

The Bulldog Barks October 16, 2020

Mr. Dennis - Principal

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It was a good week back after Fall break. The year is progressing so quickly. Your children are a blessing to us all and truly gifts from God.

Most fundraiser items, including clothing from the online store, were picked up on Thursday. If you have not picked up your items yet, please pick them up today when you pick up your child/children. The online store will remain open for now and items can be still picked up here at school.

A while ago, I mentioned saving your lightly used shoes for an upcoming service project. Please continue to do so; more information will be released soon.

As the number of Covid cases continue to increase, the likelihood of quarantines will increase. Please see the attached document that provides simple and straightforward guidance on what steps should be taken. Please know that this is from the Indiana State Department of Health, and it is the guidance that we are following.



The final **fish fry** is tomorrow! Please tell everyone you know!
Christ's blessings to you all.

No E-Learning Day-No Bus Service

South Dearborn has an e-learning day on 10/22. St Mary's will be in session and there will be no bus transportation.

Lunch Program changes

Thanks to the USDA program, lunch will remain free for the rest of the school year for all students. Families will be reimbursed for any remaining amounts on lunch tickets in the near future.

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.



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.



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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.

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

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The kiddos seem to be getting right back into routine after being on Fall Break! Next week, we will be working on the letter Ii and focusing on ice cream, iguanas, and insects. We will also be practicing positional words (in, out, on, by, under, etc.). We will be focusing on the numbers 7 & 8 and one to one counting. We will also continue to talk about the color purple and introduce the oval shape. In the next couple weeks, we will be working with all things Halloween, too! Pumpkins, spiders, ghosts and more! Have a great weekend!

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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We will get a new vowel next week, short vowel Ii - keyword- inch. We will be focusing on rhyming words, syllables, and "twin consonants" (only the 1st consonant makes the letter sound; i.e.- **hill**). We will learn 5 new "pop-up" words. We will practice reading sentences that contain our caterpillar and "pop-up" words. Doing this at home, on a regular basis, would be helpful. We will also be writing simple sentences.

In math we will be working with numbers 0 – 10, and identifying and giving the value for pennies. We will be counting pennies, writing money amounts using cent signs, and we will be doing story problems using pennies.

Report cards for the first grading period were sent home on Tuesday. The report card needs to be signed and returned to school. The children have done a nice job these first nine weeks of school. Thank you for all of your help at home.

Have a fabulous week!

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson

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Report cards were sent home on Tuesday. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about your child's educational growth.

In Phonics we will be reviewing how to divide and code words that have a **vccv pattern**. We will also be reading and spelling words that contain the two sounds of the letter **Uu** (as in umbrella and unicorn) and the letter **Ww** (as in wagon).

In Math we are continuing to write number sentences for "Some, Some Went Away" stories. We will also be creating subtraction problem situations.

New Yellow Readers went home on Monday. Next week we will be reading the story **The Bug Bath**.

Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove**annmarie.grove@mystmarys.com**

We learned about growing apples and that there are 4000 different kinds of apples! We engaged in the engineering design process and each built an invention out of paper to pick up apples. We called them apple trappers.

Please keep reading for 20 minutes and logging it on your Book-It calendar. Independent reading is important.

Don't forget to come to our Drive-thru Fish Fry this Saturday from 3-7.

Reminder to 2nd Grade Parents,

First Reconciliation Home Lesson Booklet in a white envelope came home this week. Please make sure to check your kid's backpack if you haven't got it. There are 13 Lessons in the booklet, please make sure that your son/daughter works 1 lesson per week to keep up with our First Reconciliation Schedule which will be on January 20, 2021 after the 4:00 PM Mass at St. Mary's Church. Thank you and God Bless.

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

Hello Everyone! It was nice to be back from break! We had a good beginning to the Second Quarter. There is a journal check on October 30th. Reading logs will also be due on that day. There is plenty of time still before they are due, but remember to work on them continually to reach your goals! If you have any suggestions for games or activities we can do for Halloween, feel free to reach out! Thanks!

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

Please contact me with any questions or concerns regarding report cards at any time. The report cards should have been signed and returned by now.

With Halloween approaching, the 5th/6th grade is in need of some pumpkins for a math/science activity on Thursday, October 29. Please bring in pumpkins on Oct. 27 and 28. We will work in groups. The students who bring in pumpkins may take them home on Thursday or Friday. They will be carved. We could also borrow some carving tools for Thursday, which will go back home. If you have newspapers, we could also use them to put on the desks.

5th graders need to continue practicing their multiplication facts. They should know them without having to think about it. Practice really helps and it sure helps with division if you know your multiplication facts! They are practicing long division by a one digit divisor.

6th grade is learning about algebraic expressions, terms, factors, variables, coefficients, exponents, and order of operations. They will have a test next Friday over chapter 4.

7th grade is solving equations, equations, and more equations. They will have a test next Tuesday.

8th grade is working with inequalities; solving, writing solutions in set builder notation, interval notation, and graphing on a number line. They will have their next test on Friday, October 23.

Grade 7 – Mrs. Rector

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Welcome back! The second quarter began this week. By now you should have seen, signed, and returned the first quarter report cards. An opportunity for conferences will be shared soon. You can always reach out to me by email if you have any questions.

The seventh graders are enjoying a new novel, *Elijah of Buxton*. They found the first chapter humorous as Elijah's mom taught him a lesson. The comprehension questions for this book will be posted on Google Classroom.

The fifth and sixth graders will begin to read the novel *Fish in a Tree* soon. It tells the story of a young girl's struggles in school.

All social studies classes have been a blend of studying different parts of U.S. and world history, and learning about the election process. It is a busy time for us with a lot to discuss. Have a terrific week!

SSO (Student Service Organization)

Red Ribbon Week is coming soon!

Red Ribbon Week, which encourages students to live a drug free life, is **October 26-30**. The seventh grade SSO members have been busy planning events for this special week. On **Monday, October 26**, students will be allowed to be out of uniform if they wear red. **Tuesday, October 27** they can dress like their future career, **Wednesday, October 28** is crazy sock day. The celebration will continue on **Thursday, October 29** with twin day and on **Friday**, they will be able to dress in Halloween costumes.

The seventh graders are writing and recording videos to share with all of the classes each day and have other special surprises planned. Remember that this is not next week, but the week after. We want to give you time to prepare your outfits and have fun the week of October 26-30!

Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon

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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!

7th & 8th Science

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We are concluding our section on Chemistry. We will use our basic principals the remainder of the school year. Monday we will end our section on intro to photosynthesis. I brought from my gardens several "banana plants" that I have grown for years. We examined the leaves, stock, & ball. We will dissect on Monday & quiz on Tuesday. Thursday we will begin examining the prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells. The structure and function of all the organelles will be mastered.

5th & 6th Science

We will conclude our classification of animals. Using information cards the levels of classification and characteristics of animals were discussed. We will begin a short introduction of photosynthesis.

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:

10/19 – 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:

10/19 – 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: All meals are free for all students.

19	20	21	22	23
Sliced Turkey Mashed Potatoes Peas Carrots Bread Fruit Milk	Chicken Patty with Bun Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	Pizza Veggie Sticks w/ Dip Fruit Milk	Mimi Corn Dogs French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	3-Way Tossed Salad Carrots w/dips Crackers Fruit Milk

Calendar of Events:

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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