

## **The Bulldog Barks** **March 5, 2021**

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### **Mr. Dennis - Principal**

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It's here! The first Fish Fry is tonight. Thank you to everyone that is or has already given time to get us prepared. Come out tonight, and tell all of your friends and family.

Next week is a big week for testing before Spring Break. We will have our second round of NWEA MAP testing starting on Monday. The 3rd grade will be taking the state-mandated IREAD test. The ILEARN will take place next month.

A Transition Committee has been formed to lead the transition to St. Lawrence after next school year. The committee is made up of both principals, two members from both of the School Commissions, Father, and Ann Hutchinson. The committee will begin meeting in April to plan events for next year. You will be updated throughout the year on all of the upcoming events.

The preschool flyer is attached to the Bulldog this week. Please spread the word of our awesome preschool to anyone with young children. Let them know that, just like us, the preschool is ready to go for next year. If you are able, please post in your local community. Thank you.

Next week is the last week before Spring Break! We have survived a global pandemic and the announcement of the schools merging together. The Holy Spirit is amazing! You are all a blessing to all of us. Thank you.

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

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We would like to start off by letting you know that Mrs. Strasemeier has officially accepted a teaching position in the South Dearborn School District for the remainder of this school year beginning Monday, March 8th. Mrs. Wismann will be taking over as lead teacher for the preschool program and will be working 5 days a week.

"I would like to thank the St. Mary's School community for welcoming me so kindly and for a great start to the school year. I have enjoyed working with this group of students so far and I am so unbelievably proud of their hard work and progress this year. This program was new for all of us, and the kiddos and parents were so patient, understanding, kind, and cooperative. This was a very difficult decision for me since I am leaving in the middle of the year and I have had such a great time getting this preschool program going. I feel I am making the best decision for the future of my teaching career and I am forever grateful for the opportunities I was presented at St. Mary's. My own children will continue to attend St. Mary's so I look forward to seeing and working with all of you in the coming months! Thank you to Mr. Brookbank and Mr. Dennis for giving me this amazing opportunity and for allowing me to work part time. Also, thank you to Mrs. Wismann for stepping up to the challenge time and time again and for being so great to work with." -Mrs. Strasemeier

Next week will be reviewing the letters and numbers learned so far. We will be talking about St. Patrick's Day and Spring as well. After Spring Break, we will continue with another week of review to get everyone back into the routine and structure of our classroom. Once we get into the month of April, we will continue working on the letters and numbers.

Have a wonderful and relaxing week followed by a fun-filled Spring Break!

**Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning**

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We will be finishing individual evaluations for report cards during the week of March 8. Please review “pop-up” words, color words, blending, and all skills that were listed in the midterm letter.

We will also be working with digraph ck (duck). A digraph is two letters that come together to make one sound. Digraph ck follows a short vowel. When you hear a short vowel sound, followed by the k sound, it will be spelled 'ck'. We code digraphs with a straight line under the digraph.

Show-n-Tell for the week of March 8 will be - Vv.

Don't forget to come to the Fish Fry!

**Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson**

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In phonics we will be learning the sounds of digraph ey (as in key) and digraph ph (as in phone). We will also learn to divide vc/v words.

In math we are using our rulers to measure to the nearest inch and estimating distances using feet. We are also subtracting numbers from 10 and identifying dozen and half dozen.

We have spelling and reading tests this week. Remember to study!

**Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove**

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We were so excited to receive letters from our high school penpals. We replied right away.

We are talking about the work of water in science class. We have done activities to mimic erosion on rocks to create sand.

The 6th grade has invited us to watch their robotics competition Friday. We can't wait.

March is the last month for Book-It. Please keep reading for 20 minutes. It works wonders.

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

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Hello Everyone! Third Grade will be taking the IREAD this week. It should take most of Tuesday Morning. I have prepared Elearning for Fourth Grade to do while Third grade is testing. We will also do our second round on MAP testing this week, but both grades will take them at the same time. We have another Journal check this week because the Quarter ends Friday. Students only need One extra Journal for this check because the time period was so short. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out!

**Grade 5 and Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice**

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The robotics teams had their 3rd meet yesterday. “Area 85 Classified” has continued their first place finish with 100 points. They set a record score of 36 points with the “Wolves” team. Wolves are in 2nd place scoring 85 points. Good job, teams! The lower grades have or will come to see robotics in action. The kindergarten and preschool students really enjoyed it so far.

Mad Minute Math is going well. We have students who have scored 30, 40, and 50, with 60 coming soon! Keep practicing those multiplication facts.

**Grade 7 – Mrs. Rector**

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Students in grades 5-8 wrote essays based on a quote from Martin Luther King, Jr. Audrey Gerke, Alahna Beinkemper, Eleanor Eaglin, Maddie Ryan, and Chris Woodruff had their entries chosen to be entered in a statewide competition. Congratulations to them and good luck at the next level!

On Monday and Tuesday morning we will have the second round of MAP testing. When we get the results, we will be able to see the areas of growth in students and be able to determine what areas need improvement. The rest of the week will be business as usual. The quarter ends on Friday, so all work from the third quarter needs to be completed by then. Have a great week!

**Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon**

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Students received information today on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars. This could be a major help to anyone who attends an Indiana university after high school graduation. Parents are encouraged to sign up on line. Even if your son or daughter has plans other than a university in Indiana, and even if your income seems too high to qualify, PLEASE GO AHEAD AND SIGN UP. We never know how situations can change, and your son's or daughter's college education could be free. If you have any questions, contact Mr. Dennis ASAP.

Unit 13 in *Vocabulary Workshop* will be due this coming Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. We are one week behind in the text but will be fine with the time we have left.

It will be a tight push for the class to finish *Across Five Aprils* before spring break because we have had so many interruptions. We're going to do what we can! On Monday and Tuesday of this coming week we will be doing MAP assessments to help track the students' progress since last fall.

**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 be with you and yours!

**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:**

3/8/21-Diane Patterson, 3/9/21-Kay Gigerich, 3/10/21-Marge Waldon, 3/11/21-Charlotte Deville, 3/12/21-Lisa Grove

**Playground Volunteers:**

3/8/21-HELP NEEDED, 3/9/21-Connie Powers, 3/10/21-HELP NEEDED, 3/11/21-HELP NEEDED, 3/12/21-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.**

8	9	10	11	12
Rotini w/ Meat sauce Bread Stick Toss Salad Green Beans Fruit Milk	Chicken Nuggets Buttered Noodles Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	Cheese Coney Veggie Sticks w/ Dip Fruit Milk	Pork Tacos Hard or Soft Shell Pinto Beans Corn Fruit Milk	Cheese Pizza Carrots Peas 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:

Wednesday, March 10, 2021	School Mass 9:00 am
Friday, March 12, 2021	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Way of the Cross grades 5-8 2:00 pm Fish Fry 4:30-7:30
March 15-26, 2021	Spring Break
Friday, March 19, 2021	Fish Fry 4:30-7:30
Friday, March 26, 2021	Fish Fry 4:30-7:30
Monday, March 29, 2021	Classes resume
Tuesday, March 30, 2021	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter report cards sent home
Wednesday, March 31, 2021	School Mass 9:00 am

## 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



## Join us on Social Media:

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

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