

## **The Bulldog Barks**

### **February 26, 2021**

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**Mr. Dennis - Principal**

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We actually had a full week of school! Many basketball games have been played to make up for those that were lost.

Ashley Sedler, a graduate of St. Mary's, will be working with our students two days a week as part of her new job at ROD Special Education. She is a recent graduate from I.U. East with an Elementary Education degree. Ashley will be able to help all of St. Mary's students. We are currently looking at Ashley providing after school tutoring for students that are struggling in a subject. We are grateful to have her back in our halls.

Work has begun on installing more cameras for security and adding an alarm system on the side door to the building. These cameras will give us a view of when students go up to the kindergarten room and Activity Center. The third camera will give us a view of the kindergarten playground. This is one more way to keep all of our kids safe!

The first Fish Fry may have been canceled, but they are back for the month of March! With the addition of March 19, we will now be having a Fish Fry every Friday of the month. As always, we need your help. Please sign up and spread the word of our Fish Fry to all you know. Despite being drive thru only for now, we are hoping for successful Fish Frys. A huge thank you to all who dine, fry, or serve.

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

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We are so glad to have a normal school schedule again and I think the kiddos are super excited to be back to their routine! We had so much fun this week learning about the letter T with tractors, Teddy Bear Day, and teeth. We are ready to move onto the letter U next week. We will be talking about unicorns (I know some little girls are going to be super excited) and umbrellas. We will be talking about opposites as well.

We are working on our numbers and are ready to move forward to the number 18. Our Monday, Wednesday, Friday group has been writing their numbers 1-20 as well and they are doing a great job! This is a lot of work for them, but they have shown that they are completely up for the challenge and we are super proud of them!

Have a great week!

**Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning**[amy.denning@mystmarys.com](mailto:amy.denning@mystmarys.com)

We have finished the identification, sounds, and printing of all 26 letters of the alphabet. Next week we will be working with long vowel sounds (the vowels say their own name). Keywords: a- acorn, e- equal, i- icicle, o- overalls, u- unicorn. We have learned the v--- rule : a vowel not followed by a consonant, (within the same syllable) is usually long; (no, me, so, be, he, hi), we code the vowel with a macron. A macron is a straight line over the top of the vowel. We will also get reader #11, My Pal Bo. Reading the “pop-up” words on a regular basis will help your child become a more fluent reader. The “Ww” words could use some extra practice!

In math we will continue working with coins- pennies, nickels, dimes- identifying and counting money. We will also work with cylinders, and our new ABC pattern.

We will be doing individual evaluations for report cards. Please practice reading skills with your child.

Show-n-Tell for the week of March 1 will be Dd.

Enjoy your week!

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

The 1<sup>st</sup> graders will be learning digraph au (as in faucet), digraph aw (as in straw), and digraph oa (as in soap). They will also learn that in words containing the letter i or o followed by two consonants (“wild colt” words), the vowel often makes its long sound (as in bind, bold).

In reading we will begin a story about our five senses called, You Can’t Smell a Flower with Your Ear!  
In science we will be learning even more about our five senses.

We do have a spelling test this week. Remember to study!

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

By the time you read this Bulldog, the snow will be melted off the playground. We can not wait to play outside again!

The chicks are proving to be very entertaining. They look like they will be flying soon and so have to go home to the Wismanns’.

The students have enjoyed making birthday cards for nursing home residents. This is a 6th grade school wide project.

Lent is our topic in Religion.

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

The week of March 8th Third Grade is scheduled to take the IREAD. Fourth Grade will have materials prepared for them as if they were ELearning while Third Grade tests. The tests should only take one morning to complete. Since we have entered a new month, we will have a new Reading Log Goal! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out.

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

The 2nd robotics meet took place yesterday. The teams did great. “Area 85 Classified” earned first place scoring 115 points putting them in the first place spot for the season so far. The team members are Daniel, William, Garrett, Noah, and Sam. The second place team, “Wolves”, earned 79 points. Team members are Mathew, Nordica, Khloe O., Liam, Oliver, and Rebekah. The 3rd, 4th, and 5th place teams are very close within 6 points of each other. Teams will have 2 more meets, the next 2 Thursdays in the afternoon.

All of my math classes had tests this week. 5th graders have just begun multiplying fractions, 6th graders just tested on ratios, 7th graders just tested on ratios and proportions and how to use them, 8th graders just tested on multiplying polynomials and are ready to move on to factoring polynomials.

All classes will be participating in Mad Minute Math March. Mad Minute Math tests the multiplication facts, accuracy and speed. Their name will be added to the Mad Minute Math wall outside my classroom when they reach a level of 30, 40, 50, or 60 correct facts in one minute.

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

Finally, a normal week! In language arts, the fifth and sixth graders are enjoying Ralph’s adventures in *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*. We will finish the book this week. The seventh graders are continuing to read about Tom’s antics in *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. It will take us a few more weeks to finish this novel. Both classes have been writing biographies.

The fifth graders are learning about the French, Spanish, and English interests in North America in the 1600 and 1700’s. The sixth and seventh graders are researching current events in Southwest Asia. The eighth graders studied the Constitution and are studying the early days of America. Have a terrific week!

**Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon****[jim.waldon@mystmarys.com](mailto:jim.waldon@mystmarys.com)**

Each day students are reminded that we are in the season of Lent, a word which comes from an old English word, “lenctentide.” This means “springtime,” and we keep this time of year holy by our sacrifices, fasting and abstaining, and almsgiving. Students are encouraged to stick with their Lenten promises as they grow closer to the One it’s all about: Jesus!

Unit 13 in Vocabulary Workshop will not be due until this coming Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

We’ve had five days of school in a row! That’s a first since before Christmas. We got back in the groove this week, especially in literature; we’re at a key and exciting point in *Across Five Aprils*. From now on the drama will not let up!

**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.** Whether students are at home or at school, the materials should be in the backpack when they are not in use.

God bless you!

## 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:

3/1/21-Diane Patterson, 3/2/21-Kay Gigerich, 3/3/21-Marge Waldon, 3/4/21-Charlotte Deville, 3/5/21-Lisa Grove

### Playground Volunteers:

3/1/21-HELP NEEDED, 3/2/21-Connie Powers, 3/3/21-HELP NEEDED, 3/4/21-HELP NEEDED, 3/5/21-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 Sliced Turkey Mashed Potatoes Bread Peas Fruit Milk	2 Popcorn Chicken Buttered Noodles Green Beans Corn Fruit Milk	3 BBQ on Bun French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	4 Chicken Sliders On Bun Toss Salad Green Beans Fruit Milk	5 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Carrots w/ Dip Fruit Milk

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:

Saturday, February 27, 2021	Oldenburg Tournament
Monday, March 1, 2021	7/8 girls bball 5:30 @ Home vs. St. Michael
Tuesday, March 2, 2021	5/6 girls bball 5:30 @ Home vs. Aurora
Wednesday, March 3, 2021	School Mass 9:00 am 7/8 girls bball 5:30 @ South Dearborn Away 5/6 girls bball 5:30 @ Home vs. Dillsboro
Friday, March 5, 2021	Way of the Cross grades5-8 2:00 pm Fish Fry 4:30-7:30
Monday, March 10, 2021	School Mass 9:00 am
Friday, March 12, 2021	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Way of the Cross grades5-8 2:00 pm Fish Fry 4:30-7:30
March 15-26, 2021	Spring Break

## 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**
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