

The Bulldog Barks

January 15, 2021

Mr. Dennis - Principal

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Shoe update-- thank you to everyone who donated shoes to the drive. Thanks to your hard work and effort, we were able to collect over **1200 pairs of shoes!!!!**

Please see the attached flyer for Catholic Schools Week. We are very excited and have many things planned for the week. Students will be getting more information next week to prepare. It will be a meaningful and fun week to celebrate our Catholic education.

As always, pray for our school, families, and nation. God bless.

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

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Happy Friday! The two Pre-K classes have had so much fun learning about arctic animals and the letter O this week. We have talked about winter, snow, arctic animals, and the North and South Poles.

Hopefully they have been sharing some new facts with you that they have learned!

We will be moving onto the letter P next week and the kiddos have picked to focus on Paw Patrol and princesses (I mean of course, right?! Who wouldn't want to play with those things in class?!) It should be a very fun week for sure! We will also be focusing on the number 13 and continue to work with a hexagon and a pentagon for the letter P.

Our classes have also been practicing putting together puzzles and playing games. This is great for learning to take turns, be patient, and working cooperatively!

Have a wonderful three day weekend and we will see you next week!

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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In phonics next week we will be focusing on letter Dd- keyword-dog. We'll work with alphabetizing, spelling, and also get reader #8, *I Did It*. We will add 87 words to the caterpillar (that's a total of 490 words!), and we'll add 4 new words to our "pop-up" list. We have been working with the 8 basic color words. The children brought home self-checking flashcards for practice. They are doing a very good job reading sentences that contain caterpillar words, color words and "pop-up" words. Thank you for practicing at home.

We will be celebrating our 100th day of school on Wednesday, Jan. 20! We will be doing lots of activities having to do with 100. We will have a fun day.

Show-n-Tell for next week is Rr

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson

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In Math we are learning our doubles +1 facts (2+3, 3+4, 4+5, etc.) We are also learning to add two digit number together (without regrouping). In Phonic we will learn how to divide a two- syllable word with a v/cv (vowel, consonant, vowel) pattern. Have a great 3 day weekend!

Grade 2 – Mrs. Groveannmarie.grove@mystmarys.com

We met Mrs. Townsend, coordinator of Religious Education at St. Mary's, in church Tuesday morning, to talk about our first Reconciliation. Some of us already knew about examining our conscience because we have been working in our blue *Reconciliation Home Lesson Booklet*. The directions that came home with the booklet said it is to be completed by January 29. We were scheduled to have "An Evening of Reflection" (retreat) on Friday, January 29. This evening has been cancelled and instead we are doing the work during school hours. We will be practicing for our First Reconciliation in church during school hours next week. Our First Reconciliation is still scheduled after the 4:00 Mass on Saturday January 30, between 5-7pm.

Grade 3 and Grade 4- Mr. Rectoradam.rector@mystmarys.com

Hello! The two big things we need to pay attention to this week are our Spelling Words and our Reading Logs. Our spelling words this week are a bit longer than normal, so be sure to study them! I am sending home a list of our spelling words, but they are also available online here: https://quizlet.com/Adam_Rector1. Our Reading Logs are due January 29th, but since we set a lofty goal, many of us will need to be reading nearly every day to reach our goals! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out. Have a great long weekend!

Grade 5 and Grade 6 – Mrs. Ricesuzy.rice@mystmarys.com

5th grade is working on mastering multiplication facts. Practice. Practice. Practice! They are also working on fractions. 6th grade is mastering fractions and order of operations. 6th grade will have a test next Wednesday. 7th grade is solving one and two step linear equations. They have a quiz this week and a test next week. 8th grade is solving a system of linear equations by graphing, substitution, and elimination. They will have a test next Wednesday.

In February, we will have Robotics competitions on Thursday afternoons during after lunch. VEX IQ Teams will compete and Lego teams will share what they have learned. We will do this 4 Thursdays with 2 make up Thursdays in March, in case of snow. We have 5 VEX IQ teams now thanks to Aurora Knight of Columbus and the Retired Teachers Grant.

