

The Bulldog Barks

September 11, 2020

Mr. Dennis - Principal

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The fundraiser will end on 9/17/20. On that day, please send completed order forms and all cash or checks with the kids. They will turn it in to their teachers at the start of the day. Pickup will be 2-3 weeks after that. We will let everyone know when the pickup day will be since there could be many items. Clothing items will be delivered to the school around the same time.

**God Bless this
school year!**

Keep those shoes! We have an upcoming service project where we will be collecting shoes for a third world country. More details to come. In the meantime, please hold on to unwanted shoes in good shape.

Please see the attached flyer for the **Giving Basket**. Each week, students should bring in 1 item from the list to place in the basket during the school's Mass. These items will be presented with the gifts, and then donated to St. Vincent De Paul. This is a great way for students to get involved with the Mass and living their faith. The first Mass with the giving basket will be September 23.

Midterm Reports/Report Cards:

You may have noticed a slight change in the grading system in K-2nd grade classes and any "specials". As recently directed by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, we have made slight adaptations to our standards-based grading scale. The scale this year will be as follows based on the student's demonstration of his/her understanding of the standard: **E-Exemplary**, **M-Mastery/Meets**, **P-Progressing**, **N-Not Met**.

All other classes will use the A-F scale (see below):

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| A+ | 100% | C+ | 84% |
| A | 97% | C | 80% |
| A- | 93% | C- | 76% |
| B+ | 92% | D+ | 75% |
| B | 88% | D | 73% |
| B- | 85% | D- | 70% |
| | | F | 69% |

eLearning Day

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

We are asking students in grades 3-8 to bring in a backpack or padded bag on Monday, September 14, so they can take their Chromebook home on Tuesday. You do not need to purchase a bag if you do not have one!

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
nreaglin@comcast.net

Ronald McDonald – pop tabs

To many, a pop tab is just a piece of aluminum with one purpose – to open a can. But to Ronald McDonald House Charities, these teeny tiny pop tabs are a valuable resource. Why? Collected pop tabs are recycled, generating much-needed funds to support the House and the nearly 5,000 families we serve each year.



Funds received from the recycling of tabs typically add up to between \$30,000 and \$50,000 annually. All this money goes to the operating expenses of the Ronald McDonald House Charities and can cover the cost of operating 3 rooms in the House for an entire year.

Thanks to generous school children, families, businesses, clubs, and churches, over one billion pop tabs have been donated since the program's inception in 1995, generating more than \$820,000 in pop tab revenue for the House.

There is a yellow can by the FYI Board in the school lobby. Send in any pull tabs with your child(ren) and we will get them to the appropriate person.

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

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The preschool classes will continue to work through the alphabet as we move on to the letter "F". We had lots of fun with the letter "E" last week as we read and talked about elephants & eggs. Please continue to work on these letters at home with your kiddos! The more they are exposed to the letter names and sounds, the easier it will be for them as we move through the year.

We will start to work with the number 5 ("Short neck, belly fat, number 5 wears a hat"....they always think this chant is so funny!), and we will be focusing on triangles and rectangles.

The students are still working with their names, and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance on their own. Both of these tasks take lots of practice and we are so proud of all their hard work!

Have a wonderful week!

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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Our new letter in Phonics will be Pp-(keyword-pig). We will be adding 6 new words to our caterpillar word wall. Index cards will be sent home to make flashcards for practice. Please make sure to read the caterpillar words on a regular basis. We will also unblend 2 initial consonant sounds to identify the sounds heard in a beginning consonant blend (i.e.- gl, sl, pl, etc.), and do our sound tests and spell our caterpillar words.

In math we will focus on ordinal numbers- first through fifth. We will also do addition and subtraction story problems.

We have an **eLearning Day** on Wednesday, September 16th. Work will be sent home on Tuesday, September 15th. All work needs to be returned on Thursday, September 17th.

In Computer Class, the children are using a mouse each week. Mrs. Ryan has asked that you practice using the mouse at home with your child for extra help.

