

# The Bulldog Barks

## September 25, 2020

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**Mr. Dennis - Principal**

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Hello St. Mary's families. Fall is here. Your kids are loving the cool weather for recess.

Thank you to everyone that brought in items for our first Mass with the Giving Basket. Many items were brought in to give to St. Vincent De Paul. It was great to see all of the children living their faith as they walked up to place their donation in the basket. We will do the Giving Basket the **last Wednesday Mass of each month** starting in October.

Fundraiser items will be delivered after fall break. I will let you know as soon as I have the date. Clothing items will also come in and be sent home with students as they arrive.

Boys basketball will get rolling immediately following fall break. Information is being sent home with interested boys today. Please fill out and return as soon as possible.

Next week is only 4 days. Students are off on Friday for what would have been Farmer's Fair. This is not going to be an eLearning day. Teachers will be using this day to complete state-mandated training and preparing their Google Classrooms. Enjoy fall break and its many blessings. Classes resume on Monday, October 12.

### **Water Still Needed**

We are in need of regular and small size bottled water. If you can also find Lysol sprays we would greatly appreciate it.

### **Fall in Love with Aurora**

The Aurora Garden Club is once again hosting the "Fall in Love with Aurora" contest.

We are looking for volunteers to decorate at St. Mary's campus and/or make a scarecrow for Scarecrow Alley (aka George Street). Decorate for the fall season with things like: straw bales, mums, corn stalks, scarecrows, pumpkins, gourds, all things FALL!!!

Although they will not be having the Fall in Love with Aurora "Event" this year, they ARE having the decorating contest. Judging of the completed displays and scarecrows will be on September 27th.

In an effort to encourage more participation they have increased the prize money this year. First place is \$75, Second place is \$50, and Third place is \$25.

If you are interested in taking on this project, please call the school office.

### **BoxTops**

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 at [nreaglin@comcast.net](mailto:nreaglin@comcast.net). I appreciate all of your help in earning money for St. Mary's School.

THE NEW BOX TOPS LABELS



## 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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We love to see the progress our students are making already this year and we aren't even into October yet! The preschool students are improving their manners, their still poses, their reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance, spelling their name, and of course their letter and number recognition! Last week we focused on the letter Gg for goats, gardens, green, and Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We worked with the number 6, rectangles, and the color green. One of our favorite stories from the week was *Little Yellow, Little Blue*. We learned that mixing yellow and blue together will make the color green!

Next week, we will be doing a review of the letters A-G and numbers 1-6. With Fall Break fastly approaching, we decided to take a break and review what we have learned so far (which is a whole lot). We will be focusing on our names, the colors and shapes we have learned so far, and using our manners throughout the day! Keep reinforcing these skills at home as well! Thanks for all you do! Have a great week!

## Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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Homework folders are due next Wednesday, September 30.

We will be doing individual evaluations for report cards next week. Please review all skills that were listed on the midterm letter. (Letters/Sounds, blending, reading "pop-up" words, reciting addresses, phone numbers, and identifying numbers to 10).

Our new letter next week will be **Nn**-(keyword-nest). We will be working with lots of new words. Some of them are "**an**" words. These are tricky, confusing words because they don't say the true short a sound (apple). Please practice the following words with your child: **an**, **ant**, **tan**, **pan**, **pant**, **plan**, **plant**. We will be reading sentences that contain our caterpillar words, high-frequency words, and sight words. We will also work with syllables (word parts). We will clap each part as we say the words to identify how many syllables are in the words.

No school on Friday, 10/2.

Fall break is the week of October 4. Enjoy your time off. Reviewing skills during the week off would be beneficial!

See you back at school on October 12.

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

In Phonics we will be reading and spelling words that contain the sounds of Digraph th (as in feather and thimble), Digraph ng (as in ring), We will also learn suffixes –ing. Little Reader #4 will be going home this week. Remember to have your child practice their readers at home.

In Math we are covering designs with pattern blocks, ordering numbers to 20, and adding 1 to a number.

Due to the short week, we will not have a Spelling or Reading test this week.

**Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove****[annmarie.grove@mystmarys.com](mailto:annmarie.grove@mystmarys.com)**

Second grade is learning why leaves change their color in fall. We also tasted marmalade to try to figure out why a cat in The Cats of Tiffany Street was named Marmalade Ned. We will try to finish hearing the novel, Hank, the Cowdog, before fall break. We are working on lowercase cursive i, t, u, w, and e.

