

## The Bulldog Barks February 7, 2020

### Mr. Brookbank – Principal

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Catholic School Week was a huge success! The PTO did a great job planning activities, which ranged from different dress up days, to a well attended breakfast after mass on Wednesday. On Friday four of the six politicians I invited attended and were impressed with what we are doing at St. Mary's. I emphasized to all four the importance of the voucher system to the parents of St. Mary's and please continue to vote for state funds fortifying this needed choice.

***Saint of the Month***  
St. Francis de Sales

The faculty is working diligently preparing for the February accreditation visit. This occurs every five years and is extremely important to our school.

Open House on Wednesday January 29th was well attended. At 6:20 p.m. five families entered at the same time. Their children's ages were kindergarten or Pre-K age. Four more families visited before the 7:00 p.m. closing time. All families expressed an interest in receiving more information.

### Average Daily Attendance: 08/07 – 02/07/2019 (113 school days)

# of students: 74

Average # of students per day: 70.82

# of absent days: 259

Average Daily Attendance: 95.71

### MISSION FESTIVAL!!!

Our annual Mission Festival will be held on Friday afternoon, February 21st from 12:30 until 2:00 in the Activity Center. Help the 7th and 8th graders raise money for several charities and mission causes! If you have white elephant items which we could use for prizes, we would gratefully accept them. (Please, no prizes which were won in previous years.) **We will be selling chances for our prizes and our Grand Prize of \$50 during the coming school days and during the festival. Chances are a quarter each.** We plan to have face painting, ring toss, free throw, cake walks, refreshments, a jail, lots of prizes, and lots of fun. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

### Sustainability Committee

Bulldog's Bounty Cookbook - \$15.00/each, there are copies available in the office for purchase. Stop in and pick one up, or send in an order form with payment and it will be filled and returned with your child.

We also have 10 pound bags of prepared barbeque! Each bag is \$40.00 and will serve approximately 40 individuals. **GREAT WAY TO SAVE TIME ON THE HOLIDAYS OR SPORTS PARTIES.** Call the school office for details.

### We still need cafeteria monitors.

These individuals will walk around the cafeteria and monitor students, open milk, and general supervision. Time needed – 11:25 – 11:55 a.m. Call the office if you can help.

### Adopt a Student Program

Our Adopt-A-Student Program is aimed at helping struggling families meet the rising cost of a good Catholic Education. It is an opportunity for you, as caring parishioner, to offer a child a quality, Catholic education. It is also an opportunity to help your fellow parishioners with financial support and encouragement.

Your contribution may be applied in one of two ways. First, it could go to help all our St. Mary's children. Secondly, it could also be applied towards a specific child for the child's tuition account. All you need to do, is to specify the child or children you wish to sponsor. In this case, the parents would be notified that their account has been reduced by X amount of dollars. You may donate anonymously, if you wish.

Our Adopt-A-Student program is also funded by the weekly student mass; one half of the funds collected go into the Adopt-A-Student fund.

Contact the school office if you have any questions.

### **Kroger Community Rewards**

Thanks to everyone that has enrolled in Kroger Community Rewards and linked their card to St. Mary's. This help raise money for our school! It's easy and free to enroll! Plus, you'll earn fuel points at the same time.

If you are not enrolled, here is the link:

<https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>

### **After School Care**

The After School Care Program will be supervised by Ms. McPherson in the 1st grade room from 2:35 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mondays - Thursdays and from 2:35 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. on Fridays! If you have any question about the After School Care, please call the office or email Ms. McPherson at [mcperson.1@mystmarys.com](mailto:mcperson.1@mystmarys.com).

### **Box Tops for Education**

**\* Buy \* Clip \* Send \* Earn\***



Nicole Eaglin, Box Tops for Education Coordinator

Please collect Box Tops and send them in to school with your student. The teachers collect the Box Tops, and then I mail them in to be redeemed. Each Box Top is worth \$.10. There are collection sheets you may fill out or send them in a baggie.

This year, Box Tops for Education has updated their app. Just download the app, fill in our school information, scan in your receipt and scan the item. Our school will then receive credit and a check is mailed to the school quarterly.

