

The Bulldog Barks

April 16, 2021

Mr. Dennis-Principal

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It is time for ILEARN. The state standardized test was not given last year due to the shutdown. We will be taking the untimed tests over the next two weeks. There are two types of tests. Computer Adaptive Tests (CAT) adjust to the student's response. Performance Tasks (PT) ask students to complete a task such as writing an essay or solving a multi step math problem. Here is the schedule of testing:

Date	Grades	Test
4/20	3-8	Language Arts CAT
4/21	3-4	Language Arts PT1
4/22	5-8	Language Arts PT1
4/23	3-8	Language Arts PT2
4/26	4-6	Science CAT and SS
4/27	4,6	Science PT
4/28	3,4	Math CAT
4/29	5-8	Math CAT
4/30	3-8	Math PT

There are a few things you can do to help your child do his or her best:

- On nights before tests, please make sure your child is getting plenty of sleep.
- A good breakfast is important so that kids have the energy they need to test.
- Encourage them to do their very best and show what they know.
- Help them if they are stressed. We want everyone to try their hardest, but we don't want them to worry too much about testing. If you feel they are having a little bit of test anxiety, you may want to watch [this video](#) with them. It has some good tips that could be helpful. It mentions meditation, which I think is an excellent time for prayer!

Update on Dates: We now have times for the many May events. Please see below.

Event	Date, Time, and Location
NJHS Ceremony- For students that applied and were invited to join.	5/2/21 7:00, Church
Extra Curricular Awards Night- All students who participated in the following: Basketball, Academic Teams, Robotics, Bell Choir, Choir, Servers/Lectors	5/20/21 7:00 Activity Center Limited to Immediate Family
8th Grade Graduation	5/25/21 6:00, Church
Kindergarten Graduation	5/26/21 1:00, Activity Center
End of the Year Academic Awards- Mass followed by academic awards for the year. Grades 1-7	5/28/21 12:30, Church Mass Followed by Awards

Lastly, we are including information on the bill currently going through the Indiana Legislature. This bill would greatly expand the Indiana voucher program known as Choice Scholarships. We have been asked to share information on this important bill that would make some families eligible that are not currently eligible. Please see that attached document on HB1001 if you are interested in expanding the Choice Scholarship. Thank you!

It's going to be a great, busy end of the year! Praise God!

PreK –Mrs. Wismann and Mrs. Palmer

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- It has been awhile since we have had a 5 day week of school. The kids adjusted well and are looking forward to the warmer weather we are getting teased by.
- This week we focused on the Nursery Rhyme “Hickory Dickory Dock” ! They loved having the clock time change and clapping what time it was and learning about telling time.
- Our “Friday Fun Days” are becoming a really big hit. This week we watched a volcano eruption and went on a walk to fill our vase with flowers.
- Alphabet: We learned all about the letter V this week. We tasted vegetables, filled a vase with flowers, watched a volcano erupt, played with vegetables in the garden, played vet, and cooked with vegetables in our kitchen to name a few.
- Math: This week we focused on the number 19 and counted teddy bears.
- Shapes: We keep getting better and better at recognizing our shapes everyday.
- Color: We can now spell the colors red and blue!

<p><u>Important Dates</u></p> <p>4/18: Thomas’ Birthday! 4/22: Earth Day! 5/7: Mission Festival!</p>	<p><u>Star Student!</u> Stella</p> <p>Favorite Color: Pink Favorite Snack: Fruit Snacks Favorite Animal: Horse Favorite Season: Summer Favorite Movie: The Grinch Favorite Book: <i>Lullaby Moon</i></p>
<p><u>Next Weekly Focus!</u></p> <p>Letter: W Number: 20 Colors: yellow / green</p>	<p><u>Next Star Student!</u> <i>Dawson</i></p>

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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In Phonics next week we will work with long vowels and learn a new rule. We will learn about "**sneaky e**"- sneaky e is silent, and sneaks by a consonant, and "scares" the vowel to make it say its long vowel sound. When a vowel has a consonant and a "sneaky e" after it, it is long and we code it with a macron. Our words to help us remember the rule are: **cāke, dīme, hōse, cūbe, concrēte**. Word lists will come home for practice. Some of the word lists are very long!

In math we will be counting forward and backward on a number line, work with numbers up to 30, work with spheres, and learn about quarters and dollars.

During science class the kindergartners planted radish seeds, learned about plant parts, and are learning how to take care of their plants. They have quite the green thumbs as their plants have already sprouted!

We are getting ready to celebrate Earth Day on Thursday, April 22.

Show-n-Tell for the rest of April is "Student Choice". Please check your child's bag to see what letter he/she has chosen for the final 2 Show-n-Tell days.

Have a fabulous week!

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson

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We welcomed our new student, Alan Lopez Rivera , to our 1st grade classroom this week. They 1st graders are happy to have a new friend!

In Phonics we will be reading and spelling new words with the two sounds of **digraph ie** (as in pie and shield). We will also be learning **combination wh** (as in whale).

In Math we will be identifying geometric solids (cube, sphere, cone, and cylinder). We will also learn how to add three single digit numbers together.

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2nd grade needs some of your left over yarn in the colors of the rainbow. Please send to school as soon as you can. Thanks
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Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove

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Second grade explored the different properties of materials used for clothing and why we wear clothes in science this week. Each student used this information to design and build a hat that protects them from the sun.

We are preparing for our First Holy Communion on May 8. Then we are excited to read the readings at our school mass on Wednesday, May 19.

