

The Bulldog Barks **December 18, 2020**

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Mr. Dennis - Principal

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Greetings everyone. I want to express my tremendous gratitude for the warm reception I have received in the first half of the year. The teachers and staff have been amazing. I have never seen a group of educators so willing to step up whenever called upon. They are truly servants of the school, the children, and Christ. I hope this Christmas is meaningful for all of you, and you fully experience the overwhelming love of God in giving us the unfathomable gift of his only son. Merry Christmas everyone.

When January 4th gets closer, please let us know if students came into contact with confirmed Covid cases, are displaying symptoms, or test positive. Depending on when the contact occurred over break, quarantines may not be long. Everyone has done a very good job of keeping us informed about contacts and tests. Please be mindful and careful as we think about returning in January.

We are up to 27 bags of shoes! Our collection continues to grow. Please take some time over break to see if you have some gently used shoes that you could donate. Thank you to everyone who already donated shoes.

Merry Christmas again! The Christ Child is born!

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

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We have been so busy in Pre-K this week! Between reviewing our letters, numbers, and having lots of Christmas fun, the kids are very much looking forward to Christmas Break!

Once we come back from break, we will be taking another week to review our letters and number just as we did this week. This will give us a chance to get back into the routine of our school days.

We want to wish you all a very healthy, happy and Merry Christmas and the Happiest New Year. This has been a trying year for us all, and we are very much looking forward to a fresh start in 2021.

Hopefully we can have everyone back in our room happy, healthy, and ready for lots more fun in Pre-K in 2021!

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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After Christmas break, we will be working on our 5th and final short vowel- short **Ee- keyword- elephant**. This can sometimes be a “tricky” vowel sound. Please make sure your child is giving the true sound for short vowel e, as in elephant. We will add 3 new words to our list of "pop-up" words. We will be reading and writing sentences using these words, and will discuss the use of quotation marks. We will get another new reader, “*Ben is Ten!*”.

We will begin to print our last names. Practice sheets will be sent home so you can see the proper formation that the children will use for their name.

In math we will review coins, counting by 10’s, and work with a new pattern- AABB.

Blankets and cups will be coming home for cleaning. Please remember to return them to school on January 4.

Show-n- Tell for the week of January 4 will be Tt

The K-2 Christmas Program music was awesome!

Thank you to Mrs. Vincent for organizing our program.

Have a Blessed Christmas and a Healthy, Wonderful New Year! Enjoy your 2 weeks off!

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson

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Our Christmas Party is on Wednesday, December 19th from 12:30-1:30. Please check the party list that was sent home last week to see what your child needs to bring to the party. A big thanks to Mrs. McGraw for organizing our party activities again! Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove

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We thank Mrs. Vincent for directing our recorded Primary Christmas Program. Even though we had to be six feet apart, we loved being filmed and singing in church.

Mr. Waldon gave us a tour of Hillforest. It was beautifully decorated for Christmas. We liked learning how children lived in Aurora in the 1860s.

Second graders are so excited to all have chrome books now to use in our classroom.

Have a beautiful and blessed Christmas with your children!

Grade 3 and Grade 4- Mr. Rector

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Thank you for a great Semester everyone! We will not be here the next 2 weeks because of Christmas Break. Report Cards will be sent home when we return. I am sending out invitations to parents for Epic!, a library website that we use in class. If you accept the invitation, your student will be able to read on Epic! for two extra hours at home. Have a Merry Christmas, and see you next year!

Grade 5 and Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice

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It is good to see students learning in robotics, math, and stitching. 5th graders need to continue practicing their multiplication facts daily!!!!

I'm thankful to have been able to continue in person classes this semester and thankful for all of you! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Grade 7 – Mrs. Rector

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This week has flown by, especially with the unexpected snow/elearning day! All students know that any missing work is due by Friday since it is the end of the second quarter. Even with all of the challenges this year, we have had a great first semester. I hope everyone enjoys their Christmas break and comes back ready to go on January 4. Have a safe and blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon

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Wednesday's E-Learning day was a perfect example of why the following is in the *Bulldog* every week: REMEMBER THAT ALL RELIGION AND VOCABULARY BOOKS SHOULD BE KEPT IN STUDENT BACKPACKS WHEN NOT IN USE, AS WELL AS THE NOVEL WE ARE CURRENTLY READING. THIS IS AN ONGOING ASSIGNMENT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

Thanks to the students for doing such a great job with Lessons & Carols, and special thanks to Michelle Ryan for all the work she put into recording and editing it so that we could continue our twenty-six year tradition at St. Mary's. It really turned out well, and many people have commented about how touched they were.

Thanks to Marilyn Yoe whose generosity allowed us to treat our choir members and Lessons & Carols readers to McDonald's breakfast today!

We've had a great first semester, and we look forward to what we can learn in the second.

May God bless you all at Christmas and in the New Year!

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5th/6th SCIENCE: We concluded a short section on chemistry basics using HCL and numerous substances to improve our ability to record data correctly. Several labs were lead by myself and Mrs. Merilees verbally to improve listening skills and following directions correctly the first time. I hope you see some gain in this area at home. We have room for improvement, I did see some positive gains. Have a safe and happy XMAS!

7th/8th SCIENCE: We have concluded our short section on meiosis. Introducing mitosis and meiosis by XMAS will set the base to begin GENETICS upon our return. Mitosis allowed me to introduce cell division. The students have mastered the phases of mitosis and meiosis. They understand the chromosomal numbers and how DNA, genes, chromosomes, & fate all work together to create a human.

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:

12/4- Diane Patterson, 12/5-Kay Gigerich, 12/6-Marge Waldon, 12/7-Charlotte Deville, 12/8-Lisa Grove

Playground Volunteers:

12/4-Tara Schuler, 12/5-Connie Powers, 12/6-HELP NEEDED, 12/7-HELP NEEDED, 12/8-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.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 Rotini w/ Meat Sauce Bread Stick Tossed Salad Green Beans Fruit Milk	5 Chicken Patty on Bun Green Beans Corn Fruit Milk	6 Hamburger or Pizza Burger French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	7 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Carrots w/ Dip Fruit Milk	8 NEW Colby Cheese Omlet Sausage Link Steak Fries/Corn Graham Crackers Fruit Milk

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.

THE NEW BOX TOPS LABELS



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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Central Indiana

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!
December 21-January 3	Christmas break
Monday, January 4, 2021	Classes Resume - Welcome back!
Tuesday, January 5, 2021	Second Quarter report cards sent home
Monday, January 18, 2021	MLK Jr. Day –possible snow make up
January 31-February 6, 2021	Catholic Schools Week

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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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