

The Bulldog Barks February 14, 2020

Mr. Brookbank – Principal

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We are on schedule with preparing for our accreditation review on February 27th. Our efforts to put into the place a Pre-K program is moving along slowly, due to the mountains of information. You can help by recruiting 4 and 5 years olds to enter our program. Please contact parents that may be interested and pass the info to me or have them call the school office.

Saint of the Month

St. Francis de Sales

eLearning Day

We will have an eLearning Day on Wednesday, February 19th. All work is to be completed and returned to school by Friday, February 21st. St. Mary's Staff will have a professional day on Wednesday to prepare for our upcoming archdiocesan accreditation visit.

Students will not have any assignments to complete!

Average Daily Attendance: 08/07 – 02/14/2019 (118 school days)

of students: 74

Average # of students per day: 70.83

of absent days: 291

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 p.m. 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!**



Choir Members are reminded that we're singing this Saturday evening, February 15th at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. All singers are to be in the 8th grade room for warm-up by 4:30 p.m. The handbell choir will not ring this weekend.

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.

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

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We will have an e-learning day next Wednesday, Feb. 19. The class is to do assignments from “Day 2” in their packet.

In phonics next week we will focus on letter **Ww**- keyword-wagon. We only have one more letter to go to finish the 26 letters of the alphabet! We will work with accented syllables, and get reader #10, Spin to Win. We will also be working with 4 new "pop-up" words.

In math we will work with cylinders, and continue working with pennies, nickels, and dimes, and counting by 5's and 10's, to 100.

Show-n- Tell for the week of Feb. 16 will be **Zz**.

The Mission Festival will be next Friday afternoon, February 21, from 12:30- 2:00. It will be in the gym. All are welcome to join us. It will be an enjoyable afternoon for all. The children will need to bring money to take part in the activities.

Enjoy your week!



First Communion Parents:

Your kids First Communion folder went home last Tuesday, 02/11/20. If you didn't get it yet, please check your kids backpack. Also, please work on each lesson with your child and then do the corresponding part on the poster. When you are finished with the lessons and folder, **please send them to Mrs. Vincent or myself on or before Saturday, April 4th (the day of our retreat)**. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask or call me @ 812-655-1708. Thank you and God bless. Anna Townsend

Grade 1 and Grade 2 – Ms. McPherson

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1st Grade

Mid Terms were sent home earlier this week. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress.

Spelling list #16 goes home this week. Please help your child study his/her words and sentences throughout the week. The words are getting longer and trickier! Our test will be on Friday, Feb. 21st. In Math we are learning our doubles plus 1 math facts, adding two-digit numbers without regrouping, and identifying how many more on a graph.

2nd Grade

Mid Terms were sent home earlier this week. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress.

In Reading we will continue to read the story **A Chair for My Mother**. Workbook pages 13-14 will be due on Friday!

In Math will continue to practice how to add two-digit numbers with regrouping. We just started learning how to subtract two-digit numbers with borrowing. We are also learning how to round a number to the nearest tens.

Grade 3 and Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer**amanda.meyer@mystmarys.com**

I think both third and fourth graders enjoyed their novels, *The Chocolate Touch* and *Stone Fox*. Everyone did a great job reading and discussing with their group throughout the novel. Both grades will have a test over their novel at the end of the week. Now we will be reading more short stories. Third grade will also begin IREAD practice during their reading time. Students need to continue reading chapter books at their reading level and taking AR quizzes. All AR points are due before Spring Break, which is March 13.

For the eLearning Day on Wednesday, February 19, I will be sending home a new packet for students to complete on Wednesday. Please do not complete the packet in the eLearning envelope. Have a great week!

Grade 5 – Mrs. Grove annmarie.grove@mystmarys.com

Fifth graders are excited about their Valentine's Day party this Friday, completing their brochures on China or Songhai, their last robotics competition Tuesday, and Mission Festival on Friday, the 21st.

Please sign the midterm reports and send them back to school. Let me know if you would like a conference.

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

Congratulations to all 4 robotics teams! You have done an awesome job and learned a lot. Next Tuesday's competition will consist of 2 parts. One part is the top 10 teams competing in one round with an ally, also in the top 10, to see who goes to state. The 6th grade team, CLASSIFIED Robots, is in the top 10. The 2 teams with the highest score will qualify to go to state on March 7. The other part will be a skills challenge of all teams. This consists of each team scoring as many points as they can in one minute by themselves. Each team will have 2 rounds with 2 drivers. We will stay after school next Tuesday and have pizza again before going to the meet at Aurora Elementary School.

