

## The Bulldog Barks March 6, 2020

**Mr. Brookbank - Principal**

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We are moving slowly toward our goal of beginning the Pre-K classroom. Please help us recruit 4/5 year old children!

The eighth grade will be attending the 15th Youth Summit presented by CASA at the Lawrenceburg Event Center on 3/31. Substance abuse of various kinds will be discussed in small groups in which the students are active participants in the learning process. Eighth graders from all the county schools will be attending this event.

***Saint of the Month***

St. Patrick

We conducted a stress test on our internet infrastructure on Tuesday to prepare for ILEARN testing. Students in grades 3 – 8 completed a practice test for ILEARN. We will continue to have more practice tests over the next several weeks to prepare for the actual testing. ILEARN testing begins April 20th.

An Open Principal Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 31st in the cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. Future plans for our school will be discussed and financial objectives will be presented. Staffing of the school will be discussed with an emphasis on which classes will be multi-grade. Enrollment, tuition, and curriculum are other points of interest. Grandparents Day will be April 8th beginning at 1:15 p.m. in the Activity Center. We have planned smoothies from Sisters Sweet Nutrition, photo area with a beautiful backdrop and other activities. All are welcome!

Good luck Academic team at Oldenburg this Saturday!

**Average Daily Attendance: 08/07 – 03/06/2019 (133 school days)**

# of students: 74

Average # of students per day: 71.05.

# of absent days: 308

Average Daily Attendance: 96.02

### **GRANDPARENT'S DAY**

Please join us for Grandparent's Day on Wednesday, April 8th at 1:15 p.m. in the Activity Center.

### **FISH FRY!!!**

Thank You to everyone who volunteered and worked the first Fish Fry on Friday. We had a record breaking night and brought in over \$13,000. That does not take into account our expenses which run around 50%. It also means we sold around 1100 meals!! That is quite a feat for 3 hours.

We are OFF this week, so that St. John's Lutheran School can host their Fish Fry. Signs are up around school letting any customers know that, and direct them to St. John's on 3rd Street in case they show up looking for our Fish Fry.

We are still looking to fill a few spots for Fish Fry #2 on March 13th. Here's what's left:

- Activity Center Greeter
- Activity Center Floater
- Activity Center Serving Line (2)
- Drive Thru (3)
- School Kitchen, Dishes & Cooking (1)

Here is the link to sign up: <https://signup.com/go/YNuAxeD>

Desserts looked good last week. Please plan accordingly over the next few weeks. If you are supposed to provide over Spring Break and will not be here, you can buy frozen pies or desserts ahead

of time and we can keep them in our freezers at school and bake them when we are here prepping the other food. We depend on the homemade desserts from everyone. If we have to buy or make extra desserts we are adding to the expense of the Fish Fry, that is why we ask school families to provide them to keep expenses down. We also know that customers LOVE the homemade desserts and we have some great bakers/cooks in our group of parents.

\*\*\*\*REMINDER\*\*\*\* Minnows should be 5th-8th Graders that are signed up to work when they have a parent working. We need about 15 minnows each week, but once we start to get many more than that there are just too many kids and it's hard to keep everyone busy. That's why we ask for everyone to sign up and work when their parent works.

Please contact me with any questions. Enjoy the week off, I know I will!

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 [mcpherson.1@mystmarys.com](mailto:mcpherson.1@mystmarys.com).

## Box Tops for Education

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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 be finishing individual evaluations for report cards during the week of March 9. Please review “pop-up” words, color words, blending, and all skills that were listed in the midterm letter.

We will also be working with digraph ck (du ck). A digraph is two letters that come together to make one sound. Digraph ck follows a short vowel. When you hear a short vowel sound, followed by the **k** sound, it will be spelled 'ck'. We code digraphs with a straight line under the digraph.

In math we will be making designs using tangrams (7 shape pieces- 5 triangles, 1 square, 1 parallelogram). We will also be doing addition and subtraction number sentences.

Show-n-Tell for the week of March 9 will be- Dd

Come join us Friday, March 13, for delicious food at the second Fish Fry!

Have a great week!

## **Grade 1 and Grade 2 – Ms. McPherson**

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### **1st grade**

In Phonics we are learning digraph ey (as in key). We are also learning how to divide “vcv” words between the consonant and the second vowel and placing the accent on the first syllable.

In Math we are learning how to divide shapes into fourths and coloring halves and fourths. We are also adding 10 to a number.

Spelling test #19 will be on Friday!

### **2nd grade**

In Phonics we are learning final, stable syllables –cious (as in delicious) and –tious (as in nutritious).

In Math we are writing observations from graphs, identifying activities that take one hour, one minute, and one second, and telling and showing time to the minute.

Spelling test #22 will be on Friday!

## **Grade 3 and Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer**

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Third and fourth graders will have a busy week as we end third quarter before Spring Break. Students will be finishing their saint informative PowerPoint. They will also get to present their PowerPoint. I can't wait to learn more about their saints!