If you have not already done so, please sign and return midterm letters.

Keep working hard on our school fund raiser.

Have a super week!

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson

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In Phonics we will be using the K and C Rules to practice spelling new words that include the letters K and C. We will also be learning to spell and read words with the letter B (as in balloon).

In Reading we will begin the story *The Path on the Map*. Reading Word List #4 will be sent home on Monday. Remember to help you child study his/her words throughout the week.

In Social Studies we will be studying maps and map symbols and creating our own maps.

In Math we are practicing writing and reading number sentences, and solving our doubles math facts (1+1, 2+2, 3+3...etc.).

Midterms went home on Thursday. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress.

Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove

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Second grade is working on fractions, the attributes of geometric shapes, writing paragraphs, and cursive handwriting.

Mrs. Ryan is teaching us how to use Google Classroom.

Please do not forget to bring or email a photo of your baptism and a pet.

Grade 3 and Grade 4 – Mr. Rector**adam.rector@mystmarys.com**

Hello! This next week, we have an eLearning day on Wednesday. On Tuesday, I plan to show them how to access Google Classroom and see their assignments for Wednesday, but if your student struggles, feel free to email me with questions. I would also like to remind everyone to be working towards their reading log goal. We will be just over halfway through the month next week, so to be on track students should be halfway to their goal. Have a great weekend!

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

Midterms were distributed yesterday. Please sign one copy to return to school. Keep the 2nd copy. The midterm is to let you and your student know how they are doing so far this quarter. There is time to improve or keep up the good work. Let me know of any concerns or questions.

7th grade has a packet of papers they are supposed to do by September 30. It is practice using signed numbers. 5th-8th grade went on a virtual field trip to a dairy farm in Indiana today. This was offered by the American Dairy Association. It showed many ways STEM is used in dairy farming today.

Next Wednesday, September 16 is an eLearning day. Students don't physically come to school, but have work to do at home for the day. Keep selling for the fundraiser! Orders are due on Thursday, September 17.

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

We took a break from our regular social studies lessons this week to learn about and reflect on the events of 9/11. The fifth and sixth graders participated in a class discussion about pictures from that day. The seventh graders went through a timeline of events to see how the events unfolded. This included pictures and several audio and video clips. The eighth graders watched a video about the attacks from the viewpoint of the fire station located nearest to the twin towers. We also marked the day with prayer.

Midterms were sent home on Thursday. If you haven't already, please sign and return the midterm. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Students will be able to take home their Chromebook next Tuesday to do eLearning work on Wednesday. Please send in a computer case if you have one. The computer will need to be brought back on Thursday. They do not have to take one if they have access to a computer at home. They will just have to log into their school account from another computer.

Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon

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Keep selling those products for our fundraiser! Every sale helps St. Mary's School.

Eighth graders enjoyed a visit from representatives from Oldenburg Academy today. In the past our students have visited Oldenburg's campus, but due to the current restrictions and concerns, this year we hosted visitors from the academy. This is one of the signs that our 8th graders will be heading to high school in a few months, and their formation at St. Mary's School is drawing to an end!

We are wrapping up the novel *Fever 1793* and have really enjoyed the story and the characters. Students have been assigned a book report and may write the report on this or another book of their choice. The next book we'll read together will be just as entertaining and will be introduced next week.

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. For those who want to work ahead, the assignment for October will be to memorize the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

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 be with all of 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, 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:

09/14 – 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:

09/14 – 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)

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| 14 Sliced Turkey Mashed Potatoes Mixed Veggies Bread Fruit Milk | 15 Chicken Patty with Bun Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk | 16 eLearning Day | 17 Pork Tacos Pinto Beans Corn Fruit Milk | 18 3-Way Tossed Salad Green Beans Crackers Fruit Milk |
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Calendar of Events:

Wednesday, September 16th eLearning Day for students/Professional Development day for teachers

Thursday, September 17th Fundraiser Ends

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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