

The Bulldog Barks December 11, 2020

Mr. Dennis - Principal

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We are almost ready for the 3rd Sunday of Advent. It's amazing how fast time moves. There are a number of things going on before the end of the busy calendar year.

Next week, you will be receiving your child's results on the NWEA MAP test. This report will show you where your child placed compared to other children nationally. I will be emailing the reports to families with children in grades 3-8 the results.

Students in grades K-6 were able to participate in a live-streaming event. The National Theatre for Children put on a performance entitled, "Space Station Conservation." Students were able to view this live performance in their various classrooms. This was a great way to have this event during the time of Covid restrictions.

Shoes! We currently have 19 bags of shoes filled. That's 475 pairs of shoes! We have all the way until January 15 to meet our goal of 100 bags. We need your shoes please!

Tuesday is out of uniform as long as it's Christmassy (yes, it's a word)! This can include anything red or green. Students in grades K-2 will be dressed up for their Christmas program recording. Therefore, we extended it to everyone. We will send that video out before the end of next week. All 3rd through 8th grade parents should have received the link for Lessons and Carols.

Enjoy this time of Advent. It is with great anticipation that we await the Christ child.

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

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We have worked through the alphabet and made it all the way to the letter N! Next week, we will take a break from learning a new letter, and do a review week. We will have lots of fun activities reviewing the letters A-N as well as fun Christmas activities and crafts. We will be doing the same with our numbers (1-13) and shapes.

Progress Reports were sent home this week. The kiddos are doing such a great job so far. If you need any ideas or resources to use at home please let us know! We would be happy to help you out. If you haven't signed and returned the Progress Report please do so as soon as you can!

I am going to send home the snack schedule for after Christmas Break, but I will also post a picture of the schedule on our ClassDojo page so you can go back and see it whenever you need. If you have not signed up to our ClassDojo site, please contact Mrs. Strasemeier for information on how to do so! We post a lot of great pictures and information there for you.

Our class Christmas party will be on Friday, December 18th and Mrs. Wismann will be here filling in for Mrs. Strasemeier that day. This day will also be a pajama day and we will be watching The Polar Express during rest time! It should be a fun-filled day!

We would like to wish you all the happiest holiday season, and may you all stay healthy and enjoy the time with your loved ones!

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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We will be doing individual evaluations for report cards next week. Please make sure to practice reading sight / high-frequency words ("pop-up" words), blending, and all other skills that were listed on the midterm letter.

In phonics we will work with letter Cc-keyword-cat ("hard" sound of Cc). We will be learning the "K/C rule": The /k/ sound is spelled with "k" if it is followed by an **e, i, or y**; the /k/ sound is spelled with "c" if it is followed by an **a, o, u, or any consonant**. Reviewing this rule at home would be greatly appreciated.

Show-n-Tell next week is letter Mm.

Have a wonderful week!

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson

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In Phonics we will be learning to read and spell new words with combination ar (as in arm) and digraph ch (as in cheese). We do not have a spelling test this week!

Our Christmas Party is on Friday, December 18th. Please check the party list that was sent home last week to see if your child needs to bring in any goodies to the party.

Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove

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Congratulations to Alivia for being the 1st in the class to answer correctly 100 addition facts in 5 minutes or less. The rest of the class will continue to practice their addition facts while we move onto memorizing all of our subtraction facts.

Electricity conservation is our topic this week with a virtual live Childrens' Theatre presentation sponsored by Duke Energy.

We continue to focus on Advent in Religion class. Please continue to read 20 minutes per night at home for Book-It. Only three students have returned their November Book-It reading log.

Grade 3 and Grade 4- Mr. Rector

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Hello! This is the last week before Christmas Break! We will be wrapping up a lot of stuff this week. Journals will be due on Friday, so make sure you have all of the required journals and the extra journals we need. The guidelines are listed in my newsletter if you want to double check. Our reading logs are also due this week, so make sure you are reading to reach your goal! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out!

