

The Bulldog Barks
April 9, 2021

We are in need of bottled water again! If you can find the smaller water bottles they are helpful with the younger children. Please encourage your children to come with their water bottles filled from home. We appreciate any donations.

Mr. Dennis-Principal

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Hello St. Mary's families. I hope that the joy of Easter continues in your homes. This was a short, but busy week.

We did the first round of practice tests for the upcoming ILEARN. We will do the remaining practice tests next week. ILEARN will officially begin April 20. You should have received NWEA MAP scores from an email from Mrs. Hollander.

Please turn in your registration packets when you can. We also need your 2020 taxes once they are completed.

The Transition Committee will meet for the first time next week. This is a mixture of myself, Mr. Detzel, Mrs. Hutchinson, Father, and members from both School Commissions. This is where we will get into the specifics of merging the two schools over the course of next year. I will share updates with you as we move through this process. The good news is that our numbers are good for next year and the teachers are all planning on returning. This will never be easy, but we will do everything in our power to help our families, students, and teachers. Pray for God's blessings and guidance in all matters.

Guidelines were put out by the Vicar General on current Covid guidelines. We are not changing guidelines on masks or distancing at this time. The mask mandate was lifted by the state but not in schools. Furthermore, masks will still need to be worn by those vaccinated to help prevent any possible spread.

Please continue to promote our preschool. We are adding students on a regular basis but still have open spots for next year. Feel free to post the flyer in your local area. Thank you.

PreK –Mrs. Wismann and Mrs. Palmer

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- Happy Easter! We hope everyone had a relaxing 4 day break celebrating Easter. The kids loved telling us all about what they did for Easter!
- This week we focused on the Nursery Rhyme Mary had a Little Lamb! They loved changing the words to the rhyme where Mary had different animals. Sorting big/little animals and reading sentences was a lot of fun.
- We celebrated Easter all week! We had an easter egg hunt, spent time playing with chalk decorating eggs, and hopping like a bunny! We also did several Easter crafts!
- Alphabet: We reviewed the alphabet letters and the sounds each letter make.
- Math: We learned how many eggs are in a dozen and cooked with eggs in our kitchen.
- Shapes: We recognized and sorted lots of shapes this week. We have fun names to help us remember our shapes.
- Next week we will continue with focusing on the letters in the alphabet and numbers up to 20. We will also be working more with our colors and sight words.

<p><u>Important Dates</u></p> <p>4/18: Thomas' Birthday!</p>	<p><u>Star Student!</u></p> <p>Owen</p> <p>Favorite Color: Green Favorite Snack: Cheese Pretzels Favorite Animal: Koalas Favorite Season: Winter Favorite Movie: The Night at the Museum Favorite Book: <i>Monster's New Undies</i></p>
<p><u>Next Weekly Focus!</u></p> <p>Letter: V Number: 19 Colors: red / blue Sight Words: go / to</p>	<p><u>Next Star Student!</u></p> <p><i>Stella</i></p>

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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In Phonics next week, we will be working with the two sounds for vowel digraph oo- keywords- hook(short), and tooth(long). We will get Reader #13, "Look Who Can Cook", and we will add 2 new "pop-up" words to our list. Please practice reading the "pop-up" words on a regular basis. Thanks for your help at home.

In math we will be measuring, using non-standard units (linking cubes), and begin using rulers (measuring to the nearest inch). We will also work with number sentences, both addition and subtraction.

Show-n-Tell for next week will be letter Yy.

Have a wonderful week.

Grade 1 – Ms. McPhersonmcperson.1@mystmarys.com

In Phonics the students will be learning the sounds of trigraph tch (as in patch) and trigraph dge (as in bridge).

In Math we will begin to use comparison symbols (>, <, and =) and we will be learning to divide a set of objects by sharing.

Spelling list #20 was sent home. Please remember to study!

The 1st graders would love new sidewalk chalk to use at recess. If anyone would like to donate some, we would greatly appreciate your kindness.

Grade 2 – Mrs. Groveannmarie.grove@mystmarys.com

Mrs. Townsend has announced a retreat for all First Communicants. It will be held on Saturday, May 1 at 10:00am in the parish office and church. At least one parent and the child should attend.

Our First Holy Communion will be the next Saturday, May 8, at the 4:00 Mass at St. Mary's Church.

