

## The Bulldog Barks August 28, 2020

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**Mr. Dennis - Principal**

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Hello all! Praise God for another full week of school with no problems concerning the pandemic. Your kids are continuing to do a great job handling all of our COVID related changes. Please see the attached document from the Indiana State Board of Health. It gives good, straightforward advice on what to do in certain situations.

Our brand new, school-wide fundraiser will be starting on Wednesday of next week. I will be passing out information to all of the students to take home on that day. Again, this is a totally new fundraiser and will feature an online clothing store. The fundraiser will run from Wednesday, September 2 to Thursday, September 17.

I want to promote the "Weekend Warriors" program that Father started. The goal is for our children to attend weekend mass for four weeks in a row. At the end of that time, all students who have attended Mass each week will receive a weekend warrior t-shirt.

May the blessings of God rain down on you and all, and thank you for choosing St. Mary's.

### **COVID-19**

When a student, faculty or staff member can return to school. See attached document from Indiana Department of Health.

### **Patriotic Rosary**

IN CELEBRATION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Tuesday, September 8  
Inside St. Mary's Church  
Starts @ 6:30 PM  
Snacks in the Parish Office following the Rosary  
Please Join Us



The Patriotic Rosary is a special set of Rosary based prayers to pray for GUIDANCE for our elected leaders and PEACE in our country. Booklets will be provided so that you can pray and sing along.

### **PTO Fish Fry**

Our next Fish Fry will be on Saturday, September 19, 2020 from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. We will only have 2 drive thru lanes; one in the alley between Activity Center and school building and the other in front of the school.

Other family members are welcome to come help as well, this is not just limited to school parents. We just like to start with our school families as our first line of volunteers since the funds raised at the Fish Fry goes directly to the school and helps directly offset the cost of tuition.

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

Please contact me with any questions & thanks for volunteering,

Michelle Ryan & Fish Fry Committee  
859-240-9390

## BoxTops

Hello Everyone,

I am Nicole Eaglin, and I am the Box Tops for Education Coordinator for St. Mary's School. For those of you not familiar with Box Tops for Education, there are several products our school is able to earn money on just because we purchase those items. St. Mary's receives \$.10 for every Box Top label submitted.

Box Tops money may be earned two ways. Some products have labels on the box that you can turn into your child's teacher. I take care of submitting these for reimbursement.

Now Box Tops has gone digital. Just download the Box Tops for Education App. If you purchase items that have a digital label, just scan your receipt. Our school will earn money and receive a check for those items.

If you need any help setting up your app or if you simply have any questions, please contact me. I appreciate all of your help in earning money for St. Mary's School.

Thank you,

Nicole Eaglin  
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## HOW IT WORKS

### BUY BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

- Look for the logo. You can find it on hundreds of products you know and love.
- SCAN YOUR RECEIPT

No more clipping. Tap the scan button and snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.

## EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

It's that easy! Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated online.

Traditional Box Tops are being phased out of production, but you can still encourage school supporters to send any remaining unexpired clips to school.

Every valid Box Tops clip is worth 10¢ for your school. They don't need to be clipped perfectly; just make sure each one has a clearly visible product acronym and expiration date.

## THE NEW BOX TOPS LABELS

Eventually the Box Tops program will become digital-only. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label. If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. **Box Tops are still worth 10¢ for your school.** The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online.



**PreK – Mrs. Strasemeier, Mrs. Wismann and Mrs. Dozier**

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Caterpillars, Cookies, and Cupcakes! These are just some of the items our Pre-K students were able to talk about last week while learning about the letter C. We have worked on tracing, writing, and one-to-one counting with the number 3 (Around a tree, and around a tree). Also, we are talking about circles and squares and how we can see these shapes all around us at school and at home. The students have also received their very own name envelope. We are hard at work finding, building, and spelling our names to get ready to write our own names. The students are practicing the Pledge of Allegiance at our own pace so each student can recite the Pledge of Allegiance all by themselves, as well as always remembering to use "Please" and "Thank you" whenever necessary. Have a great week!

**Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning**

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Please remember that "Homework Folders" need to be returned to school by Monday, 8/31.

Next week in phonics we will be focusing on letter Hh- keyword- hat. With the new letter comes a new word we will be able to blend to read. We are learning to code the short vowel in the words with a **breve**. (A smile above the vowel) We will also continue our work with compound words and rhyming words.

In math we will identify, describe, and compare circles and rectangles. We will also be sorting, graphing, putting numbers in order, identifying a missing number in a number line, and acting out story problems.

Have a wonderful week!

**Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson**

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In Phonics this week we are reviewing the sound of the consonant Dd (as in dog) by practicing spelling and reading new words that include the letter d. The students will also learn that quotation marks show the exact words that someone says and that we write quotation marks at the beginning and end of what someone says. We will also be spelling and reading words containing the sounds of the letters Ff (as in fish), Hh (as in hat) and Gg (as in Goat).

Our first spelling test will be on Friday, September 4th! Spelling lists are always sent home the Friday before the test. Please remember to help your child study his/her list throughout the week!

**Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove**

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Thank you for all the playground balls! Enough people answered our request that we could share with the other classes too.

We love having the preschool room right across the hall from us. They have been fun to watch. It is amazing to see what a long way children mature between preschool and second grade.

We are learning that we are The People of God. St. Paul said that the Church is like the human body. The human body has many parts. So does the Church.

**Grade 3 and Grade 4 – Mr. Rector**

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As many of you already know, Thursday was Mrs. Meyer's last day. Again, we thank her for her years of service and wish her the very best. Mr. Adam Rector has taken over and will be in contact with all of you soon. Your children are in good hands. Mr. Rector worked closely with Mrs. Meyer before her departure. He observed two days last week to learn how the classroom functions on a day to day basis. He will be able to reach out to her whenever it is needed. Before she left, the 3rd and 4th graders threw her a wonderful surprise party. Mrs. Meyer was very appreciative of all of the gifts and kind words.

