

The Bulldog Barks
December 4, 2020

Due to South Dearborn going back on Monday 12/7, bus service will be available.

Mr. Dennis - Principal

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Happy Advent everyone. Our eyes are all looking forward to the birth of the Messiah. I wanted to take the time to discuss the current situation with Covid. We have had our first positive case in a student. This case came about before Thanksgiving. As a result, some students were quarantined. There have been no further cases among students. What we are doing is working. There have been quarantines among teachers as well. All of the staff will be returning the first part of next week. Once again, precautionary measures are doing their part. We are following the guidelines provided by the CDC and Indiana State Health Department. No case, that we know of, has come from the school. As always, we have been blessed. Please continue to pray for the children of St. Mary's School.

Shoes. Shoes. Shoes. We are continuing our shoe drive. We currently have 11 bags of shoes! At 25 pairs of shoes per bag, we currently have 275 pairs of shoes! We are on our way. Please tell everyone you know.

Ten more student days until Christmas break! The Lord is good.

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

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We started a new behavior management system in our class this week and it seems to be going great so far! Instead of getting a sticker each day, the students are currently getting a color depending on their daily behaviors: green, yellow, orange or red. They are also able to earn "Monster Dollars" throughout the day for positive behaviors. They are able to spend their "Monster Dollars" in our classroom store each week. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know!

We learned the letter M this week and talked about mittens, monsters, moons, and milk. Next week we will be moving onto the letter N and working on numbers 11, 12, & 13. We are going to focus on the colors black & brown since a few of our students are still confusing the two colors. Our shape this month is a trapezoid. Please continue to work on the letters names at home with your child! We are amazed at the progress these kiddos have made so far this year.

We will be sending home progress reports & information about our Christmas party next week as well! Have a wonderful week!

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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Our new letter in Phonics will be **Zz**- keyword-zebra. We will be focusing on the four short vowel sounds we have learned. (a, o, i, u) We will also get reader #6, "Zip".

In math we will be working with dimes- identifying and giving the value for, and counting dimes. We will also be counting by 10's to 100. We will work with AB and ABB patterns.

In Religion we are talking about Advent as we prepare our hearts and get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

We will begin doing individual evaluations for report cards next week. Please make sure to practice reading the sight and high-frequency words ("pop-up" words), blending, and all other skills that were listed on the midterm letter.

Show-n-Tell for the week of December 7 will be Nn.

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson

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In phonics the first graders will learn that a compound word is two words that come together to form one word. We will be learning to read and spell new words that end with suffixes ly, less, and ness. We will also be learning diagraph ai (as in rain) and digraph ay (as in hay).

In Math we will continue to practice solving our math facts and determining if a number is even or odd.

Spelling list # 11 will be going home. This will be our last spelling test this year (2020)!

Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove

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We are feverishly trying to add two-digit numbers with regrouping (carrying). It is proving to be rather difficult! This is not unusual. Any practice at home would be greatly appreciated.

Advent is the topic in Religion class and plant adaptations in science. The students made their own helicopter, glider, and spinner seed models to see which might travel the furthest.

Grade 3 and Grade 4- Mr. Rector

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Hello Everyone! I hope you are doing well! I am going to start posting more onto Google classroom. My goal is to have as many assignments as I can available both online and in person. This should help anyone who isn't at school be able to continue to participate in class. We have two weeks until Christmas Break, so make sure you are working on your reading logs. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out at adam.rector@mystmarys.com.

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

There is a lot to do in 5th and 6th grade. Students are doing a Holiday Shopping Project, shopping and keeping a checkbook. I have told students to be sure and check over their project before turning it in. I have given them a paper about their project and it's on google classroom. There is even a grading sheet to see how I will grade it.

They have also had the chance to try their hand at plastic canvas stitching. They are doing a fantastic job.

All students in grades 5-8 are doing robotics. Beside the VEX IQ, we have borrowed the Lego Mindstorm Robotic kits from the Dearborn County Extension Service. We have them indefinitely! The VEX teams will be ready for some competition amongst themselves soon. Maybe a Lego person may want to figure out how to use their smartphone or tablet as a remote control for their robot?

I am trying to use google classroom more for assignments at school and for absent students. When students are out, they may even be able to join their class in session through google classroom. We have successfully done this with 7th grade a couple of times.

I am glad to see the students excited about the things we are doing at school. We all need to be happy, hopefully it is contagious!

Grade 7 – Mrs. Rector**kim.rector@mystmarys.com**

Thanks to Mrs. Wismann, my classes have run smoothly this week in my absence. I am looking forward to being able to return to school next week. We will continue our work on verbs next week in language arts. The fifth and sixth graders will finally get to read the conclusion of *Fish in a Tree*, and the seventh graders will continue to work on elements of reading. We have two weeks of school left to wrap up our current topics in social studies as well. It is hard to believe that Christmas break is coming so quickly! Have a terrific weekend!

Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon

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Thanks to Mr. Brookbank for covering the 8th grade homeroom and language arts and 5th through 8th religion this week. We all knew things were in capable hands.

Our vocabulary assignment, Unit 9, will be checked on Monday due to all of the reorganizing of this week; Greek and Latin Roots, Prefixes, and Suffixes will also be due on Monday. An annual tradition is the 8th grade Christmas ornaments which we will work on assembling beginning on the 7th. We are continuing with *Johnny Tremain*. 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, memorization of the Spiritual Works of Mercy, will also be due this Monday, the 7th. The December assignment is to memorize the Angelus; for January, the students are to memorize the Apostles' Creed. 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.

Stay safe and healthy, and God bless you all.

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7th & 8th Science: We are one week in concerning the cell division of body cells. This process is known as Mitosis and the phases of mitosis is what we are concentrating upon. The importance of this lesson is our health and understanding how our cells reproduce. With our present pandemic and the unfortunate occurrence of diseases such as cancer & other genetic disorders the importance of this lesson is paramount.

5th & 6th Science: We will be concluding our lessons on basic rocks. Igneous, sedimentary, & metamorphic rocks. The students have been introduced in written and lab work as to the properties of these rocks. The students will finish on Friday by completing a lab on crystals and finishing the discussion of the Rock Cycle.

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:

12/7-Diane Patterson, 12/8-Kay Gigerich, 12/9-Marge Waldon, 12/10-Charlotte Deville, 12/11-Lisa Grove, 12/14-Diane Patterson, 12/15-Kay Gigerich, 12/16-Marge Waldon, 12/17-Charlotte Deville, 12/18-Lisa Grove,

Playground Volunteers:

12/7-Tara Schuler, 12/8-Connie Powers, 12/9-HELP NEEDED, 12/10-HELP NEEDED, 12/11-HELP NEEDED, 12/14-Tara Schuler, 12/15-Connie Powers, 12/16-HELP NEEDED, 12/17-HELP NEEDED, 12/18-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.

7 3-Way Tossed Salad Green Beans Crackers Fruit Milk	8 Chicken Nuggets Buttered Noodles Green Beans Corn Fruit Milk	9 NEW Pizza Veggie Sticks w/ Dip Fruit Milk	10 Mini Corn Dogs French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	11 Chicken Sliders on Bun Carrots Peas 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.



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.



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!

Monday, December 7

5/6 Boys Basketball 5:30 away Aurora

Tuesday, December 8

School Mass 9:00 am

The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, December 9

No School Mass

Virtual Lessons & Carols released

Thursday, December 10

7/8 Boys Basketball 6:00 away St. Louis

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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