

## The Bulldog Barks October 23, 2020

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**Mr. Dennis - Principal**

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Hello all! Thanks be to God! School continues to roll on. If you did not see it, please look at the email concerning the status of the county. I must reiterate that the situation could change. Do your best to prepare in any way you can. We will keep you informed if the situation would change at any point in time.

Friday is the day before Halloween. It is also costume day as part of red ribbon week. Please make sure your costume is appropriate and tasteful. I believe most teachers sent home some guidance on this issue. I'm really hoping that someone dresses up as an awesome saint!

Basketball games start next week! I'm coaching 5th and 6th grade boys. Brian Probst is coaching our 7th and 8th grade team. Due to the size of our gym and adhering to state guidelines, we have attached the attendance policy for the Activity Center. Please review carefully as these rules will be enforced. Thanks for your understanding.

Lastly, please save your gently used shoes for the upcoming service project. More information to come. Please enjoy this last week of October and God bless you with peace in November.

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### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

It is time for parent-teacher conferences if you would like to schedule one. They will be the week of October 26 through October 30. Due to the county being "red", we will be doing them through Google Meet. It is the safest choice at the moment. However, it will still allow you to speak to your child's teacher directly. To arrange a conference, please contact your teacher directly. You can then schedule a time from there. It could also be a phone conference as well. If you need assistance, please let the office know.

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### **Refund Lunch Checks**

Checks were sent home.

If you were due a refund, please look for it.

### **School Pictures**

School pictures were sent home this week. Please check your pictures. If there were any errors, please let the office know.

### **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](mailto: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.

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

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Our preschool groups continue to work hard and learn new things each and every day! This week, our Monday, Wednesday, Friday group worked really hard on color words and they even learned the sight word "the". They are loving the idea of reading words they know by sight! Next week we will be working on the letter J and focusing on Halloween! We will be doing a small Halloween party both on Thursday and Friday so all the students are able to be included. We will also be working on the number 9 and the oval shape. We are doing a lot of fine motor work to strengthen the muscles in the students' hands to help with their writing and coloring abilities!

### **Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning**

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In phonics we will be working with letter Ss; keyword- sun. We'll be unblending sounds to spell words, and we will be listening to the ending sounds in words. We will add 47 "s" words to our caterpillar. That will make a total of 114 words! The class will be excited to see that the caterpillar has grown, and is curling around on the ceiling. A note will come home about our new high-frequency words. Please continue to practice reading all of the high-frequency words on a regular basis. The children will also bring home Reader #3, *Stan's Pigs*, for practice. We will be learning about possessive apostrophes while reading our new reader.

In math we will begin telling time to the hour, identifying the hour and minute hands on the clock face, and writing the time. We will talk about both digital and analog clocks. We will also review ordinal position to fourth place.

Next week is Red Ribbon Week, encouraging students to live a drug free life. Our Student Service Organization has special "out of uniform" days planned for the school. Please check the Bulldog for information.

Our Halloween celebration will be Friday, Oct. 30.

Have a safe, Happy Halloween!

**Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson**[mcperson.1@mystmarys.com](mailto:mcperson.1@mystmarys.com)

Our class will be celebrating Halloween on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>! The students may wear their costumes to school!

In Phonics we are reading and spelling new words with sneaky e (silent e), sneaking up on the **vowels a** (as in cake), **o** (as in hose) and **u** (as in cube).

In Math we are continuing to practice our doubles addition facts from 0+0 to 9+9 and our plus 1 math facts from 0+1 to 9+1.

We do have a Spelling test on Friday! Remember to study!

**Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove**[annmarie.grove@mystmarys.com](mailto:annmarie.grove@mystmarys.com)

We have started learning about Reconciliation in the classroom as the students work on their own Reconciliation workbooks at home.

Please practice memorizing all addition math facts with sums up to 11. Some children still have to count on their fingers. Knowing subtraction facts will be so much easier if addition facts are already memorized.

Don't forget to keep tracking on your Book-It log any days you read, or are read to, for 20 minutes. If you would like to send a homemade treat for our Halloween party next Friday, please individually wrap it. I would love it if you would let me know what you are sending so that I don't provide a duplicate.

**Grade 3 and Grade 4 – Mr. Rector**[adam.rector@mystmarys.com](mailto:adam.rector@mystmarys.com)

Hello Everyone! I have sent home a paper with what the Halloween celebration is going to look like. It has details you should know, so make sure you read through it. If you have an idea for a game or activity, this is your last chance to send it my way! Next week is also Red Ribbon Week! The themes for each day are in the Bulldog. Journals and Reading Logs are due Friday. As always, feel free to reach out at any time! Thanks!

