

## The Bulldog Barks March 13, 2020

**Mr. Brookbank - Principal**

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The following plan is in place for St. Mary's School concerning the transmission and severity of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID19).

St. Mary's will be on Spring Break from Monday, March 16 through Sunday, April 5th, with the plan of returning on Monday, April 6th. This change has been mandated by the Governor's office and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

***Saint of the Month***

St. Patrick

Schools have been granted a 20 day waiver for any missed days. Since we do not know how long this closure could exist, we will implement eLearning days on Tuesday, March 31st and Thursday, April 2nd.

In the event we are required to be out of school the week of April 6th – 9th, we will implement eLearning days for Tuesday, April 7th and Thursday, April 9th. We are already scheduled off for Friday, April 10th and Monday, April 13th.

We will have to let you know if we actually be off the week of April 6th – 9th at a later date.

This plan will allow us to end our school year as planned.

Assigned work will be review oriented. There will be no new concepts introduced to our students. All assigned work will be graded. All work will be due upon return to school. If closure would continue further into the school year, we have a plan in place and will inform you of that plan well in advance. We will provide updates via email, on our website and our Facebook page.

Also, any events scheduled during the next several weeks may need to be rescheduled, we will let you know as soon as possible.

If you are leaving the United States during this break, please inform the school office.

### **School**

The current health crisis concerning COVID-19 is being taken seriously by the staff at St. Mary's. We are reminding the students of safe health habits regarding the strain of flu.

As you know, the protocol for the flu and Coronavirus is the same. Here are the steps recommended by the CDC to prevent the spread of germs that cause illness:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

If you are interested in additional information, you may visit the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) or the Indiana State Department of Health. We are also regularly disinfecting "frequently touched objects and surfaces" at school and reminding students of cough and sneeze good practices, etc.

Every state will have their own protocol if a case of COVID19 is found positive in one of the schools or in the home of a student. We will follow the guidance of the Indiana State Health Department with respect to quarantines and/or school closures. The Health Department continues to monitor the situation and adjusts protocol as necessary to ensure the safety of all.

Thank you for all you do each and every day to ensure the safety of our students, teachers, staff, and families. Though the work is not always easy, remember that you are making a positive difference! We are most grateful to each of you.

**Church Protocol – Fr. Ben Syberg**

For the foreseeable future we will, at Mass, not hold hands, shake hands, use the Chalice, or have holy water.

**“Keep the Doors Open” and Sustainability Committee Updates:**

We have been asked by the Archdiocese to discontinue the use of our "Keep the Doors Open" funding slogan going forward. We will remove references to this on the website and any materials created by St. Mary’s to maintain appropriate protocol to comply with Archdiocesan policies. We would like to focus on an annual alumni campaign to ensure annual funds coming into the school for future generations.

We have also dissolved the Sustainability Committee, effective 03/10/2020. The committee has served it’s purpose in coordinating and increasing income for our school. In the future, these types of fundraisers will be coordinated by PTO or other specific groups. All fundraisers must be obtain pre-approval by the Pastor and the Principal, prior initiating any event. Thank you to Lyndsay Hays, Ellen Bruce, Jamie Ruter, Brian Ruter, and Emily Hollander.

**Average Daily Attendance: 08/07 – 03/13/2019 (138 school days)**

# of students: 74	Average # of students per day: 71.03
# of absent days: 326	Average Daily Attendance: 95.99

**GRANDPARENT’S DAY - UPDATE**

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

**FISH FRY!!!**

We will continue to have a weekly fish fry as scheduled. If anything changes we will send an email or update social media.

**Items for Sale....**



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 HOL IDAYS 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)**

After Spring Break we will be working with a new digraph- sh- keyword- shark. We will also work with rhyming words, long vowels, and spelling our "caterpillar" words. We'll get reader #12, "*Will She Tell?*".

In math we will begin a unit on measuring, using non-standard units (linking cubes), and rulers (measuring to the nearest inch.). We will also work with number sentences, both addition and subtraction. We will also be learning number words, one- ten. The children will be bringing home self-checking flashcards. Help at home, as always, is appreciated.

