

# The Bulldog Barks

## September 4, 2020

Mr. Dennis - Principal

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Christ's blessings everyone. We are all ready for our first day off since the start of school. I am so thankful that all of the kids are healthy and the school year is going well.

**God Bless this  
school year!**

The school-wide fundraiser kicked off on Wednesday. If you haven't seen it yet, please take a look at our practical product flyer. Kids were all given packets on Wednesday and should have them. Also, please visit our new, online clothing store--

<https://www.athfundraising.com/st-mary-s>



Saint Mary's will get a percentage of everything sold on the site. Please share the link with all friends and family. Also, you don't need to be local. They just choose the shipping option if they live far away. If you are local, everything will be able to be picked up here or delivered by students. All fundraiser materials will be due on Thursday, September 17.

Attached is St. Mary's Laundry flyer and St. Mary's Practical Products flyers.

## **Labor Day**

St. Mary's will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, September 7th. Everyone enjoy the holiday.

## **eLearning Day**

St. Mary's will have an eLearning Day on Wednesday, September 16th. All work will be due on Thursday, September 17th. This will be a professional development day for all teachers.

## **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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In Phonics next week we will be working with letter Tt- (keyword- tent). We will be adding 4 new words to our caterpillar word wall. We will have 6 words that we can blend to read. It is very important that you work with your child on letter identification and letter sounds. If the children don't know the letters/sounds, they will not be able to blend to read. We will also begin to “unblend” our sounds in words to spell our words. Practice at home would be helpful.

In math we will be matching number cards to sets of objects, identifying most/fewest on a graph, identifying missing numbers in a number line, and we will be naming shape pieces using 3 attributes: color, size, and shape.

Midterm letters will be sent home Thursday, Sept. 10. Please sign and return them to school as soon as possible.

Have a wonderful Labor Day weekend. No school on Monday, 9/7.

**Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson**

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The 1st graders had their first spelling test on Friday! Everyone did a great job! Spelling test #2 will be on Friday, September 11 th . Remember, spelling lists are sent home on the Fridays before each test in case you would like your child to study his/her test during the weekend.

In Phonics we are learning to read and spell new words using the letter Kk (as in kite) and the letter Cc (as in cat).

In Math we are acting out and drawing pictures for “Some, Some More” and Some, Some Went Away” stories. We are also counting pennies and identifying a number between two numbers.

**Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove**

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The second grade enjoyed learning about Baptism by taking the parts of the priest, parents, godparents and family members. We used a baby doll and the four signs of Baptism; water, oil, white cloth, and a candle. We would love it if any of the children would like to bring their own Baptism pictures or their baptismal candle to school.

We are starting to learn cursive. The students can't wait.

Please remember the photo or drawing of the student and a pet for our new reading unit's bulletin board.

**Grade 3 and Grade 4 – Mr. Rector**

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Hello! I am still adjusting to this new environment, so thank you for bearing with me. The second journal check will be this Friday (the 11th). I have also sent home a reading log. It operates the same as the one Mrs. Meyer used. I appreciate the warm welcome I have received. Enjoy the three day weekend!

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

5th-8th grades each had a math test today. Midterms will go home next Thursday, Sept. 10. The weekly assignment sheet for 5th/6th grade is blue for next week. Monday is Labor Day so there is no school. The FUNDRAISER information was passed out on Wednesday. There are many very useful items for sale.

In STEM, classes sorted aliens this week. Next week on to keeping an engineer notebook, especially drawing, sketching, and designing.

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

The students in grades 5-8 were treated to a presentation on the Holy Land by Kyle Koelling. Mr. Koelling was able to share many details and pictures to let the students see the actual places where the life of Jesus took place. We want to thank Mr. Koelling, our former teacher and principal, for taking his time to share the program with us.

As part of a religion assignment from Mr. Waldon, the seventh graders need to memorize and recite the Beatitudes. They should always have a copy in their religion book. Mr. Waldon also requires the students to have their religion book in their backpack every night.

The seventh graders were really pumped up about selling products and winning prizes for the fundraiser. All of the sales will need to be returned on September 17. Enjoy the extra day off and have a terrific Labor Day weekend!

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

Everyone is invited to participate in our Rosary for our country this coming Tuesday evening at 6:30 in church. Tuesday (September 8th) is the feast of the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We thank Mr. Kyle Koelling for coming in yesterday to present a program about the Holy Land to the students in grades 5 through 8. It was like a field trip and was a great opportunity since none of us have been to the places where Jesus walked. (Mr. Koelling was our principal at St. Mary's in the 1990s.)

The three eighth grade boys are our flag tenders this year. Weather permitting, the boys put up our American flag and our Indiana state flag each school day morning and then bring the flags down and carefully fold them at the end of the school day. Thanks, boys!

The religion assignment for 5th through 8th grades for September is to memorize the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-10). Students have a sheet from which they can practice. Two industrious 8th graders have already achieved the goal. Congratulations, Elana and Lakota!

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. If parents would like copies, they are welcome to them.

God bless you!

## 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:

11:00 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:

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:

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)

7	8	9	10	11
LABOR DAY – NO SCHOOL	Chicken Nuggets Buttered Noodles Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	Taco Nachos with Taco Meat & Cheese Sauce Pinto Beans Corn Fruit Milk	Pizza Veggie Sticks w/ Dip Fruit Milk	Cheese Coney Tossed Salad Carrots with Dip 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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