**Grade 5 and Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice**[suzy.rice@mystmarys.com](mailto:suzy.rice@mystmarys.com)

5th and 6th graders please bring in your pumpkins this next week. We need them for Thursday. The amount of pumpkins we have will determine the size of the groups. Also, if you have newspapers or pumpkin carving tools we can borrow, send them in. They will be sent back home along with the pumpkins.

Pay attention to the dress up days for Red Ribbon Week next week. Monday: wear red, Tuesday: Dress up for your future career, Wednesday: Crazy socks, Thursday: Twin Day, Friday: Halloween Dress.

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.**

## **Grade 7 – Mrs. Rector**

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The seventh grade SSO members have been busy preparing for Red Ribbon Week. They have planned surprises and dress up days to celebrate being drug free. They also created videos to share with other students. This involved writing scripts, acting, and creating Google Slides to get their message across. Please check out their plans in the Bulldog so your student can participate.

Reminder from Mr. Waldon: 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.**

## **Red Ribbon Week- October 26-31**

**Students will receive daily messages about the importance of being drug free.**

**Dress up days:**

**Monday, October 26**-Wear Red Day-students must wear red to be out of uniform

**Tuesday, October 27**-Dress like your future career day-students must dress like a future career to be out of uniform.

**Wednesday, October 28**-Crazy Sock Day- students must be in uniform because we go to Mass, but they can wear crazy socks.

**Thursday, October 29**-Twin Day-students can be out of uniform if they dress similar to at least one other student (same colors, team uniforms, etc.) If they don't, they will be twinning with someone else who is wearing a uniform.

**Friday, October 30**-Dress for Halloween-wear a costume or Halloween shirt. Be sure to follow the school rules for costumes.

## **Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon**

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Like many things in 2020, Lessons & Carols will be approached much differently this year. We're moving full throttle into our preparations for this annual service! Grades three through eight will be recording Lessons & Carols which will be offered online on December 9. While we count on participation from third, fourth, fifth, and sixth graders, most of the work falls on the shoulders of the two school choirs and the seventh and eighth grade students who will lead the prayers and proclaim the readings. It will be different, but with God's blessing, it will be beautiful.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will pray the rosary in church during religion class once each week during For the week of the 26<sup>th</sup>, the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> will plan to pray the rosary on Tuesday, the 27<sup>th</sup> at about 12:35 P.M.; the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> will pray the rosary on the Thursday, the 29<sup>th</sup> at about 1:20 P.M. Guests are welcome to pray with us, but sometimes plans change, so keep that in mind in case you show up and we don't!

Unit 7 in vocabulary will be due on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>; as always, there are weekly journals and a weekly exercise in studying Greek and Latin Roots, Prefixes, and Suffixes. We're also deep into the plot of *Johnny Tremain* and are enjoying the novel.

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God be with you!

### **5/6 Science**

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Beginning Monday we will delve into human cells. We will concentrate on kinds of body cells and their functions within our bodies. I will introduce the internal organelles of the human cells. We will discuss cancer and how this disease attacks our bodies. Covid 19 and how this virus attacks our cells will be discussed at a cellular level.

### **7/8 Science**

We will study the human cell at a higher level than 5/6 grades. Structure and function of the organelles will be mastered. Different ailments that plague humans will be discussed and knowledge of the cell will be emphasized in understand the base causes of significant human disorders.

### **Cafeteria/Playground**

Contact Aimee Hollingsworth at 744-8738, to sign up for cafeteria and playground duty. The schedule is online at [www.mystmarys.com](http://www.mystmarys.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:**

10/26 - Diane Patterson, 10/27 – Kay Gigerich,, 10/28 – Marge Waldon, 10/29 – Charlotte Deville, 10/30- Lisa Grove

#### **Playground Volunteers:**

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.**

<p>26</p> <p>Rotini with Meat Sauce &amp; Meatballs Bread Stick Tossed Salad Green Beans Fruit Milk</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets Buttered Noodles Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Hamburger or Pizza Burger Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Pork Tacos Pinto Beans Corn Fruit Milk</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Chicken Slider Sandwich Veggie Sticks w/ Dip Fruit Milk</p>
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# Calendar of Events:

October 23 – 31	Red Ribbon Week – 7th grade SSO in charge
Tuesday, October 27	5 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball – 5:30 St. Nick
Thursday, October 29	6 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball – 5:30 St. Lawrence 7 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball – 6:30 St. Lawrence
Friday, October 30	Halloween celebrations
Friday, November 6	School Mass
Wednesday, November 11	Veteran’s Day Program – 1:50 p.m.
November 25-27	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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- Follow us on Instagram: **myst.marys**



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