We received new pen pal letters. We are writing them back right away.

Don't forget the Easter Egg hunt this Saturday, April 10, after the 4:00 Mass at St. Mary's. Free food, too!

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

Hello Everyone! 4th grade has one more ILEARN Practice test on Tuesday. The ILEARN testing starts next week (April 20th). We will not have Spelling Words during the ILEARN, but we **will** have them this week. We also have a new Reading Log for the new month, so make sure we read so we can hit our goals! The goal for this month is 17 days of reading for at least 20 minutes. Many of you have gotten a good start, but it is consistency that is key! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out!

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

Thank you to the Dearborn County Extension for letting the 7th/8th grade STEM classes use the Lego Mindstorm Robotics kits for several months.

I-Learn practice tests conclude next week and the I Learn testing is Tuesday, April 20 - Friday, April 30. The 5th and 6th grade will be testing most of those days. Students need headphones or earbuds during testing.

The Deanery Academic Meet is Saturday, April 17. Thank you Noah, Audrey, Garrett, Sam Y., Lileigh, Daniel, Lauren, Ava, and Sam D. for participating!

6-8th graders are also preparing for the Academic Super Bowl on May 3. Thank you Maddie, Audrey, Eleanor, Lauren, Elana, Adam, Elliot, Adrian, Luke, Rachel, Lakota, Daniel, William, Sarah, Sylvea, Chris, Laura, Sam, Lileigh, and Noah for participating!

Grade 7 – Mrs. Rector

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In social studies, students in grade 5 are concluding their study of the Revolutionary War. Grades 6 and 7 are working their way through India and moving on to East Asia. The eighth graders are seeing the growing pains of a new country and learning how the divide that caused the Civil War came about.

In language arts, students in grades 5-7 are continuing to work on grammar and elements of writing. We are incorporating a lot of reviews because of the upcoming academic competitions and testing. It's time to show what you know! Have a great week!

Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon

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Please remember to return a signed copy of your 8th grader's report card as soon as possible!

We completed our ILEARN practice test this past Tuesday without any technology issues. We will begin the actual tests the week after next, and we will appreciate any and all moral support parents can offer to help us as we try to encourage the kids to do their best.

We've begun our final novel for the year, a work of historic fiction set during the Great Depression. *No Promises in the Wind* was written by Irene Hunt who also wrote our most recent novel, *Across Five Aprils*. Students are going to enjoy the main characters in this novel and will hopefully develop an appreciation for the world in which their great and great-great grandparents lived.

The Mission Festival is scheduled for Friday, May 7th. The 8th graders will host our annual Mission Festival on the playground behind the convent/library/art room. If you have items we could use as white elephant gifts, you may send them in at any time. Please don't send prizes which were won at previous Mission Festivals. We are finalizing the games and activities we will offer, and we know that we could use the help of a few parent or grandparent volunteers.

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's blessing on all of 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, 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:

4/12-Diane Patterson, 4/13-Kay Gigerich, 4/14-Marge Waldon, 4/15-Jill Zigan, 4/16-Lisa Grove, 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:

4/12-HELP NEEDED, 4/13-Connie Powers, 4/14-HELP NEEDED, 4/15-HELP NEEDED, 4/16-HELP NEEDED, 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.

12 Bowl of Chili P.B. & J. Sand. Corn Fruit Milk	13 Popcorn Chicken Buttered Noodles Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	14 Hamburger or Pizza Burger FF Baked Beans Fruit Milk	15 Cheese Coney Veggie Sticks w/ Dip Fruit Milk	16 Chicken Sliders On Bun Tossed Salad Broccoli 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:

Wednesday, April 14, 2021	Mass at 9:00
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
Sunday, May 2, 2021	Induction Ceremony NHS
Monday, May 3, 2021	6-8 Academic Super Bowl Competition
Friday, May 7, 2021	Mission Festival
Saturday, May 8, 2021	First Communion
Wednesday, May 12, 2021	May Crowning
Thursday, May 20, 2021	Awards Banquet (Extra Curricular)
Tuesday, May 25, 2021	8 th Grade Graduation
Wednesday, May 26, 2021	Kindergarten Graduation
Friday, May 28, 2021	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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- Follow us on Instagram: **myst.marys**

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