**Grade 5 and Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice****[suzy.rice@mystmarys.com](mailto:suzy.rice@mystmarys.com)**

The 5th and 6th grade classes both are now using a “My Daily Assignments” paper for the week. This week’s was yellow, next week’s is pink. I have been checking it each afternoon and initialing it so parents know I have seen the paper. Feel free to initial it as well and make any notes, questions, or reminders on it. The students have been told to note if lunch tickets are needed or anything they need reminded of on the paper. 7th and 8th graders were offered a copy. 5th-8th grade were all given a letter from me to take home to their parents on Monday. If you haven’t seen it, ask them. It’s on blue paper.

The 5th/6th graders have begun Map Skills as part of their morning work. I was surprised that a few did not know their address or a parent’s phone number! They should! Ask your child for their address and a parent’s phone number. I learned some of them live near mountains and forests, too.

In STEM class, the students explored some robots last week. This week they are creating creatures that we will use to learn about classification and a dichotomous key.

The students need to know the Ten Commandments by Monday, August 31, for religion. They have known about this for weeks. They may choose to tell Mr. Waldon what each commandment is or may write them down while in class.

**Grade 7 – Mrs. Rector****[kim.rector@mystmarys.com](mailto:kim.rector@mystmarys.com)**

The fifth and sixth graders are getting anxious to find out if Billy follows through with his bet to eat 15 worms in our chapter book. Some are on Billy’s side and others are rooting for Alan. The seventh graders are wondering what mischief Rascal will get into next in their novel. Both groups continue to work on subjects and predicates in grammar.

The fifth and eighth graders are currently studying similar events in the time period of 1400’s-1500’s in America. The sixth and seventh graders are continuing to study geography terms. They will have a test next week.

Thank you to Connie Powers and any parents who volunteered to work at the Book Fair. It wasn’t as big this year due to the pandemic, but students were still able to find some great books!

**Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon****[jim.waldon@mystmarys.com](mailto:jim.waldon@mystmarys.com)**

Thanks to those who have been sending in paper towels, water, hand sanitizer, and wipes! We know that some of these things are difficult to find, and we are so grateful.

Can you believe that at the end of today’s school day we have completed 10% of the school year? It’s been a wonderful start.

5th through 8th graders are assigned to memorize the Ten Commandments by August 31st. The majority of students have achieved the goal, and Monday is the day. Students may recite or write the commandments. Our next assignment will be to memorize the Beatitudes by the end of September.

Remember, 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 be with you!

## Science – Mr. Brookbank

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7th & 8th Science: Both classes are performing experiments daily to improve basic lab skills we will use the remainder of the school year. These skills will be used at the high school level. Basic measuring of solid, liquids, length, & height are being performed. Science uses the Metric system and students must master the units of measure and the correct names of all equipment.

5th & 6th Science: We are basically performing the same experiments as the older students without going into as much detail. With both classes we are spending more time on graphing skills. These skills include processing data correctly, creating a graph, reading a graph, & the different uses of graphs.

Wednesday and Thursday I was able to obtain a large cooler full of dry ice. I performed experiments for grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, KG, & Pre-K. You can see the video on our Facebook page.

## Cafeteria/Playground

Contact Aimee Hollingsworth at 744-8738, to sign up for cafeteria and playground duty. The schedule is online at [www.mystmarys.com](http://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:

11:00 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:** 08/31 – Diane Patterson, 09/01 – Kay Gigerich, 09/02 – Marge Waldon, 09/03 – Charlotte DeVille, 09/04 – Lisa Grove, 09/07 – NO SCHOOL, 09/08 – Marge Waldon, 09/09 – Marge Waldon, 09/10 – Charlotte DeVille, 09/11 – Lisa Grove, 09/14 – Diane Patterson, 09/15 – Kay Gigerich, 09/16 – eLearning Day, 09/17 – Charlotte DeVille, 09/18 – Lisa Grove, 09/21 – Diane Patterson, 09/22 – Kay Gigerich, 09/23 – Marge Waldon, 09/24 – Charlotte DeVille, 09/25 – Lisa Grove, 09/28 – Diane Patterson, 09/29 – Kay Gigerich, 09/30 – Marge Waldon

**Playground Volunteers:** 08/31 – Tara Schuler, 09/01 – HELP NEEDED, 09/02 – HELP NEEDED, 09/03 – Connie Powers, 09/04 – HELP NEEDED, 09/07 – NO SCHOOL, 09/08 – HELP NEEDED, 09/09 – HELP NEEDED, 09/10 Connie Powers, 09/11 – HELP NEEDED, 09/14 – Tar Schuler, 09/15 – HELP NEEDED, 09/16 – eLearning Day, 09/17 – Connie Powers, 09/18 – HELP NEEDED, 09/21 – Tara Schuler, 09/22 – HELP NEEDED, 09/23 – HELP NEEDED, 09/24 – Connie Powers, 09/25 – HELP NEEDED, 09/28 – Tara Schuler, 09/29 – HELP NEEDED, 09/30 – HELP NEEDED

**\*\*We need more playground volunteers. If you can help on any day, please call the school office at 812-926-1558!**

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

<b>31</b>	<b>September 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
Rotini with Meat Sauce & Meatballs Tossed Salad Green Beans Fruit Milk	Chicken Strips Scalloped Potatoes Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	Hamburger or Pizza Burger Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Taco (Beef or Chicken) Refried Beans Corn Fruit Milk	Cheese Stuffed Bread Sticks with Pizza Sauce Broccoli Green Beans Fruit Milk

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

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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