

## The Bulldog Barks November 6, 2020

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Mr. Dennis - Principal

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1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”

Our school has been blessed. Despite what is going on nationally, we continue to educate the children in-person every day. I want to report again that we have had 0 positive cases of teachers, staff, or students. Currently, we have 0 students on quarantine. In fact, we just had perfect attendance the other day. Please continue to pray for our students and their families, school, and everyone affected by Covid.

The shoe drive is almost here! I have been teasing this for a while now, but it will be starting on November 15. There will be many more details to come. For the moment, the only request is that you please save your gently used shoes. What we will do with those shoes will be coming very soon.

In the office, we are currently working on setting up access for parents in Jupiter (which is our grading system). This will allow parents to view grades at any time. We will be sending out emails with a link that explain how to log in. It will also give you a chance to update your personal information. The email should be before Thanksgiving break.

Rejoice in a weekend of beautiful weather.

### **Veterans Day Program**

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We want to honor all veterans at school in our Wall of Fame and in a special prayer service for November 11th. A veteran is anyone who has served honorably in our nation’s military. Some returned home after their service, and some died in the service of the United States of America. If you have a family member or friend who served in our military, and if you would like to have their names remembered on November 10th, you are invited to submit the name or names, the branch of the military in which the person served, and the years of life or service. All information must be returned to us at school by November 6th , 8:30 A.M. Our prayer service will be in the church at 1:55 P.M. on Wednesday, November 11th and will last about twenty minutes. Seating is limited, but guests are welcome. (Note that we will include all names from the past; there is no need to repeat names which you have given us over the last years.)

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

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Our Pre-K groups were able to learn about kangaroos and koalas for the letter K. They had a lot of fun watching videos on these animals because a lot of us have not seen either one before! We were able to watch a video of the new Roo Valley at the Cincinnati Zoo!

Next week, we will be working on the letter Ll, the numbers 9 & 10, and the diamond shape. We will continue to talk about the color black and practice the nursery rhyme "Baa, Baa, Black Sheep". We will also start talking about Thanksgiving and the importance & history of this holiday. Please make sure your child has a change of clothes in their backpack each day.

Have a great week!

**Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning**

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In Phonics we will be working with letter Rr-keyword-rabbit. We will be working with compound words and syllables. We will get Reader #4 "Frog Ran". Please have your child practice blending, and reading high-frequency words to you each night. That is the best way to help them become fluent readers.

In math we will continue our work with counting money, telling time to the hour, and ABB patterns. We will also learn about a new tool to compare weights; a balance scale.

This month, we are doing a unit about the Pilgrims, their trip on the Mayflower, and their first Harvest Feast. I hope the children are sharing some of the interesting things they are learning.

Have a great week!

**Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson**

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In Phonics we will be reading and spelling new words that include the letter **Jj** (as in jar) and the letter **Vv** (as in vest). We will also learn the "Floss Rule"

In math we are practicing our minus 1 math facts and counting by 2's. We will be telling time to the hour and Identifying the even numbers to 20.

In reading we are beginning the story **A Vet**. Our test on this story will be on Friday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. Remember to read your story throughout the week and study your reading word list!

**Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove**

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We have been focusing on writing different kinds of sentences, discussing nature, going on a nature walk, and ordering two digit numbers. We learned what is that red "thing" on a turkey and we are making Applejack cookies in math. Please keep practicing addition facts and reading for Book-It.

**Grade 3 and Grade 4 – Mr. Rector**

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Hello Everyone! This week we have a test in Religion on Tuesday! Also on Tuesday, we will have our reward for winning Saint Bingo; 20 extra minutes of Recess! Make sure you wear gym shoes! As we continue through the month, make sure you continue to work towards your reading log goal. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out! Thanks!

**Grade 5 and Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice**

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The 5th grade just had a test on long division. They need to keep practicing the multiplication facts. Flash cards work if you use them. They are beginning their VEX IQ Robotics team during

STEM. They will build their robot and compete with the other teams in grades 6-8 at St. Mary's. The competition at SD was cancelled, so we'll conduct our own.

