

**The Bulldog Barks**  
**January 29, 2021**

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**We are in need of bottled water again! If you can find the smaller water bottles they are helpful with the younger children. Please encourage your children to come with their water bottles filled from home. We appreciate any donations.**

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**Mr. Dennis - Principal**

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It's finally here! Time for Catholic Schools Week. Let's celebrate this school and all of our kids. I want to touch on a few highlights to help everyone prepare.

Monday- No need for breakfast. All the kids will be served here. Also, they are out of uniform if they donate \$1 to St. Vincent De Paul. **All videos for the virtual talent show are due to my email, [randy.dennis@mystmarys.com](mailto:randy.dennis@mystmarys.com), by Monday.**

Tuesday- I hope the kids studied. The Geography Bee with prizes for 1st,2nd, and 3rd will take place in social studies. If all the technology works, students will be watching the Virtual Talent Show as well.

Wednesday- This is the day to bring in items for the troops. Lists were sent home with students last week. Kids can wear Red, White, and Blue but should wear dress pants for Mass. Kids will enjoy hot chocolate that day.

Thursday- Saint Competition! We will be taking pictures as students come into the building as his/her saint. All students will vote for who most resembles their saint.

Friday- Please bring in a little something for our teachers. I will ask teachers to share with students things they might enjoy. It does not need to be purchased. Something handmade may have the most value. We will also be participating in Adoration towards the end of the day. After Adoration, it will be game time. Send your child in with one of his/her favorite games to play with their classmates to end the week.

For the last few weeks, the kids (hopefully) have been doing chores around the house to raise funds for Catholic Relief Services. Anything collected should be turned in on Friday.

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

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We worked with the letter Q while making quilts and pretending to be queens. We are now ready to move onto the letter R! We will be looking at rainbows, rockets, and robots. We will also be looking at the number 15 and spheres. We are working on coloring pictures using different colors instead of just using one color for a whole picture. We will be talking about 3D shapes and simple patterns as well. The Monday, Wednesday, Friday group has been working on counting the number of syllables in a word and talking about opposite words. These topics would be something simple and fun you could practice at home or even when driving in the car.

Have a great week!

**Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning**

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Next week is Catholic Schools Week! Thank you so much for choosing St. Mary's School for your child's education. We appreciate all that you do for the children, and our school. We're looking forward to all of our special days next week.

\*Breakfast will be served to all students on Monday. Enjoy!

Our new letter will be Jj- keyword- jar. The children will bring home reader # 9, *Pig's Jet*. We will be working with accented syllables in words, and we will be reading and writing sentences using "pop-up" words and the 8 basic color words. After adding the caterpillar words next week, we have a total of 524 words!

In math we will review counting money, and we will begin a unit on measurement. We will compare lengths to identify which is longer, and which is shorter.

Show-n-Tell next week will be Ss.

Have a fabulous week!

**Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson**

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In Phonics we will be learning diphthong oi (as in oil) and diphthong oy (as in toy). We will also learn to divide words with a vc/cvc/cv (vowel, consonant, consonant, vowel, consonant, consonant, vowel) pattern.

In Math we are continuing to practice our doubles +1 math fact. We are also creating and reading picture graphs.

Our Valentine's Day party will be on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Remember to bring your Valentines!

**Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove**

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First Reconciliation is this Saturday in church after the 4:00 Mass.

We have 24 eggs in the incubator in our classroom. We expect 50-75% should be fertile and start hatching in 21 days. Mrs Wismann bought the eggs for us from the Mount Healthy Hatchery and her father picked them up Tuesday afternoon to deliver to us. The Wismanns will take the chicks home when they start flying around the classroom about 3 weeks after they hatch. The Purdue Co-Op Extension Office lent us the incubator. The kids are excited to watch them hatch and then play with them for a few weeks.

Please practice subtraction facts at home.

**Grade 3 and Grade 4- Mr. Rector**

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Hello Everyone! This week is Catholic Schools Week. On Tuesday we will be taking a virtual field trip to a historic stop on the Underground Railroad. We are "visiting" the Levi Coffin House, considered by many to be the "Grand Central Station" of the Underground Railroad. We will be calling in via Zoom, and getting a live tour of the facilities, as well as a lesson in how the Underground Railroad worked. Since this month we had an ambitious Reading Log goal, we will back off our goals for February. I will hand out the new goal sheets on Monday. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out!

**Grade 5 and Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice**

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There are many exciting things happening in 5th-8th grade. First, next week during Catholic Schools Week, beside the activities planned for the whole school, On Thursday after lunch, we will have our first robotics meet. We have 5 teams that will work together to score as many points together as possible. We will have a meet each Thursday for 5 weeks.

In March we will participate in Mad Minute Math. Students will be challenged to answer as many multiplication facts correctly as possible in one minute. Upon successfully completing 30, 40, 50, or 60 facts correctly in 1 minute, their name will be added to the Mad Minute Math Wall of Fame. It's time now to brush up on your multiplication facts, learn them, or get faster! Online, go to [madminutemath](http://madminutemath.com) for some practice.

