

The Bulldog Barks February 21, 2020

Mr. Brookbank – Principal

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We are looking forward to the accreditation review this Thursday. The visiting administrators are from the Indianapolis area. Our staff has done a great job preparing for their visit. Please continue to promote our Pre-K program. We are moving forward in our progression and if you know of a family with children ages 4/5 please let us know or have the family contact our office.

Saint of the Month
St. Francis de Sales

The next Principal Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 31st at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend. Mr. Brookbank will provide updates on what has been going on at school and plans for the next school year.

Average Daily Attendance: 08/07 – 02/21/2019 (123 school days)

of students: 74

Average # of students per day: 70.95

of absent days: 291

Average Daily Attendance: 95.88

FISH FRY!!!

We are approaching Fish Fry #1 on February 28th. I want to say Thank You to everyone who has already gone to the online signup and volunteered. There are still a few spots that need filled before next week. This is what is left:

- 1 Serving Line
- 2 Dining Room
- 1 Carry Out Desserts
- 1 Drive Thru Outside
- 1 Drive Thru Inside
- 1 Drive Thru Setup
- 3 School Kitchen
- 1 Early Fryer
- 3 Fryers

Link: **<https://signup.com/go/YNuAxeD>**

Tony is looking for help on Wednesday and Thursday next week 2/26 and 2/27 to get the outside cooking area set up during the day. If you would be available to help him with that task please call him directly at 812-532-0014.

Please take a look at your schedule and fill a position if you are not already signed up. We served close to 900 dinners during our first fish fry last year, so I am expecting this first week to be VERY busy!! It is hard to serve that many people when we do not have enough volunteers. We have shared the flyer on Facebook and it has gotten a HUGE response. It has been seen by over 14,000 people because it has been shared over and over!

DESSERTS

Each Fish Fry we ask school families to provide the desserts. To help get the correct amount of desserts we assign grades to each fish fry. If you have a student in the grade listed, we ask that you provide around 24 servings of dessert. A single 9x13 cake usually gets cut into 15 servings, a pie usually is 12 servings, and bundt type cakes are 16 servings just to give you an idea of how they get served.

Pie, specialty cakes, cheesecake, and anything containing fruit are the most requested desserts. Cookies and bars do not go over as well, and are usually left at the end of the night. 90% of our meals are served to adults and kids will usually pick pie or cake over a cookie. Also if you have a

great recipe for a sugar-free or gluten-free dessert we are always getting requests for those type of desserts. Please label the dessert so that we can get it to the people who are looking for them.

Schedule:

- February 28th: 4th, 6th, 7th and 8th
- March 13: Kind., 5th, 6th and 7th
- March 20: 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th (Spring Break)
- March 27th: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th (Spring Break)
- April 3rd: Kind., 1st, 5th and 8th

Other Info:

- \$5 Meal for workers, we usually have some fish ready by 3:45 p.m. so workers can eat before
- Wear your "Cod with God" Shirts if you have one while working. We have some available for purchase if you need one, they are \$10 each, contact Ann in the office.
- Please let me know if you are running late, call or text me at 859-240-9390
- Parking is always an issue, so if you can park down in the parish lot off of 4th street, then that leaves closer parking for people coming to eat.
- Reservations for groups of 8 or more eating in the school cafeteria can be made with me or Ann.
- Students in grades 4 and below should not be accompanying parents who are working. This is due to the business of the night, and that there are so many people coming in and out of the buildings. It becomes a safety issue if there are young children around unsupervised.

Please contact me with any issues or questions, 859-240-9390 michelle.ryan03@gmail.com. I have attached the flyer with all the info for this years fish fry's. If you have a spot to advertise please print off or pass along as needed.

Thanks for volunteering,

Michelle Ryan
PTO President

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 have made it through the 26 letters of the alphabet, and are focusing on our last letter - Qq - **combination qu** (kw) – keyword - **quilt**. (A combination is 2 letters that come together to make an unexpected sound.) We will code it with an arc under the **qu**. We will also be working with alphabetizing, syllables and compound words. After adding our **qu** words to the caterpillar, we ended up with a total of 557 words for the 26 letters of the alphabet. That's a lot of words we can read!

In Religion we will be talking about Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season.

In math we will be working on dividing by sharing, and we will play a card game to compare numbers through 10.

Show-n-Tell for the week of Feb. 24 will be- **Cc (as in cat)**.

The first fish fry is this Friday, February 28th. Hope you will be able to come and enjoy some delicious food.

FYI- Kindergarten's end of year celebration will be Thursday, May 28, at 1:00, in the Activity Center. More information will be sent home in May.

Grade 1 and Grade 2 – Ms. McPherson

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1st Grade

In Phonics we are learning that suffix –es is added to root words that end with sibilant sounds, which are hissing sounds, such as /sh/, /ks/, /s/, and /ch/. We are also learning diphthongs ou (as in mouse) and ow (as in cow).

In Reading we are reading the story **Johnny Appleseed**. Our test on this story will be on Friday! In Math we are practicing telling time to the half hour, divide shapes into fourths, and coloring halves and fourths.

Spelling list #17 was sent home. Our test will be on Friday, Feb. 28th!

2nd Grade

In Reading we are beginning the story **Now One Foot, Now the Other**. Reading logs are due Friday.

In Math we are learning how to estimate sums, measure using feet and inches, make a table to solve a problem, and identify geometric solids.

Spelling list #20 was sent home. Our test will be on Friday, Feb. 28th!