The 6th grade has their next math test on Wednesday over chapter 5. The 7th grade just had a chapter test on Thursday. 8th grade had a chapter test today over functions.

The midterm is quickly approaching. Do your best!

### **Grade 7 – Mrs. Rector**

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Time is flying by! The seventh graders are more than halfway through Elijah's story and things are about to get really exciting. The fifth and sixth graders are hopeful that Ally, the character in their book, will finally get help for her learning problems from her new teacher.

In social studies, the fifth graders are studying the early days of American history. The sixth and seventh graders are learning about Africa's history. The eighth graders are on the path to the American Revolution. The date for midterm grades is next Friday, November 13. All missing assignments should be turned in before then. Have a great week!

### **Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon**

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We invite you to join us for our Veterans Day prayer service at 1:55 P.M. on Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders are hosting this. (See the article elsewhere in the *Bulldog* for more information.)

We've worked hard on recording Lessons & Carols and have more to do this Monday. Many thanks to Michelle Ryan for helping us with this project. We have no idea how our efforts will work out, but we're doing our best! Lessons & Carols will be available to you online on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Our vocabulary assignment for the next two weeks will be Unit 8 which will be due on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>; as always, there are weekly journals and a weekly exercise in studying Greek and Latin Roots, Prefixes, and Suffixes. We continue to read *Johnny Tremain* each day and should finish by Thanksgiving.

The religion assignment for November will be to memorize the Spiritual Works of Mercy. Students have received copies of the works of mercy and have those inside the cover of their religion books. This assignment will be due on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. We're also working ahead to memorize the Angelus for December. There will be more on that later!

**REMEMBER THAT ALL RELIGION BOOKS SHOULD BE KEPT IN STUDENT BACKPACKS WHEN NOT IN USE. THIS IS AN ONGOING ASSIGNMENT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**

God bless you!

### **Cafeteria/Playground**

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

11:00 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:**

11/9-Diane Patterson, 11/10-Kay Gigerich, 11/11-Marge Waldon, 11/12-Charlotte Deville, 11/13-Lisa Grove, 11/16-Diane Patterson, 11/17-Kay Gigerich, 11/18-Marge Waldon, 11/19-Charlotte Deville, 11/20-Lisa Grove, 11/23-Diane Patterson, 11/24-Kay Gigerich, 11/25-Thanksgiving Break, 11/26-Thanksgiving Break, 11/27-Thanksgiving Break, 11/30-Diane Patterson

**Playground Volunteers:**

11/9-Tara Schuler, 11/10-HELP NEEDED, 11/11-HELP NEEDED, 11/12-Connie Powers, 11/13-HELP NEEDED, 11/16-Tara Schuler, 11/17-HELP NEEDED, 11/18-HELP NEEDED, 11/19-Connie Powers, 11/20-HELP NEEDED, 11/23-Tara Schuler, 11/24-HELP NEEDED, 11/25-27 Thanksgiving Break, 11/30-Tara Schuler

**\*\*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.**

9 Rotini w/ meat Sauce Bread Stick Toss Salad Green Beans Fruit Milk	10 Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes Corn Green beans Fruit Milk	11 Hamburger or Pizza burger FF Baked Beans Fruit Milk	12 Taco Beef or Chicken Refried Beans Corn Fruit Milk	13 3-Way Toss Salad Carrots w/ dip Crackers Fruit Milk
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**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](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.



# Calendar of Events:

Monday, November 9	7/8 Boys Basketball – 5:30 Switzerland County
Tuesday, November 10	Flu Shot Clinic – 9:00
Wednesday, November 11	Veterans Day Program – 1:55 5/6 Boys Basketball – 5:30 Greendale
Thursday, November 12	Boys Basketball – 5:30 Manchester
Friday, November 13	Midterm for second quarter
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



### **Join us on Social Media:**

- Like. Follow. Share on Facebook: **St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception**
- Follow us on Instagram: **myst.marys**

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