For the planned eLearning day next Wednesday, February 19, I will give each class I teach an assignment to do. This is not the emergency eLearning in the folder they keep in their backpack for a cancelled day for snow or other cancelled days. This day is planned.

The 6th grade is doing well refreshing on fractions! The 7th grade is working on working with rational numbers. The 8th grade will have a test on Tuesday over chapter 7. The 5th /6th grade has started a unit on the Solar System.

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

The sixth grade class is out of Europe and moving on to studying North America in social studies. The seventh graders are now in East Africa. The eighth grade students have begun studying the U.S. Constitution. Both sixth and seventh graders continue practicing their grammar and writing skills. They have also been reading articles relating to Black History month. The seventh graders are looking forward to helping the eighth graders out at the Mission Festival next Friday. It is a fun tradition for St. Mary's students! Please join us if you are able.

Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon

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Thanks to Sara Dennis, all of the eighth grade parents who helped, and those who came to support our fundraiser at Frisch's on Monday evening. We did well! Our next fundraiser will be at LaRosa's, so watch for details.

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Eighth grade boys are each to bring in two twelve-packs of canned soda; eighth grade girls have offered to bring in snacks for our concessions stand or cakes for the cake walks. Seventh graders are each to bring three 2-liter bottles of soda.

Next week will be a busy week with our regular work, and professional day on Wednesday (during which the staff will be preparing for our upcoming archdiocesan accreditation visit), school Mass and the Mission Festival on Friday. God bless you all!

7th and 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank

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The 7th grade is finishing their karyotypes and diagnosing the genetic syndrome of the infant. They are responsible to write a report as if they were the genetic counselor. I will lead them in this exercise. The 8th grade concluded a lab on Endangered Species. The lab consisted of a species card, threat cards, & conservation cards. A student would have an organism, (Black Rhino); they would draw a threat card and this card would have two threats listed. Perhaps the threats would be overharvesting or loss of habitat, if your species card had both or one you lost one of your ten chips you started the game with. When you choose a conservation card, you hope an effort is being made to protect your species. They played numerous rounds and enjoyed running their own lab. The purpose was to introduce the five most common threats to our wildlife and what are we doing to protect our fellow living organisms.

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.

FACTS

Feastday: January 24

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

Birth: August 21, 1567

Death: December 28, 1622

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.

Cafeteria/Playground

Contact Aimee Hollingsworth at 744-8738, to sign up for cafeteria and playground duty. The schedule is online at 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: 02/17 – 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: 02/17 – 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)

February 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
17	18	19	20	21
Rotini with Meat Sauce and Meatballs Tossed Salad Green Beans Bread Stick Fruit Milk	Chicken Strips Buttered Noodles Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	e-Learning day	Sausage Gravy Biscuit Sausage Link Orange Juice Cup Corn Peas Fruit Milk	Mini Corn Dogs French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk

Calendar of Events:

Saturday, February 15 th	Choir members singing at 5 p.m. Mass. Handbell choir will not ring this weekend.
Tuesday, February 18 th	5 th /6 th grade Robotics Meet at Aurora Elementary at 5 p.m.
Wednesday, February 19 th	eLearning/Professional Development Day
Friday, February 21 st	Mission Festival
Tuesday, February 25 th	Mardi Gras
Thursday, February 27 th	School Accreditation Visit
Friday, February 28 th	“Sweet Chariot” by Virginia Repertory Theatre sponsored by Aurora Public Library - Grades 5-8 St. Mary’s Fish Fry (1 of 5)
Saturday, March 7 th	Academic Competition at OA from 9 – 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, March 10 th	Athletic Banquet at 5:50 p.m. in the Activity Center
Friday, March 13 th	End of the 3 rd 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)
March 30th – April 9th	IREAD Testing Window – Grade 3
Thursday, April 2nd	3rd Quarter Report Cards sent home
Friday, April 3rd	St. Mary's Fish Fry (5 of 5)
April 20th – May 15th	ILEARN Testing Window – Grades 3-8
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



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