Show-n-Tell for the week of March 30 is - Jj.

Report cards will be sent home Thursday, April 2. Please make sure to sign and return them to school.

Please note – If needed, e-learning Packet 2 is in your child's book bag.

Have a wonderful, restful, and safe Spring Break. We'll see you back at school on March 30th!

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

I hope everyone has a wonderful Spring Break! Don't forget to come to St. Mary's Fish Fries!

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

Students did an awesome job creating and presenting their saint PowerPoints! So far this year, students have written narrative, persuasive and informative pieces. During fourth quarter, students will be doing a research project.

All third-grade students will be taking the IREAD-3 when we return from break. The dates are Wednesday, April 1 and Thursday, April 2. We will only be testing in the morning on those days.

I hope everyone has a wonderful, safe Spring Break!

**Academic Team**

Congratulations to the 5th and 6th grade Academic Team on competing last Saturday at Oldenburg Academy against six other schools in the area. They all did an awesome job! Academic Team members are William Hollander, Sam Yauch, Garrett Sohmer, Audrey Gerke, Lauren Simon, Lileigh McDaniel, Elliot Meek, Adam Dennis, Laura Dennis, Maddie Ryan, Norah Haverkos, Rachel Cigolotti, Eleanor Eaglin, and Christine Strzok.

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

The 5th graders were super excited to present their Science projects Wednesday and Friday. Thank you Mrs. Rice for the cool assignment.

We are reading the Gospel of Mark in Religion. We flew Geometry in math and are now studying how to estimate, measure, rename, add, and subtract customary units of length, capacity, and weight using more than one step to solve problems.

Hope everyone enjoys their Spring Break and reads at least one book!

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

Happy Pi Day tomorrow. Congratulations to Pi memorization winners. Lakota recited 70 digits of pi. Eleanor recited 42 digits. Myla recited 39 digits. Permission slips were sent home this week for a field trip to Wright Patterson Air Force Museum on April 17. CYO packets were sent home recently as well.

Have a safe and relaxing spring break.

**Grade 7 – Mrs. Rector**

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Two permission slips were sent home recently. One is for a trip to the Wright Patterson Air Force Museum on April 17 for grades 5-8. The other is for the 6th and 7th graders annual overnight trip to CYO camp on May 21-22. Please return the slips and money by the due date. If you have not seen either yet, please ask your child. If you have any questions about either trip, ask us.

I think everyone is looking forward to the two week break. Hopefully everyone will have an enjoyable break and will return to school on March 30th healthy and ready to finish the year strong. Report cards for the third quarter will be sent home the week we return. Have a terrific spring break!

**Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon**

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We did it! We finished *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* this week and plan to watch a film version when we return after spring break. We're going to miss Huck and Jim and all of their creative ways to stay out of danger. As we launch into the last (and fastest) quarter of the year, we will keep our attention on learning and hope to enjoy the time we have left together!

Thanks to everyone who supported our LaRosa's fundraiser and to Sara Dennis for setting it up. We're also grateful to Haag Ford and to parishioners who have recently given generously to the fundraising for the students' Splash trip. Speaking of the trip, students received this week a list of suggested items to take with them on the trip. If you didn't see that list, parents, be sure to ask for it.

We will be going to an all-day CASA summit on Tuesday, March 31st at the Lawrenceburg Event Center. We will have the opportunity to learn about substance abuse prevention and the dangers of drug use and abuse.

God bless you all with a safe, happy, and healthy spring break. See you all at each fish fry!

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

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We will be finishing up the 3rd quarter with labs in each class. The 8th will continue the second lab on acids/bases. The 7th will continue work on basic Genetics. We are focusing on Mendelian principals.

**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:

"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.'"

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

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:** TBD

**Playground Volunteers:** TBD

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

# Calendar of Events:

March 23 – April 5th                      Spring Break – No School

Following dates may be cancelled or postponed:

Friday, March 20th	St. Mary's Fish Fry (3 of 5)
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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