I appreciate all of your participation in the Box Tops for Education program. Thank you for helping raise money for our school.

### **Pull for Ronald McDonald House Charities**



Recycled beverage tabs help support local Ronald McDonald House program, a temporary "home-away-from-home" for the families of seriously ill children being treated at nearby hospitals.

There is a can by the front door of school, with the Ronald McDonald logo on it. Please bring in your beverage tabs and put them in the can.

**Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning****[amy.denning@mystmarys.com](mailto:amy.denning@mystmarys.com)**

This week in phonics we are focusing on letter **Xx (ks sound)**- keyword- fo x (ending sound). We will be doing a lot of sentence reading and writing. We are also listening for initial, medial, and final sounds to spell our caterpillar words. You could practice at home by using the word lists that have been sent home.

In math we will be working with estimating, identifying nickels, and counting by 5's to 100.

Show-n-Tell for next week will be letter Bb.

Midterm letters will be coming home on Thursday, February 13th. Please make sure to sign them and return to school.

Our Valentine exchange celebration will be Friday, February 14th. Please remember to send Valentine's in by Wednesday, February 12th.

Have a wonderful week!

**Grade 1 and Grade 2 – Ms. McPherson****[mcperson.1@mystmarys.com](mailto:mcperson.1@mystmarys.com)**

Our classroom will be exchanging valentines on Friday, February 14th! A list that included all of the students in the 1st and 2nd grades was sent home last week. Please have your child bring valentines for both grades.

**Grade 3 and Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer****[amanda.meyer@mystmarys.com](mailto:amanda.meyer@mystmarys.com)**

Students will be working on their saint informative writing this week. They will be researching facts about their saint and creating a PowerPoint presentation with their information. They will also get to present to the class.

In math, third grade is beginning geometry, which includes lines, angles, polygons, and triangles this week. Fourth grade will learn how to add and subtract fractions and mixed numbers. They will also learn how to change an improper fraction into a mixed number.

Students will not have a spelling test this week, but they will be getting their new words on Friday for a test on February 21.

Midterms will go home Thursday! Our Valentine's Day party will be Friday, February 14. A letter with more details about the party was sent home Thursday. Have a great week!

**Grade 5 – Mrs. Grove****[annmarie.grove@mystmarys.com](mailto:annmarie.grove@mystmarys.com)**

Rachel, Audrey, and Khloe did the readings at Mass Wednesday. They did a beautiful job. Thank you to Mr. Waldon for helping them prepare.

Friday is the midterm of 3rd quarter. All but two of the fifth graders are more than halfway to their 3rd quarter AR goal. Good job.

Our third robotics competition is this Tuesday, February 11. We will have pizza and drinks, donated by the parents after school. Then we'll drive to Aurora Elementary around 4:15. Let us know if you would like to drive any of the students to the competition. It will start about 5:00 and end around 6:15. We are looking forward to our Valentine Party next Friday. We don't need any more sweet snacks, thank you. We already have commitments for cupcakes, brownies and cookies!

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

The next robotics competition is tomorrow at South Dearborn Elementary School. Good luck teams! The last regular competition is next Tuesday, February 18th.

The 6th grade just had a math test and a science test. The 7th and 8th grades will have a math test at the end of this week or beginning of next week.

e-learning is due tomorrow, if it isn't already turned in. The survey I sent home is to be returned to me ASAP. The class will earn a reward if they all get turned in.

## **Grade 7 – Mrs. Rector**

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We are missing two sixth grade social studies books. Please check at home to see if you have one since we don't have any to spare. With so many people absent lately, it's possible that it was sent home for makeup work and wasn't returned. Speaking of absences, all work missed due to illness must be made up. Several students are missing grades because they keep telling me they are bringing in missing work the next day and then forget to follow through. Midterms will be sent home next Thursday and missing work does affect grades.

Sixth and seventh grade language arts classes continue to work on journals, parts of speech, and writing skills. They are anxious to start a new novel, so we will be doing that soon. A few students still have not taken any AR tests this quarter, so they need to read on their own as well.