**Grade 3 and Grade 4 – Mr. Rector****[adam.rector@mystmarys.com](mailto:adam.rector@mystmarys.com)**

Hello Everyone! We will be wrapping up several things this week. There is a Journal Check on Thursday. Reading Logs are also due that day. Make sure you are caught up on both and are ready to turn them in! We will be testing in Social Studies, Religion, and Science for both classes. As always, the spelling words are available online here: [https://quizlet.com/\\_8r289t?x=1jqt&i=31bhba](https://quizlet.com/_8r289t?x=1jqt&i=31bhba). Feel Free to email me if you have any questions!

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

Congratulations for winning the school fundraiser with the biggest sales!! They are very excited to have won and are anxious for their rewards. Thank you parents for helping with this event and helping the school.

The 5th and 6th grade each had math tests this week. The 5th grade has been testing on multiplication math facts daily. They have made flashcards for the facts they need to practice. I have told them, if they don't know the product immediately, they need to practice. Practice at home daily for just 5-10 minutes will make improvements.

7th grade has a math test next Wednesday and 8th grade has a test on Tuesday. The first quarter ends at fall break, next Thursday.

In STEM class students have worked to design a billboard for a band they made up. They were to work together to make decisions, each person made a preliminary sketch, then they were to make a final for the billboard. Then they are moving on to using building mechanical parts with fischertechnik parts.

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

We've had a busy week and it's flown by! We will continue to be working hard next week because we are finishing out the first quarter! I am grateful that we made it to fall break with a mostly normal schedule. Everyone's cooperation has made that happen.

The social studies classes in grades 5-8 will all have some type of project to work on next week. Most of the work will be done in class. They will need to complete work at home only if they don't finish it at school. Of course, they can access their Google classroom at home anytime with their school account and work at home if they want to do so. All work for this quarter is due on Thursday, so check with your student to see if there is any unfinished work or corrections they have an opportunity to do that might improve their grade. Report cards for the first quarter will be sent home once we return from fall break. Have a great weekend!

## **Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon**

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Remember that Greek and Latin Roots, Prefixes, and Suffixes and Vocabulary Unit 5 must be finished by 8:15 next Thursday morning. (We will not be in school on Friday, October 2nd.) Thursday will mark the end of the first quarter, and all outstanding assignments will be due.

For those who want to work ahead, the religion assignment for October will be to memorize the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Students have received copies of the works of mercy and have those inside the cover of their religion books. Some students are ahead of the game, and we congratulate them for their initiative! **REMEMBER THAT ALL RELIGION BOOKS SHOULD BE KEPT IN STUDENT BACKPACKS WHEN NOT IN USE. THIS IS AN ONGOING ASSIGNMENT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**

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.

8th graders are excited about ordering their special 8th grade sweatshirts. Please have your orders and the payment turned in by Thursday, October 1st. If all orders are in early, we will have a better chance of having the shirts here by the time we return after fall break.

God bless each of you!

## **SSO (Student Service Organization)**

We have a new student organization to replace the STO. The Student Service Organization (SSO) has been organized and will start meeting on September 30. Due to Covid restrictions, we cannot do what was originally planned, so we have made some adaptations. All students in grades 5-8 will be the inaugural members of SSO. Each of the homerooms for 5-8 will plan school-wide activities that focus on serving others and making our community a better place. Eventually, we hope to involve all grade levels in the planning process.

The students in grades 5-8 have been invited to participate in a contest to design a logo for our new group. Entries are due on September 24 for this voluntary contest. Watch the Bulldog for future updates!

## **Cafeteria/Playground**

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

09/28 – Diane Patterson, 09/29 – Kay Gigerich, 09/30 – Marge Waldon

**Playground Volunteers:**

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)**

28 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Crackers Carrots with Dip Fruit Milk	29 Chicken Slider Sandwich Tossed Salad Green Beans Fruit Milk	30 Hamburger or Pizza Burger Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	October 1 Taco (Beef or Chicken) Refried Beans Corn Fruit Milk	2 NO SCHOOL – Previously scheduled off for Farmer’s Fair
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# Calendar of Events:

Thursday, October 1st	End of 1st Quarter
Friday, October 2 – Sunday, October 11th	Fall Break
Tuesday, October 13th	1st Quarter Report Cards go home
Saturday, October 17th	Drive Thru Fish Fry – 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. (3 of 3)
October 23 – 31	Red Ribbon Week – 7th grade SSO in charge
Wednesday, November 11	Veteran’s Day Program – 1:50 p.m.
November 25-27th	Thanksgiving Brek

## 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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