Grade 3 and Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer

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As we begin the Lenten season, students will be learning about the Stations of the Cross in religion. They will be tested over the stations on Thursday, March 5. A study guide has already gone home. We will also get to pray the stations each Friday with grades 3-8.

In math, fourth graders will be finishing chapter 9 with writing probability in fraction form and finding part of a number, such as $\frac{1}{4}$ of 12. Their chapter 9 test will be Friday, February 28. Third graders are continuing geometry with ordered pairs, symmetry, transformations, solid figures, and perimeter.

I hope to see you at the first fish fry on Friday, February 28!

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

Thank you to the 7th and 8th grade classes and Mr. Waldon for another fun Mission Festival. The students loved it. Fifth graders are excited that they will be able to help run the Mission Festival in a couple of years.

We also want to thank all our parents and corporate sponsors for supporting our robotics teams this year. We had a great year and will keep practicing so that we will be even better next year!

We are looking forward to the field trip next Friday to see the play “Sweet Chariot.” Aurora Public Library is paying for this performance at Aurora City Park and the bus to get us there!

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

The Robotics teams had a fabulous season! Congratulations to Alahna, Eleanor, Sylvea, Christine, Adam, Nicholas, and Maddie! They represented St. Mary’s well and had great team work.

The permission slip for Friday, February 28th to Aurora City Park to see a play should be signed and returned ASAP. There is no fee.

Information for CYO Camp will be sent home by Spring Break.

A few students have not returned the parent survey sent home last week.

The 6th grade has a math test next Wednesday. The 7th grade has a math test next Wednesday, as well. The 8th grade just had a chapter 7 test last Tuesday and Thursday. The 5th/6th grade science class is studying Our Solar System.

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

In social studies, the sixth and seventh grade students are working on projects about the presidents. Their projects can take any form, from a slideshow or a poster, to a trivia game. I am looking forward to seeing what they come up with on Monday. They had one day to work on it in class, and the rest of the work must be done outside of school time. The eight grade students have two projects to work on, one due on Monday, and the other due on March 2. They are learning to plan their projects in their free time so they don’t have to complete it in a hurry at the last minute. All three classes have been given choices for extra credit assignments if they wish to improve their grades. Several students are taking that initiative to add extra points before the quarter ends in March. .

The Mission Festival is always a lot of fun for everyone. Mr. Waldon and the seventh and eighth graders have done a lot of work to make sure a good time is had by all. Have a great week!

Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon**jim.waldon@mystmarys.com**

Thanks to everyone who helped make our Mission Festival such a success. We will be able to report our profits and announce the charities we will choose to receive our donations.

Lent is coming! All of the students are encouraged to take on a Lenten sacrifice. They may give up something or take on acts of kindness to perform. We invite anyone who is able to join us for Way of the Cross each Friday of Lent at 2:00 P.M. in church. The devotion takes about twenty minutes and will be led by seventh and eighth graders.

The eighth graders are more than halfway through *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. With our journals, IXL, and so many other special things they’re requested to accomplish, the students are staying busy and productive. We have pen pal letters to write to the Dearborn Youth Council next week.

God bless you all!

7th and 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank

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The 7th grade began a lab on Tuesday concerning the basic of acids and bases. We will perform a lab in which we neutralize citric acid with sodium hydroxide. We will be using PHTH as the indicator to observe the neutralization point. Trust me, you do not want to try to spell the chemical that PHTH represents. The 8th is completing the same lab with more detail. The 8th has a second lab in which the steps and techniques used are more diverse.

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.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:

11:25 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: 02/24 – Diane Peters, 02/25 – Kay Gigerich, 02/26 – Marge Waldon, 02/27 – Charlotte DeVille, 02/28 – Monica Ramsey, 03/02 – Pat Scharf, 03/03 – Kay Gigerich, 03/04 – Marge Waldon, 03/05 – Charlotte DeVille, 03/06 – Monica Ramsey, 03/09 – Diane Peters, 03/10 – Connie Powers, 03/11 – Marge Waldon, 03/12 – Jill Zigan, 03/13 – Monica Ramsey, 03/30 – Pat Scharf, 03/31 – Kay Gigerich

Playground Volunteers: 02/24 – Carolyn Manford, 02/25 – Connie Powers, 02/26 – Randi McGraw, 02/27 – Jill Zigan, 02/28 – HELP NEEDED, 03/02 – HELP NEEDED, 03/03 – Connie Powers, 03/04 – Randi McGraw, 03/05 – Jill Zigan, 03/06 – HELP NEEDED, 03/09 – HELP NEEDED, 03/10 – HELP NEEDED, 03/11 – Randi McGraw, 03/12 – HELP NEEDED, 03/13 – HELP NEEDED, 03/30 – Carolyn Manford, 03/31 – Connie Powers

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

February 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
24	25	26	27	28
Sliced Turkey Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Bread Fruit Milk	Chicken Patty with Bun Tossed Salad Green Beans Fruit Milk	ASH WEDNESDAY Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Corn Fruit Milk	Chicken Rice Bowl Corn Black Beans - cheese, lettuce, salsa and sour cream available Fruit Milk	Cheese Stuffed Bread Stick with Pizza Sauce Broccoli Carrots Fruit Milk

Calendar of Events:

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)
March 30th – April 9th	IREAD Testing Window – Grade 3
Tuesday, March 31st	Principal Meeting at 6:30 p.m. – School Cafeteria
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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