Multiplying by 5's is the new topic in math, but please keep practicing telling time, especially after the half hour. We also need tons of practice exchanging dimes and nickels for quarters. Please practice at home. Thanks

Grade 3 and Grade 4- Mr. Rectoradam.rector@mystmarys.com

Hello Everyone! We will not have Spelling Words during the ILEARN. We have ILEARN tests Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday of this week. Next week Third grade has tests Wednesday and Friday, and Fourth Grade has tests Monday Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Our Reading Log Goals are 17 days of reading for at least 20 minutes. There are 14 more days in the month. Make sure you read enough to hit your goals! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out. Thanks!

Grade 5 and Grade 6 – Mrs. Ricesuzy.rice@mystmarys.com

Best Wishes to the 4th/6th grade Academic Team competing at Oldenburg this Saturday. Enjoy and do your best! The math Superbowl Team is meeting at lunch on Mon., Wed., and Fri..

I-Learn testing begins next week. 5th and 6th graders will test Tues., Thurs., & Fri. mornings next week and Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. mornings the following week. Feeling rested is important. Remember to bring in your water bottle and a nutritious snack each day. Headphones or earbuds are needed, as well as a book to read. A good attitude is helpful, too!

The robotics have been put up until next year. We have equipment for 5 teams. I'd love to have more equipment so we can have even more teams next year.

Yearbook information will be out soon.

Grade 7 – Mrs. Rectorkim.rector@mystmarys.com

The Oldenburg Academic Competition is this weekend. We have seven 6th graders and three 4th graders representing St. Mary's School. Good luck to our team members: Lauren, Noah, Daniel, Sam Y., Audrey, Garrett, Lileigh, Sam D., Ava and Emma N. A special thanks to the seventh grade girls who helped out by quizzing team members throughout the week.

Next week we will be ILEARN testing on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday in grades 5-8. As always, make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and breakfast in the morning. They will continue testing the following week as well. They should have a book to read in case they finish early.

The faculty meeting for the National Junior Honor Society will meet by soon to formally approve the applications that were submitted. Students accepted will then receive a letter letting them know of their acceptance. The date of the induction ceremony is Sunday, May 2. Details about the time and location will be in the letter they receive.

Have a terrific week!

Grade 8 – Mr. Waldonjim.waldon@mystmarys.com

Our annual Mission Festival will be held on Friday afternoon, May 7th from 12:30 until 2:00 in the Activity Center. Help the 7th & 8th graders raise money for several charities and mission causes! If you have white elephant items which we could use for prizes, we would gratefully accept them. (Please, don't send prizes which were won in previous years.) We plan to have face painting, ring toss, free throw, other games, cake walks, refreshments, a jail, many prizes, pie-in-the-face, and lots of fun. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

We will take most of our I-LEARN tests for the State of Indiana this next week (with a couple more the following week.) While we don't want the students to stress over these, we do want to encourage them to do their best. Thanks for your support in this!

We're about half-way through *No Promises in the Wind*, and though there's not much to smile about in a story set during the Great Depression, the students seem to like the main characters in the book. Minor antagonists play a role from time to time, but the major antagonist is the economic pit into which most of the country fell after October of 1929. Mr. Waldon's mom will be visiting the classroom to tell about growing up during those hard times.

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!

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Mr. Brookbank

8th/7th SCIENCE: We have completed our unit on neutralization of acids/bases. The students were working with Acetic Acid and Sodium Hydroxide. The indicator was phenolphthalein. Students would observe a color change upon neutralization. Objectives of this lab was to improve lab skills using a sensitive testing procedure. Three different labs were completed and each lab was slightly more precise & sensitive.

5th/6th SCIENCE: These students were performing the same unit with their labs slightly less sensitive and depth of subject grade level appropriate. We discussed how bases and acids are in their households and specific uses of different substances. The students were given ten substances

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Cafeteria/Playground

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

4/19-Diane Patterson, 4/20-Kay Gigerich, 4/21-Marge Waldon, 4/22-Jill Zigan, 4/23-Lisa Grove, 4/26-Diane Patterson, 4/27-Kay Gigerich, 4/28 Marge Waldon, 4/29-Jill Zigan, 4/30-Lisa Grove

Playground Volunteers:

4/19-HELP NEEDED, 4/20-Connie Powers, 4/21-HELP NEEDED, 4/22-HELP NEEDED, 4/23-HELP NEEDED, 4/26-HELP NEEDED, 4/27-Connie Powers, 4/28-HELP NEEDED, 4/29-HELP NEEDED, 4/30-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.

19 Rotini w/ Meatsauce Tossed Salad Bread Stick Green Beans Fruit Milk	20 Chicken Nuggets Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	21 Sausage Gravy w/ Biscuit Sausage link Peas Carrots Fruit Milk	22 Taco Beef or Chicken Corn Refried Beans Fruit Milk	23 Pizza Veggie Stick w/ Dip Fruit Milk
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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. 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, April 17, 2021	5/6 Academic Meet at Oldenburg at 9:00
Wednesday, April 21, 2021	Mass at 9:00
Thursday, April 22, 2021	Earth Day
Wednesday, April 28, 2021	Mass at 9:00 –Giving Basket
Sunday, May 2, 2021	Induction Ceremony NHS 7:00 pm
Monday, May 3, 2021	6-8 Academic Super Bowl Competition
Wednesday, May 4, 2021	Mass at 9:00
Friday, May 7, 2021	Mission Festival
Saturday, May 8, 2021	First Communion @ 4:00 mass
Wednesday, May 12, 2021	Mass at 9:00; May Crowning
Thursday, May 20, 2021	Awards Banquet (Extra Curricular) 7:00 pm
Tuesday, May 25, 2021	8 th Grade Graduation 6:00 pm
Wednesday, May 26, 2021	No Mass Kindergarten Graduation 1:00 pm
Friday, May 28, 2021	Mass and Ceremony starting at 12:30 Last Student Day

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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