

The Bulldog Barks

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Mr. Dennis - Principal

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Christ's blessings everyone. If you haven't heard, 3rd and 4th grade teacher, Amanda Meyer, will be leaving at the end of next week. This move is being made so that she can be within minutes of her children. We thank her for her years of teaching, and pray for her continued success.

**God Bless this
school year!**

So you know, Deb Bedle was hired for extra cleaning on a daily basis. In the pursuit of keeping the children as safe as possible, she is doing extra sanitizing each and every day on all of the "high touch" areas.

In the first week of September, we will be launching a brand new student-fundraiser this year. It will be unlike any we have done in the previous years.

As many of you know, Farmer's Fair was canceled this year. This means, of course, we will not be running a food booth. PTO, School Commission, and the office will look into an event to replace the lost fundraising. Despite Farmer's Fair being canceled, we are not going to modify the calendar. This means that **Friday, October 2 will remain as a day off from school**. It will give everyone time to dream of what could have been.

In this time of crisis, your children are happy and enjoying school. Praise God.

School Pictures

We have scheduled an additional picture day for Friday, August 28th. This would be for PreK students that are not here on Thursdays and anyone that was absent on the 20th. We will send home envelopes next week.

Scholastic Book Fair

We will host the Scholastic Book Fair the week of August 24-28. The selection of extra products will be a little smaller, but there will be plenty of books to choose from, including a special display of preschool books. Mrs. Powers and Mrs. Rector are working out the details of the fair schedule and you will receive that information soon. If you would like to volunteer to help out, please send an email to kim.rector@mystmarys.com or connie.powers@mystmarys.com. Thank you!

Construction Zone

As most of you know from Fr. Ben's announcement at church this past weekend, we will be having some work done on St. Mary's Church. Over the next several weeks we will have workers on campus working on resealing the bricks on the church.

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY will start up again on August 27th, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Office. We will review our last book, Forming Intentional Disciples, and take orders for the new study starting on Thursday, September 3rd, No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ Passion, by Edward Sri. If you wish to start September 3rd with the new study and not attend on the 27th, please call 812-432-3620, Connie, to order your book. The study set is \$25.00.

The Book Fair is next week!

Monday - 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Students will have a chance to shop during their library class time.

Tuesday - 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Wednesday - Students will have an opportunity to shop during the day.

Thursday - K-4 students can go during lunch recess.

2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Friday - 11:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Open online now!

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stmaryschool23>

Be sure to sign in!

*Check out the new **ewallet** option!

Parents and grandparents are invited to shop after school and when classes aren't present.

Please shop at the book fair to support our school!

PreK – Mrs. Strasemeier, Mrs. Wisman and Mrs. Dozier prek@mystmarys.com

Our Pre-K kiddos have been hard at work learning about the letter B and the number 2! We have had so many fun activities from blue bubble painting for the letter B, reading and retelling the "Brown Bear, Brown Bear" story, as well as learning how to make a two (Around and back on the railroad track. Two, Two! Two, Two!). We have also been focusing on the color red and circles.

We are also continuously working on our still body control in the classroom and in the hallways as well. The students are doing well with walking in their class line, and we have been trying to always remember to use our please and thank you's whenever necessary.

Have a great week!

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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Our new letter next week will be Gg (hard sound) keyword- goat. We are focusing on compound words, and counting words in spoken sentences. We will begin blending sounds to read words. It is very important when we are blending, that the children are able to look at the letters learned, and be able to give the sound that the letter makes. If your child does not know the letters/sounds, he/she will not be able to blend to read. We will be blending to read for the remainder of the school year. A note will come home to explain how we do blending. We will also begin our "sound tests". I will give the sound of a letter learned, the children will have to write the partner letters that make the sound. You can practice this at home using the letters on your child's letter ring.

In math we will be using pattern blocks to make designs, work with numbers 0-10, and we will be using positional words like: under, over, on top of, behind, in front of, in back of, etc., to describe positions of items.

On Monday, we will be going to the Book Fair. I hope you saw the flyer that went home earlier in the week.

Enjoy your weekend!

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson**mcperson.1@mystmarys.com**

In Phonics will be reading and spelling words with the letter Zz (as in zebra). We will be reviewing the /s/ and /z/ sounds of the consonant S. We will learn that when suffix s is added to the end of a root word it means more than one. We will also practice spelling and reading new words that include the letter s and suffix s.

Phonics Reader #1 Pop It, Toss It! will be sent home on Wednesday. This is the 1st of many phonics readers that will be sent home throughout the school year. Please have your child practice reading each book until they have mastered all of the words.

In Math we will be acting out and drawing pictures for “Some, Some More” and “Some Went Away” stories, identifying a number between two numbers, and dividing a solid in half.

Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove**annmarie.grove@mystmarys.com**

Supplies are still coming in. Thank you! One thing we could really use is a playground ball or 2. They need to be rubber and not hard like a basketball or soccer ball.

Please remember due to COVID, we are not allowed to use the water fountains. Every student should bring a water bottle to school each day and they will bring it home each afternoon. We have donated disposable water bottles if they forget.

Our 1st Friday Spelling test was today. The list will be sent home every Friday for the following week.

For Science class we made icebergs to demonstrate what Tacky, the Penguin was living on.