Grade 7 – Mrs. Rectorkim.rector@mystmarys.com

The eighth graders will be studying a very timely topic- the United States Constitution. A lot of compromise went into its creation. They also wanted to do a follow up project on the Revolutionary War, so they will be working on that as well.

The fifth through eighth grade are writing about a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." This quote is still relevant today. They will have a chance to enter their essay in a state-wide contest.

Have a terrific week!

Grade 8 – Mr. Waldonjim.waldon@mystmarys.com

Congratulations to Sarah Bruce and Elana Hollingsworth who were each awarded Oldenburg Academy scholarships for the 2021-22 school year! Elana was selected for the English scholarship, and Sarah was chosen for the Judith Ann Heinlein Scholarship. Great job, girls!

We continue our preparation for the 8th grade religion assessment and try to approach challenge questions differently each day to make it as much fun as possible.

We've finally been able to dig into Across Five Aprils, our next novel. Set in Illinois in April of 1861, the story makes real the differing facets of the American Civil War. We're just meeting the host of characters, most of whom belong to one family in the southern part of the state.

Book reports for January will be due January 29th.

REMEMBER THAT ALL RELIGION AND VOCABULARY BOOKS SHOULD BE KEPT IN STUDENT BACKPACKS WHEN NOT IN USE, AS WELL AS THE NOVEL WE ARE CURRENTLY READING. THIS IS AN ONGOING ASSIGNMENT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

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We have begun our study of the solar system. We will be concentrating on correct names, alignment, atmospheric conditions, and topics the class brings to my attention. We are currently constructing a lab of the solar system. We are using circular objects to simulate the planets and we will paint the physical appearance of the surface of each planet.

7th/8th SCIENCE:

We have begun the section on Heredity/Genetics. This week we will master the basics of terminology and build on what we learned when we completed our section of mitosis & meiosis. We will concentrate on Mendelian genetics. Gregor Mendel is the Father of Genetics and his principals will be discussed. Numerous labs will be completed concentrating on human chromosomal arrangement.

Cafeteria/Playground

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

1/18/21-NO SCHOOL, 1/19/21-Kay Gigerich, 1/20/21-Marge Waldon, 1/21/21-Charlotte Deville, 1/22/21-Lisa Grove, 1/25/21-Diane Patterson, 1/26/21-Kay Gigerich, 1/27/21-Marge Waldon, 1/28/21-Charlotte Deville, 1/29/21-Lisa Grove

Playground Volunteers:

1/18/21-NO SCHOOL, 1/19/21-Connie Powers, 1/20/21-HELP NEEDED, 1/21/21-HELP NEEDED, 1/22/21-HELP NEEDED, 1/25/21-Tara Schuler, 1/26/21-Connie Powers, 1/27/21-HELP NEEDED, 1/28/21-HELP NEEDED, 1/29/21-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)~~ All meals are free for all students, until further notice.

<p>18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day No School</p>	<p>19 Chicken Nuggets Buttered Noodles Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk</p>	<p>20 Hamburger or Pizza Burger French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk</p>	<p>21 Sausage Gravy w/ Biscuit Sausage Link Peas Carrots Fruit Milk</p>	<p>22 Chicken Sliders on Bun Veggie Sticks w/ Dip Fruit Milk</p>
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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.

THE NEW BOX TOPS LABELS



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. I appreciate all of your help in earning money for St. Mary's School.

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.

Calendar of Events:

Monday, January 18, 2021	MLK Jr. Day NO SCHOOL 7/8 girls b-ball 6:00 at Rising Sun
Tuesday, January 19, 2021	5/6 girls b-ball 5:30 at Aurora
Wednesday, January 20, 2021	5/6 girls b-ball 5:30 at Home
Thursday, January 21, 2021	7/8 girls b-ball 5:30 at Home
Monday, January 25, 2021	5/6 girls b-ball 5:30 at Dillsboro
Tuesday, January 26, 2021	7/8 girls b-ball 5:30 at Home
Wednesday, January 27, 2021	6 th girls b-ball 5:30 at Home 7 th girls b-ball 6:30 at Home
Thursday, January 28, 2021	7/8 girls b-ball 5:30 at Home
January 31-February 6, 2021	Catholic Schools Week

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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