The sixth and seventh grade classes will have a test in social studies next week. Look for a study guide to come home at the beginning of the week. They will also begin work on a plan to help either an Eastern European country (6th grade) or an Eastern African country (7th grade). The eighth graders are staying close to home to study the U.S. Constitution. The current events in our country are certainly highlighting the work of some of our Founding Fathers.

## **Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon**

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We've added poetry to our radar this week and have explored poems by Robert Frost, Emily Dickinson, and Ogden Nash. The students tried their hands at writing a verse and were allowed to choose the style of poem they wanted to create. Next they were assigned to write their own poem based on a dream they had or have. Their masterpieces will be entered in a national poetry contest, if they would like.

In religion, 7th and 8th graders have been assigned to write an essay explaining how they are building God's kingdom. Archbishop Thompson sent a letter inviting the students to participate, and it seemed like we should honor his invitation considering that he came to visit us in January. The contest is sponsored by the Indianapolis SERRA Club and offers a \$100 award for the winner at each grade level.

God bless you all!

## **South Dearborn – Parent Orientation**

**The 8th Grade Parent Orientation will be Wednesday, February 12th at 7pm in the High School Auditorium.**

## **7th and 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank**

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The 7th grade completed the karyotype of a normal human. The karyotype would have 23 pairs of chromosomes. The students had to read the karyotype and deduct if the karyotype was normal and the gender. They did a good job matching the pairs. The next step is the student will receive a set of chromosomes with a genetic disorder. They must recognize the defect, diagnose it, and state the symptoms. I assist them with a help page listing information of genetic disorders. The 8th grade began an Endangered Species lab. The game consists of conservation cards, species cards, threat cards and probability cards.

## Alumni News

Justine Stenger (Class of 2016) - IU has awarded her a merit scholarship for academic achievement, but she just found out she's been awarded an additional IU scholarship for academic commitment, leadership, and service. The two scholarships combined will cover a little more than her tuition for up to four years! She is still in the running for additional scholarships, which could help with books, fees, and room & board if she were to receive any more.

## Saint of the month – St. Francis de Sales

St. Francis de Sales was born to a noble family at Chateau de Sales in the Kingdom of Savoy near Geneva, Switzerland on August 21, 1567. He was a Bishop and Doctor of the Church.

Francis was both intelligent and gentle. From a very early age, he desired to serve God. He knew for years he had a vocation to the priesthood, but kept it from his family. His father wanted him to enter a career in law and politics.

In 1580, Francis attended the University of Paris, and at 24-years-old, he received his doctorate in law at the University of Padua.

All the time, he never lost his passion for God. He studied theology and practiced mental prayers, but kept quiet about his devotion. To please his father, he also studied fencing and riding.

God made his will clear to Francis one day while he was riding. Francis fell from his horse three times that day. Every time he fell, the sword came out of the scabbard, and every time it came out, the sword and scabbard came to rest on the ground in the shape of the Christian cross.

After much discussion and disagreement from his father, Francis was ordained to the priesthood and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, in 1593, by the Bishop of Geneva.

During the time of the Protestant reformation, Francis lived close to Calvinist territory. He decided he should lead an expedition to bring the 60,000 Calvinists back to the Catholic Church.

For three years, he trudged through the countryside, had doors slammed in his face and rocks thrown at him. In the bitter winters, his feet froze so badly they bled as he tramped through the snow.

Francis' unusual patience kept him working. No one would listen to him, no one would even open their door. So, Francis found a way to get under the door. He wrote out little pamphlets to explain true Catholic doctrine and slipped them under the doors. This is one of the first records we have of religious tracts being used to communicate the true Catholic faith to people who had fallen away from the Church.

The parents wouldn't come to him, so Francis went to the children. When the parents saw how kind he was as he played with the children, they began to talk to him.

By the time Francis returned home, it is believed he brought 40,000 people to the Catholic Church.

### FACTS

Feastday: January 24

Patron: of Catholic writers, the Catholic press, the deaf, journalists, adult education

Birth: August 21, 1567

Death: December 28, 1622

## 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:

11:25 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. – Grades 3 – 5

11:35 a.m. – 11:55 a.m. – Grades K – 2

12:00 p.m. – 12:25 p.m. – Grades 6 – 8

### Recess:

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Grades K – 2

11:50 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. – Grades 3 – 4

**Cafeteria and Playground hours:**

**Cafe:** First lunch is served at 11:25 a.m., so arrive 10 – 15 minutes early. Serve two lunch periods and help clean up kitchen, wash dishes, etc.