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

In religion the first weeks of school, students practiced using the Bible. They learned what each part of a Bible reference stands for, such as book, chapter, and verse. Then, they looked up many different Bible passages. This week students will continue learning about how the Holy Spirit guides us through our life. They will have their first religion test on Thursday over Chapter 9.

Both third and fourth graders will have math lessons on money this week. Third grade will review and practice counting money and making change. Fourth grade will be comparing large money amounts.

The first journal check will be Wednesday, August 26.

Students get to visit the book fair this week during our library time, which is Monday morning. They may bring money to buy books!

Grade 5 and Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice**suzy.rice@mystmarys.com**

Thank you for all of your kind thoughts and prayers. We are beginning to settle into a routine. Thank you Mrs. Beinkemper for taking the students to the Art show in Aurora. The summer art classes you provided online last spring/summer were fantastic. I know the students enjoyed them. Students are enjoying their new class, Spanish. It is good to have Mrs. Dennis teaching Spanish and Mrs. Powers doing library work this year. We are glad Mrs. Wismann has returned to teach PE, too. Thank you to all!

I am working on a weekly assignment page for students to use in place of an assignment book/agenda. If a student has an agenda of their own they could use that in place of the assignment page I will pass out next week. This page will be used to write down daily assignments. Teachers and parents can initial and write notes for each other on the page as well.

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

We have had a busy week in language arts for grades 5, 6, and 7. Reading, writing journals, working with subjects and predicates, and working on our Google Classroom skills. Social studies time has been spent wrapping up geography skills in grades 5, 6, and 7, and finishing our chapter on early Americans in 8th grade.

The seventh graders enjoyed being the first class to use the new VR goggles. Check out the St. Mary's Facebook page if you want to see a few of them in action. They also enjoyed walking to the Art Guild on Second Street during art class with Mrs. Beinkemper to see the current art show. Don't forget the book fair starts on Monday. Have a terrific week!

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

We are in real need of paper towels! We go through many sheets each day sanitizing the students' desks at the change of classes.

5th through 8th graders are assigned to memorize the Ten Commandments by August 31st. We've been practicing in class, and quite a few of the students have already achieved the goal. Students may recite or write the commandments when they are ready.

Let us know if you would like to have special prayer requests remembered in our classes. The students pray each day and look forward to mentioning those who have particular needs. We can pray for you by name or anonymously; either way, we are pleased to include you in our prayers.

8th graders will begin Unit 3 of Vocabulary Workshop this coming week as well as the assigned Greek and Latin Roots, Prefixes, and Suffixes. We're about 25% into the book *Fever 1793* and are to the point where the end of every chapter is a cliff-hanger.

Again, 8th graders have received a syllabus for reading, one for English/language arts, and one for religion. They need to keep those and the appropriate texts and material in their backpacks whether they go home or to school in case we should have an E-learning day or should have to adapt to remote learning.

God bless you all!

7th and 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank**brookbank.science@mystmarys.com**

The emphasis in grades 5 thru 8 is learning basic lab skills and all the equipment we will use during the year. The labs range from bubble gum to double stuffed oreos and measurement skills. The metric system is introduced and safety concerning chemicals and experimenting is stressed.

Cafeteria/Playground

Contact Aimee Hollingsworth at 744-8738, to sign up for cafeteria and playground duty. The schedule is online at www.mymarys.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:

11:00 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. – K-1

11:30 a.m. – 11:55 a.m. – Grades 2 - 4

11:40 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. - PreK

12:00 p.m. – 12:25 p.m. – Grades 5 – 8

Recess:

11:35 a.m. – 11:55 a.m. – Grades K – 1

12:00 p.m. – 12:25 p.m. – Grades 2 – 4

Cafeteria and Playground hours:

Cafe: First lunch is served at 11:00 a.m., so arrive 10 – 15 minutes early. Serve three lunch periods and help clean up kitchen, wash dishes, etc.

Playground: First recess is at 11:35 a.m., so arrive 10 – 15 minutes early. You will help the teacher supervise students on playground, Activity Center or at the park (depending on weather).

Cafeteria Volunteers: 08/24 – Diane Patterson, 08/25 – Kay Gigerich, 08/26 – Marge Waldon, 08/27 – Charlotte DeVille, 08/28 – Lisa Grove

Playground Volunteers: 08/24 – Tara Schuler, 08/25 - HELP NEEDED, 08/26 - HELP NEEDED, 08/27 – Connie Powers, 08/28 - HELP NEEDED

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

24	25	26	27	28
Sausage Gravy with biscuits Sausage Links Carrots Green Beans Fruit Milk	Popcorn Chicken Buttered Noodles Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	Mini Corn Dogs French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Peas Bread Fruit Milk	Chicken Slider Sandwich Tossed Salad Carrots with dip Fruit Milk

Calendar of Events:

August 24-28th	Scholastic Book Fair
Friday, August 28th	School Picture Day – 8 a.m.
Monday, September 7th	No School – Labor Day
Wednesday, September 16th	eLearning Day for students/Professional Development day for teachers
Saturday, September 19th	Drive Thru Fish Fry – 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. (2 of 3)
Saturday, October 17th	Drive Thru Fish Fry – 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. (3 of 3)

School Theme for 2020/2021

Friends I have a youtube video of our school theme song. I think the words: Your Grace is Enough will work well for this crazy time.

Enjoy!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LISbMRp0Y64>

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Rev. Benjamin Syberg
Pastor of St. Mary's and St. Lawrence Catholic Churches



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