

## The Bulldog Barks November 20, 2020

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Mr. Dennis - Principal

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1 Thessalonians 5:18

“In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”

We truly have much to be thankful for. It is such a blessing to continue to be in-person despite what is occurring at other schools. Our staff are all here and well. We still have not had a single case of Covid at our school. Again, we will remain open unless the health department, state, or the situation demands that we do otherwise.

Students completed two NWEA MAP tests today on reading and math. Once all of the data is compiled, we will be sharing it with you as well as pouring over the information here. Students will be taking a third test on Monday which will cover language arts skills. The students worked hard and seemed to give the test their best effort.

Teachers worked with a professor from Thomas Moore on Thursday. Training focused on setting up and organizing Google Classroom. If a shutdown were to occur, Google Classroom would be the main vehicle for communication and student work in most grades. Information on Google Classroom and how to use it would be sent to you if that were to occur.

Shoes are coming in!!! Please spread the word about our shoe drive and hit those closets please!!

Have a peaceful, safe, and blessed Thanksgiving. Give all thanks and praise to Him.



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

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Pre-K has had so much fun talking about Thanksgiving this week! The kiddos found out that they have a lot to be thankful for and we are thankful to have them in our classroom this year!

Our groups have reviewed the letters A-L this week and we will continue to review those letters after we come back from break. We will also review the numbers 1-10 and start working with numbers 11-20 starting with the number 11.

Please continue to send in a water bottle with your child each day and don't forget to pack their lunch as well.

We hope you have a wonderful, safe, and healthy Thanksgiving! This holiday may not feel the same with everything that is going on, but we hope you are able to enjoy your family time as much as possible!

**Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning**

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A gentle reminder- please make sure your child brings a warm coat, hat, and gloves/mittens when it is cold. If your daughter is wearing a skirt or jumper, make sure she has tights underneath. We do go outside for recess and the children need to be bundled and warm.

On Monday, Nov. 23, we will have "Pilgrim Day" in the classroom. We will make butter, use Hornbooks to practice the alphabet, and we will do all of our printing with quills. Should be a very fun day.

We will not have Show-n-Tell the week of Nov. 24. Show-n-Tell will resume on Tuesday, Dec. 1, with letter Pp.

If you have not already done so, please sign and return the midterm letters that were sent home Nov. 19.

Have a wonderful, safe Thanksgiving holiday!

**Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson**

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The two days we are here at school before Thanksgiving we will be reviewing skills that we have learned in phonics and math. We will also be focusing on what we are thankful for and enjoying the break from preparing for our weekly spelling and reading tests.

Parents, please remember to send your child to school with a warm coat. We do go outside for recess as long as the temperature is above 32 degrees.

Happy Thanksgiving!

**Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove**

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What Lives In a Shell? is our latest topic in reading and science. Sawyer brought in an amazing horseshoe crab shell, a clam shell, oyster shell, and a sea sponge. We also learned to identify five different types of frogs by their call. If any of the other students would like to bring in sea shells, we would love to see them.

We are using geoboards to learn the angles of polygons in math.

Urban, suburban, and rural communities have been our topic in social studies lately. We could use lots of help from home to remember the difference in a city, state, and country.

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

Hello Everyone! This week is very short, so we will not be having a spelling test or spelling words. We have a test in Social Studies. We will also be completing our MAP tests this week. I am planning on Reading on Monday and Language Arts on Tuesday. I encourage students to keep working towards our reading log goals. There are only seven more days until they are due. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out! Thanks!

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

We have a lot going on at school, the shoe drive, card drive, robotics, to name a few. I hope to introduce the students to plastic canvas stitching before Thanksgiving. Midterms went home Thursday. Please sign and return one copy and keep one for yourself ASAP.

5th/6th graders will be assigned a holiday shopping assignment soon. They will have to keep a pretend checkbook of their expenditures. If anyone has catalogues or ads they want to send to school, send them to my room.

Lego Robotics will be at school soon for students not involved in VEX IQ Robotics, a few 7th graders and the 8th grade.

Happy Thanksgiving!

**Grade 7 – Mrs. Rector**[kim.rector@mystmarys.com](mailto:kim.rector@mystmarys.com)

We made it through another week! We have to keep vigilant and try to stay healthy. I know everyone is looking forward to a short week next week due to Thanksgiving. After that, we only have three weeks until Christmas break!

Please sign and return the midterm as soon as possible. You can also check grades online with the link that Mr. Dennis sent out to you. I will update the grades as often as I can. If your child has a low grade due to missing assignments, the first thing you can have them do is to check all of their Google Classrooms to see what is missing. If it is not on there, check the backpack, books, and desks. Papers that are unfinished have a way to get shoved in somewhere and forgotten. I think for some, this is due to getting used to switching classes and only seeing some teachers in the morning. By the end of the day, homework is forgotten. Keeping track of work is an important skill to develop.

Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving!

**Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon**[jim.waldon@mystmarys.com](mailto:jim.waldon@mystmarys.com)

This has been another fast week!

Our vocabulary assignment, Unit 8, will be checked on Monday due to the NWEA assessment which we took today; we do have Greek and Latin Roots, Prefixes, and Suffixes assigned for Monday and Tuesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, and these are due on the 24th. We are forging ahead with *Johnny Tremain* as time allows. A new novel, *A Day No Pigs Would Die*, is to be kept in the students' backpacks just like their other language arts materials and religion books.

The religion assignment for November is 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 and the Apostles' Creed for January. Students now have copies for study.

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

Happy Thanksgiving!

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**7/8 SCIENCE:** We have begun MITOISIS! Cell division is vital to understand due to the future topics are based upon the animal cell and how our cells divide. Our vital body processes are dependant upon MITOSIS correctly occuring.

**5/6 SCIENCE:** We have begun our section on rocks/minerals identification and basic uses in our society. The students have completed labs using our new materials thanks to the Baylor Trucking Grant.

**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:**

11/23-Diane Patterson, 11/24-HELP NEEDED, 11/25-Thanksgiving Break, 11/26-Thanksgiving Break, 11/27-Thanksgiving Break, 11/30-Diane Patterson

**Playground Volunteers:**

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.**

23	24	25	26	27
Please bring Packed Lunch!	Please bring Packed Lunch!	Thanksgiving Break	Thanksgiving Break	Thanksgiving Break

## 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.

# Calendar of Events:

**November 15-January 15, 2021**

## **Shoe Drive**

Donate Your Gently Worn, Used and New Shoes!

November 23

5/6 Boys Basketball 6:00 St. Louis –away

7/8 Boys Basketball 5:30 St. Michael –home

November 24

5/6 Boys Basketball 5:30 Aurora –home

7/8 Boys Basketball 6:00 Rising Sun –away

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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