**Playground:** Arrive around 10:50 a.m. and help the teacher supervise students on playground, Activity Center or at the park (depending on weather). You should be finished around 12:30 p.m.

**Cafeteria Volunteers:** 02/10 – Diane Peters, 02/11 – HELP NEEDED, 02/12 – Marge Waldon, 02/13 – Jill Zigan, 02/14 – Monica Ramsey, 02/17 – Pat Scharf, 02/18 – Kay Gigerich, 02/19 – No School, 02/20 – Jill Zigan, 02/21 – Monica Ramsey, 02/24 – Diane Peters, 02/25 – Kay Gigerich, 02/26 – Marge Waldon, 02/27 – Charlotte DeVille, 02/28 – Monica Ramsey

**Playground Volunteers:** 02/10 – Carolyn Manford, 02/11 – HELP NEEDED, 02/12 – Randi McGraw, 02/13 – HELP NEEDED, 02/14 –HELP NEEDED, 02/17 – Carolyn Manford, 02/18 – Connie Powers, 02/19 – No School, 02/20 – HELP NEEDED, 02/21- Carolyn Robers, 02/24 – Carolyn Manford, 02/25 – Connie Powers, 02/26 – Randi McGraw, 02/27 – Jill Zigan, 02/28 – HELP NEEDED

**Lunch Menu: \$17.50 per ticket (5 meals)**

**JANUARY 2020**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10	11	12	13	14
Bowl of Chili w/ beans Macaroni Crackers Corn Fruit Milk	Popcorn Chicken Buttered Noodles Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	Hamburger or Pizza Burger Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Taco (Beef or Chicken) Refried Beans Corn Fruit Milk	Pizza Tossed Salad Carrots Fruit Milk

# Calendar of Events:

Tuesday, February 11th	5th/6th grade Robotics Meet at Aurora Elementary at 5 p.m.
Thursday, February 13th	3rd Quarter Midterm Reports go home
Tuesday, February 18th	5th/6th grade Robotics Meet at Aurora Elementary at 5 p.m.
Wednesday, February 19th	eLearning/Professional Development Day
Friday, February 21st	Mission Festival
Tuesday, February 25th	Mardi Gras
Thursday, February 27th	School Accreditation Visit
Friday, February 28th	“Sweet Chariot” by Virginia Repertory Theatre sponsored by Aurora Public Library - Grades 5-8
	St. Mary’s Fish Fry (1 of 5)
Saturday, March 7th	Academic Competition at OA from 9 – 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, March 10th	Athletic Banquet at 5:50 p.m. in the Activity Center
Friday, March 13th	End of the 3rd Quarter
	St. Mary’s Fish Fry (2 of 5)
March 16 – 20th	Provisional Spring Break
Friday, March 20th	St. Mary’s Fish Fry (3 of 5)
March 23 – 27th	Spring Break – No School
Friday, March 27th	St. Mary’s Fish Fry (4 of 5)
Thursday, April 2nd	3rd Quarter Report Cards sent home
Friday, April 3rd	St. Mary’s Fish Fry (5 of 5)
Thursday, April 23rd	4th Quarter PTO Meeting at 7 p.m. in school cafeteria

## STO Members for 2019-2020

Grade 8: Charlie Meyer, Ellie Ryan and Bernadette Wismann

Grade 7: Elana Hollingsworth, Carson Ruter and Lakota Vincent

Grade 6: Laura Dennis, Eleanor Eaglin and Maddie Ryan

## 2019/2020 School Theme:

### St. Mary's Video

Take a few minutes and check out a video that Mr. Brookbank and Lydia Bennett prepared to submit to Institute of Quality Education Video Challenge. The video has general information about St. Mary's and video footage of kids in the classroom!

Ctrl + Click to follow the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W8Ty4mXu6dI>

### Shout to the Lord

You Tube link to the song

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5\\_aIauL2xKA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5_aIauL2xKA)



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