**Grade 7 – Mrs. Rector**

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The snow day was a nice surprise. Please make sure your student is checking their [mystmarys.com](http://mystmarys.com) email and Google Classroom for assignments on these unexpected days off. If they don't have work that has been given to them ahead of time, all of their work will be posted on Google Classroom. It is also a good time to check for any unfinished work and to catch up.

We are looking forward to Catholic Schools Week next week! Please check the calendar to see what activities are going on each day. I hope to see many entries for the virtual talent show on Thursday. Have a terrific week!

## **Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon**

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This week in English we have practiced identifying and correcting run-on sentences, and, of course, we've stuck with our journal writing. Our writing topics this week were "Describe a classmate" and "Make up a definition for 'execuglide,' and use it in a sentence."

In *Across Five Aprils* the American Civil War has begun. The family around which the story centers is divided in loyalty, and this adds to the distress of having four members of the household off in the armies. Because the first two chapters set up the plot, they move slowly. Fortunately we have moved into what is a really good story.

In religion (grades 5 through 8) we get sharper and sharper with knowledge about our Catholic faith. We just have a couple of weeks left to hone our skills! The memorization assignment for February will be to memorize the sacraments: (initiation: baptism, Eucharist, confirmation; service: matrimony and holy orders; and healing: reconciliation and anointing of the sick).

**KEEP IN MIND 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. God bless you and yours!**

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### **7th/8th SCIENCE:**

We are performing a Genetic lab with the purpose of indicating that certain genes are located on certain chromosomes. Each student receives a lab manual indicating that 15 different infants are having a karyotype performed. I have assembled 15 different combinations of the 23 chromosomes of each parent. Those 23 chromosomes have certain genes and genetic syndromes upon certain chromosomes. On a separate data page each student will review all 15 karyotype and indicate the traits of the babies and if a genetic syndrome is present. They will also indicate gender, hair color, eye color, and rather the infant is a carrier of a genetic defect.

### **5th/6th SCIENCE:**

We ended the Solar System unit and we are beginning a intro section on Genetics. Basic terminology, human traits, the relationship between genes and chromosomes, and our fight against Covid-19. I will attempt to explain how viruses can mutate and how the vaccine is attacking the Covid-19 virus.

**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:**

2/1/21-Diane Patterson, 2/2/21-Kay Gigerich, 2/3/21-Marge Waldon, 2/4/21-Nanci Ross, 2/5/21-Lisa Grove, 2/8/21-Diane Patterson, 2/9/21-Kay Gigerich, 2/10/21-eLearning Day, 2/11/21-Nanci Ross, 2/12/21-Lisa Grove, 2/15/21-Diane Patterson, 2/16/21-Kay Gigerich, 2/17/21-Marge Waldon, 2/18/21-Charlotte Deville, 2/19/21-Lisa Grove, 2/22/21-Diane Patterson, 2/23/21-Kay Gigerich, 2/24/21-Marge Waldon, 2/25/21-Charlotte Deville, 2/26/21-Lisa Grove

**Playground Volunteers:**

2/1/21-Tara Schuler, 2/2/21-Connie Powers, 2/3/21-HELP NEEDED, 2/4/21-HELP NEEDED, 2/5/21-HELP NEEDED, 2/8/21-Tara Schuler, 2/9/21-Connie Powers, 2/10/21-elearning Day, 2/11/21-HELP NEEDED, 2/12/21-HELP NEEDED, 2/15/21-Tara Schuler, 2/16/21-Connie Powers, 2/17/21-HELP NEEDED, 2/18/21-HELP NEEDED, 2/19/21-HELP NEEDED, 2/22/21-Tara Schuler, 2/23/21-Connie Powers, 2/24/21-HELP NEEDED, 2/25/21-HELP NEEDED, 2/26/21-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.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Rotini w/ Meat Sauce Breadstick Tossed Salad Green Beans Fruit Milk	2 Chicken Patty on Bun Green Beans Corn Fruit Milk	3 Hamburger or Pizza Burger FF Baked Beans Fruit Milk	4 Cheese Coney Veggie Sticks w/ Dip Fruit Milk	5 Bowl of Chili Peanut Butter &/or Jelly Sandwich Corn Fruit Milk

## 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](mailto: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.



**Ronald McDonald  
House Charities®**  
Central Indiana

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:

January 31-February 6, 2021	Catholic Schools Week
Monday, February 1, 2021	5/6 girls bball 5:30 @ Aurora
Tuesday, February 2, 2021	5/6 girls bball 6:00 @ St. Louis
Wednesday, February 3, 2021	5/6 girls bball 5:30 @ Dillsboro 7/8 girls bball 5:30 @ home vs. Rising Sun
Thursday, February 4, 2021	7/8 girls bball 5:30 @ home vs. Greendale
Friday, February 5, 2021	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Midterm

## 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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