

## The Bulldog Barks May 28, 2021

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**Mr. Dennis-Principal**

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The year is complete! Praise God for the gift of this year. I have said it numerous times, but I am so thankful that your children were present with us each and every day this year. We were able to finish a year that some people said would never happen.

Summer Hours- We will be in the office for the first part of June. We will also be here for all of the last half of July. **More importantly, you can reach out to us anytime!** Anytime you need me this summer, email me at [randy.dennis@mystmarys.com](mailto:randy.dennis@mystmarys.com) . You can also call the school number and leave a message. We get those remotely. If you need us, let us know.

I have so many thank yous to say. Thank you to all of the teachers for pouring their hearts into their teaching. Thank you to Emily Hollander for stepping in and filling the shoes of Ann and doing such a wonderful job. Thank you to all of our support staff who make the building run every day. Thank you to Father Ben for this opportunity and being a transformative priest. I love being the principal here and being part of this school. Most of all, thank you for choosing St. Mary's. You have chosen a small but loving school that helped prepare your children not only for life, but for heaven. God bless you all this summer.

**PreK –Mrs. Wismann and Mrs. Palmer**

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- Wow what a fast year of school this has been! Our Preschool Celebration was on Wednesday and the kiddo's did a fantastic job and we had so much fun celebrating afterwards!
- We had our own field day on Thursday with fishing, a duck pond, ring toss, bean bag toss, sidewalk chalk and bubbles. We then visited the park and watched a movie.
- Thanks for a fantastic year! We hope everyone has a great summer!

**Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning**

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Thank you for a wonderful year, Kindergarten Graduates! Enjoy your summer.  
See you back at school on August 4.

**Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson**

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I would like to take this time to say thank you for such an amazing year. Thank you for all of your support throughout the school year. Have a great summer!

**Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove**

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The second graders learned about probability this week with several experiments involving dominoes. They also were able to experience the STEM room's virtual reality headsets again. Thank you Mrs. Ryan.

They used the coins they've been using all year for math, to pick out a treat at Tandy's. It was a mini field trip.

A giant thank you to the seventh grade class and Mrs. Rector for conducting a field day for us on Thursday. What a great way to end the school year.

Hope to see you all next August!

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

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There is a Summer Reading Program the Aurora Public Library is putting on if you are interested. It would be a great way to continue reading, even though the school year is over. Thank you all for a wonderful year! I am truly grateful for the welcome I received at St. Mary's. I hope you all enjoy your summer, and I look forward to seeing a few of you again next year in Social Studies!

**Grade 5 and Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice**

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We made it through the whole year physically being in school! Hallelujah! The students' heights were measured this week. They were surprised how many of them grew 2 or 3 inches since last August. It's been a pleasure being the 5th/6th grade homeroom teacher this year.

Thank you to the 7th grade for the Field Day activities on Thursday.

Yearbooks will be distributed in August when we return to school.

**Grade 7 – Mrs. Rector**

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We made it! At the beginning of the year it was hard to imagine that we would be able to stay in person at school for the entire year, but we did it! I enjoyed this year with all the students in grades 5-8. It is especially fun to see the growth in those students that I taught when they were in third grade.

Next year, I will be returning to third and fourth grade. We are still working on the schedule, but it looks like I may also have the fifth and sixth graders for language arts as well. That means the third and fourth graders will experience Mr. Brookbank's expertise in science! I will also continue to be the faculty advisor for the National Junior Honor Society, so I'll get to work with some seventh and eighth graders as well. I am looking forward to being a part of making our last year at St. Mary's School fun and special! Thanks for everything and have a great summer!

**Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon**

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They're off! Congratulations to our newest graduates from St. Mary's School!

Much appreciation to Pete and Kim Haverkos, Nicole Eaglin, Jessica Wismann, Sara Dennis, Cari Kraemer, Michelle Ryan, and Chrissy Meek for the beautiful reception they prepared after the graduation Mass and ceremony. Also, many thanks to Ellen Bruce for all the hours she put into the video of the graduates. The entire evening was a wonderful, bittersweet experience.

God bless you all until we meet again!

**Mr. Brookbank**

**Science 5,6,7,& 8th:** A great year and a great effort by your children. A special thanks to Kate Merrilees for assisting on Tuesday's and Thursday's all year. Her ability to explain concepts and help with organization of labs allowed learning to proceed with all our students. Looking forward to next year! Have a great summer!

**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:**

**Playground Volunteers:**

**\*\*We need more playground volunteers. If you can help on any day, please call the school office at 812-926-1558!**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 NO SCHOOL	3 NO SCHOOL	4 Hamburger French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	5 Cheese Coney Veggie Sticks w/ Dip Fruit Milk	6 Cheese Stuffed Bread Sticks w/ Pizza Sauce Toss Salad 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, August 4, 2021

First 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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