Third graders have been doing a wonderful job as we practice answering different types of questions they may see on the IREAD. We will continue to practice until Spring Break. Third graders will be taking the IREAD tests on Wednesday, April 1 and Thursday, April 2. Third grade parents please mark your calendar and try to avoid scheduling any appointments that would cause your student to miss school. We will only be testing in the morning on those two days.

March reading logs and AR points are due Friday, March 13. Have a great week!

## **Grade 5 – Mrs. Grove**

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I am so impressed with Audrey, William, Garrett, and Sam for volunteering to represent St. Mary's along with 9 sixth graders at the Academic Meet at Oldenburg Academy this weekend. They have been working so hard to prepare.

Congratulations to the 8/13 students that have already met their AR goals. Since we are starting the last week of the 3rd quarter, all AR goals must be met by Wednesday, or the students will have to start missing recess to read their books.

We have finished the unit on multiplying and dividing decimals and are now working on geometry. Student teams are taking turns teaching the rest of the class about the establishment of the 13 English Colonies and what life was like in the colonies.

## **Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice**

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The 5th/6th graders have begun a science project relating to flight, our solar system, or a related topic. They are looking up information, taking notes, and putting their ideas together. We will be presenting the projects next Wednesday – Friday.

A four page packet was passed out on Wednesday to 6th and 7th graders about CYO Camp. There are 2 permission slips due by Friday, April 24 and payment is due by Wednesday, May 13. Both have due dates, but may be completed sooner if you like.

Choir members were given permission slips for the World Day of Prayer.

We did a stress test on Tuesday for ILEARN. The internet infrastructure and chromebooks worked well! We will do more practice tests over the next several weeks. Our ILEARN testing begins the week of April 20 and continues over the next 3 weeks.

**Grade 7 – Mrs. Rector**

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We are still missing a sixth grade social studies book. Please have your student check at home, especially if they have been absent and the book may have been sent home for makeup work. Also, remember that the quarter ends next Friday, so any missing work is due by then or it will affect their grade.

The sixth graders are studying the physical geography of North America. They will take a look at the history of the U.S. and Canada next week. The seventh graders are currently working on a summary of the chapter about East Africa. The eighth graders took the test on the Constitution this week and will take a look at one of our most famous presidents next week- George Washington. Both language arts classes will be busy writing and reading next week. Have a terrific weekend!

**Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon**

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We’re working diligently to finish *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by this coming Friday, and we’re pursuing our writing activities through our journals. Ask your eighth graders what some of their recent topics have been, and don’t forget to look for their favorite journals displayed on the wall of the Activity Center when you’re at the athletic banquet or at next week’s fish fry.

We did ILEARN practice tests in language arts and math this past Tuesday, and all went well. Thanks to Michelle Ryan for all of the preparation and support as we go through the ILEARN process.

It’s hard to believe that we will finish our third quarter this coming week. The eighth graders can see how quickly their time at St. Mary’s is passing, and the fourth quarter will seem like a blur. God bless you all!

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

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The 8th graders will begin their second lab concerning acids and bases. This lab concentrates on household items within our homes or garages that are an acid or a base. The substances will be unknown and the students will perform tests with indicators to determine whether the substance is an acid or base. They will also determine the pH of the substance. The seventh grade is beginning a quick unit on the history of Genetics and basic principles such as co-dominance, segregation of genes, & probability. On a sad note, I have been trying to put together a Hide and Seek team, but good players are hard to find!

**Saint of the month – St. Patrick**

St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, *The Confession*. In *The Confession*, he wrote:

"The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family.

A few years after returning home, Patrick saw a vision he described in his memoir:

<b>FACTS</b>
<u>Feastday:</u> March 17
<u>Patron:</u> of Ireland
Birth: 387
Death: 461

"I saw a man coming, as it were from Ireland. His name was Victoricus, and he carried many letters, and he gave me one of them. I read the heading: 'The Voice of the Irish.' As I began the letter, I imagined in that moment that I heard the voice of those very people who were near the wood of Foclut, which is beside the western sea-and they cried out, as with one voice: 'We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us.'"

The vision prompted his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years, and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland.

Patrick arrived in Slane, Ireland on March 25, 433. There are several legends about what happened next, with the most prominent claiming he met the chieftan of one of the druid tribes, who tried to kill him. After an intervention from God, Patrick was able to convert the chieftain and preach the Gospel throughout Ireland. There, he converted many people -eventually thousands - and he began building churches across the country.

He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message.

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461.

He died at Saul, where he had built the first Irish church. He is believed to be buried in Down Cathedral, Downpatrick. His grave was marked in 1990 with a granite stone.

### **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:** 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:** 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)**

**March 2020**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9	10	11	12	13
Rotini with Meat Sauce and Meatballs Tossed Salad Green Beans Bread Stick Fruit Milk	Southern Chicken Mashed Potatoes Corn Fruit Milk	Nachos with taco meat Corn Refried Beans - cheese, lettuce, jalapenos and sour cream available Fruit Milk  **New Item**	Cheese Coney Veggie Sticks with Dip Fruit Milk	Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Crackers Tossed Salad Fruit Milk

# Calendar of Events:

- 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)
- Wednesday, April 8                         Grandparent’s Day

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



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