

## **The Bulldog Barks** **January 8, 2021**

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**Mr. Dennis - Principal**

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**BIG NEWS**-- Thanks to the Rising Sun Regional Foundation, security for our children will increase yet again. The Foundation has just selected us for a grant totaling \$9560! With these funds, we will add to the number of cameras around the school so the kids are always visible. We will add a security system with a keypad on the side entry. Lastly, we will be replacing the only entrance (in the back alley) without a secure door. We are grateful for the funds and send our sincerest thanks to the Rising Sun Regional Foundation.

Shoe Drive News- the shoe drive will continue through Friday of next week. We currently have 43 bags filled. At 25 pairs a bag, we have collected over 1000 pairs of shoes!!! Thank you to everyone who brought in shoes. To everyone else, we have until Friday!

Earlier in the week, we sent out the changes to the rules on quarantining. Until further notice, those rules will be in effect.

Welcome to the new year everyone. Please pray for continued blessings for St. Mary's and all of our families.

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

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Welcome back!! We hope everyone had a great holiday break and that you were able to enjoy time with your loved ones in the safest way you could. We are so glad to have the kiddos back at school and we are ready to move on with this second semester of preschool.

We were sad to say good-bye to Mrs. Dozier last semester and wish her all the best with her new job! We are excited to welcome Mrs. Palmer into our classroom on Tuesdays and Thursdays! Mrs. Wismann and Mrs. Palmer seem to be off to a great start this week and are looking forward to working with the Tuesday/Thursday group in the weeks to come.

We had a review of our letters and numbers to get us back into the groove of our schedule and day at school. Next week, we will be moving on to the letter O and the numbers 11 & 12. We are talking about opposite words, and counting the number of syllables in as many words as we can throughout the day. The students are also talking about parallelograms (very tricky for them to say) and hexagons. We are discussing winter and polar animals to go along with the cold weather we are having.

Speaking of cold weather, be sure to send in those warm hats, gloves and coats with your child. We will try to get them outside as much as possible! Getting fresh air seems to be so helpful with these kiddos, and they love being able to get outside.

Continue to review with your child at home whenever you can! The more exposure and practice the students get at this age, the more prepared and excited they will be to continue on with their love for education! Thanks for all you do and have a wonderful week!

**Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning**

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Our new letter for next week is **Yy**- keyword- yarn. After adding our Yy words to the caterpillar, we will have over 400 words that we can blend to read. How awesome is that? We will also be working with alphabetical order, and rhyming. We will add two new "pop-up" words to our list. Please continue to practice reading all "pop-up" words.

We will be working with the 8 basic color words. The children will bring home self-checking flashcards for practice.

In math we will work with numbers 0-20, identifying which comes before, between, or after a given number.

Show-n-Tell for next week will be Ff.

If you haven't already done so, please remember to sign and return report cards. Great job class!

**Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson**

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Report Cards were sent home earlier this week. Please let me know if you have any questions about your child's growth.

In phonics we will be learning to read and spell new words with combination ir (as in bird) and combination ur (as in purse). We will also learn the soft sound of the letter c (as in circle) and digraph ow (as in bow).

A new 'Yellow Reader' will be going home. We will start reading the story **The Shopping List** on Monday. Reading Word List #16 will also be sent home. Please remember to help your child study!

**Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove**

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Keep practicing addition facts at home because we are now concentrating on subtraction.

Congratulations to Alivia and Bryce! They have mastered their addition facts, so they no longer have to do the addition fact homework or tests.

Thank you for the containers sent in for our math activity on the capacity of gallons, ½ gallons, quarts, pints, liters, and cups.

Also thank you to Mrs. Bell for the knee high stockings for our "grass head" science experiment.

Don't forget to send back your December Book-It logs. Peyton, Sawyer, Abbie, and Sarah have already returned their December Book-It logs. Great job!

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

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Hello Everyone! We had a good first week back! Our reading log goals for this month are set at a lofty 18 days. I will be giving time in class to read each day, but students need to be reading at home as well to reach our goal. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out at [adam.rector@mystmarys.com](mailto:adam.rector@mystmarys.com). Thanks!