Grade 5 and Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice

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The 5th & 6th grader's Holiday Shopping Project is due by Tuesday. The 5th grade has an assignment to do timed math facts every night. The 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade classes will each have a math test by the end of next week. Next week ends the quarter and second semester! Report cards go home after Christmas break, Jan. 5.

The 5th & 6th grade watched a presentation from Duke Energy yesterday. Parents, go to myenergykit.org to claim your free energy kit. The students enjoyed the presentation and hearing their school name announced.

Grade 7 – Mrs. Rector

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It is hard to believe that we are down to the final week before Christmas break. This also means that the second quarter is coming to an end. There have been several absences in the past two weeks, so students need to be sure they have turned in any makeup work they have missed. We will wrap up our units in social studies and language arts next week. Report cards will be sent home after break.

The seventh graders will have a small Christmas party on Friday, December 18th. They are deciding amongst themselves what snacks to bring in. Check with your child to see if they have volunteered to bring something in. Have a terrific week!

Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon

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We're working hard to catch up and wrap up by the end of the semester. My absence last week threw a wrench in things, and now we're focusing on finishing *Johnny Tremain*. We hope to be able to view the film version of the book sometime next week so that we can compare the plot and characters and discuss the changes to the story.

Our vocabulary assignment, Unit 10, will be postponed until our return in January; Greek and Latin Roots, Prefixes, and Suffixes will be due this week and next as scheduled, as will journal assignments.

The religion assignment for December is to memorize the Angelus; several students have already accomplished this. For January, the students are to memorize the Apostles' Creed, and they have copies for study.

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.

God bless you all!

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5th/6th SCIENCE: We concluded the unit on basic rocks that make up the earth. We ended the section with a lab on crystallization, the students performed the lab well and quiz grades were very good. Thursday and Friday we conducted a chemistry lab with the purpose of showing how chemical reactions can produce change in a substance. The students recorded observations based on combining HCL with five different substances. Those substances were, baking soda, zinc, ammonia, lead nitrate, & shell. The reactions varied from active fizzing, gas formed, temperature changes, and liquids changing to solids. Correct lab techniques are improving and safety is always the first priority.

7th/8th SCIENCE: The unit on MITOSIS concluded on Friday. Wednesday we performed a lab involving oreo cookies & sprinkles. The cookies were open and the cream side became the cell with the cream the cytoplasm. Each student had six oreos and each phase of mitosis was performed by the student. The sprinkles were representing chromosomes. Monday we begin a unit on MEIOSIS.

Cafeteria/Playground

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

12/14-Diane Patterson, 12/15-Kay Gigerich, 12/16-Marge Waldon, 12/17-Charlotte Deville, 12/18-Lisa Grove,

Playground Volunteers:

12/14-Tara Schuler, 12/15-Connie Powers, 12/16-HELP NEEDED, 12/17-HELP NEEDED, 12/18-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.

14 Bowl of Chili Peanut Butter &/or Jelly Sandwich Corn Fruit Milk	15 Chicken Strips Buttered Noodles Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	16 Hamburger or Pizza burger French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	17 Taco Beef or Chicken Corn Refried Beans Fruit Milk	18 Cheese Stuffed Bread Stick w/ Pizza Sauce Toss Salad Carrots 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.

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:

November 15-January 15, 2021

Shoe Drive

Donate Your Gently Worn, Used and New Shoes!

Tuesday, December 15

Out of Uniform Day – wear your red/green/Christmassy, ect. stuff

Wednesday, December 16

7/8 Boys Basketball – 5:30 away South Dearborn

Thursday, December 17

7/8 Boys Basketball – 6:00 home Rising Sun

Friday, December 18

End of Second Quarter

December 21-January 3

Christmas break

Monday, January 4, 2021

Classes Resume - Welcome back!

- South Dearborn Schools will not return until Tuesday, January 5th. St. Mary's is coming back 1 day early, so we can take Easter Monday off. There will be no bus service on Monday, January 4, 2020.

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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