazy time.

Enjoy!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LISbMRp0Y64>

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Rev. Benjamin Syberg

Pastor of St. Mary's and St. Lawrence Catholic Churches



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