**Grade 5 and Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice**

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Happy New Year! We are back, full speed ahead! 2nd quarter Report Cards went home on Tuesday. One copy should be signed and returned.

5th grade is practicing multiplication facts. They played multiplication war and have had a multiplication fact sheet to do each night for homework. A deck of cards can replace flash cards. They are also working on fractions.

6th grade is multiplying and dividing fractions and mixed numbers. 7th grade is simplifying problems using the order of operations and solving equations with fractions. 8th grade is solving a system of equations using graphing, substitution, and elimination.

**Grade 7 – Mrs. Rector**

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Welcome back! I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas! This week brought the start of the third quarter. Please return the signed report card from the second quarter if you have not already done so. As always, let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

We are wrapping up our discussion of the Revolutionary War in eighth grade social studies and will have a test next Thursday. The sixth and seventh graders will continue their study of North Africa and Southeast Asia. The fifth graders are learning about the thirteen original colonies.

In language arts, the fifth, sixth, and seventh graders will be taking on a writing project next week. I look forward to some interesting stories. Have a great week!

## Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon

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Happy New Year! Here we are, firmly planted in the third quarter! Despite the overcast and cold days of winter, the quarter will go quickly. One of our goals is preparation for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade religion assessment. We began to work this week on our review and study with the 7<sup>th</sup> graders – some of whom are ready for the assessment!

We have devoted a part of our language arts classes this week to preparing for morning prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours for Wednesday (the 6<sup>th</sup>) and for this morning. With Father out of town, this gave us a way to join the Universal Church in faithful prayer. We also did a better than average job of staying on top of our journal writing. Congratulations to the students who worked so hard to stay on target (and in some cases, to work ahead)!

Did you know that we have two class “reporters” who keep their ears tuned for humorous and off-the-wall remarks made in the room? Chris and Adrian not only listen carefully for the humor, but they also share it with us later. Taken out of context, some of it doesn’t seem to make much sense, but they bring us a lot of smiles and laughter in their “reports.”

Thanks to everyone who has returned report cards; this 8<sup>th</sup> grade is a good class for returning things promptly.

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

We have began a unit of the solar system. We are continuing a daily poster in which we discuss and draw different facts about the solar system. Your child will be bringing this poster home when completed. We will have a lab in the gym using the planets and a scale in placing the planets in relationship to their location orbiting the sun. We will use different size balls from the P.E. area to simulate the planets

### 7th/8th SCIENCE:

We will be completing a lab on crystal formation. We completed a simple lab before XMAS on crystals to prep for this more extensive lab. Look this lab over with your child and you will notice it goes into great detail. The students will create their own crystal lab based upon the template of the lab manual. Writing a lab report is vital for success at the high school level.

### 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:

1/11/21-Diane Patterson, 1/12/21-Kay Gigerich, 1/13/21-Marge Waldon, 1/14/21-Charlotte Deville, 1/15/21 Lisa Grove, 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:

1/11/21-Tara Schuler, 1/12/21-Connie Powers, 1/13/21-HELP NEEDED, 1/14/21-HELP NEEDED, 1/15/21-HELP NEEDED, 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.**

11 3-Way Tossed Salad Green Bens Crackers Fruit Milk	12 Popcorn Chicken Buttered Noodles Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	13 BBQ on Bun French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	14 Taco Nachos w/ Taco Meat & Cheese Sauce Pinto Beans Corn Fruit Milk	15 Cheese Coney Veggie Sticks w/ Dip Fruit Milk
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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.



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.



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:

**November 15-January 15, 2021**

## **Shoe Drive**

Donate Your Gently Worn, Used and New Shoes!

Monday, January 18, 2021

MLK Jr. Day –possible snow make up

January 31-February 6, 2021

Catholic Schools Week

February 5, 2021

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Midterm

Wednesday February 10, 2021

elearning day for students; professional development for teachers

February 11, 2021

midterms sent home

## **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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- Like. Follow. Share on Facebook: **St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception**
- Follow us on Instagram: **myst.marys**

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