

## **The Bulldog Barks** **August 10, 2018**

### **Mr. Brookbank – Principal**

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We will have an early release on August 15<sup>th</sup>, September 19<sup>th</sup> and November 7<sup>th</sup>. St. Mary's will dismiss students at 12:35 p.m. each day.

South Dearborn will have a trial e-Learning day on November 7<sup>th</sup> and their students will not be in school. However, St. Mary's will be in school on November 7<sup>th</sup>, but there will be no bus service! If you need to make arrangements to drop off your child(ren) earlier than 7:25 a.m., please call the school office at 812-926-1558.

St. Mary's School is working on our e-Learning procedures and will let you know more, once we have determined how we will execute eLearning days.

### **St. Mary School & PTO Open House**

We had almost every family attend our Open House this year! Thank you for everyone that came to the meeting, signed up to help at Farmer's Fair, signed up for cafeteria and/or playground duty. We need every one to help where and when they are available.

### **After School Care**

The After School Care Program will be supervised by Ms. McPherson in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade room from 2:35 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mondays - Thursdays and from 2:35 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. on Fridays! The cost is only \$2.25 per half hour! If you have any question about the After School Care, please call the office or email Ms. McPherson at [mcpherson.1@mystmarys.com](mailto:mcpherson.1@mystmarys.com).

### **Navy blue zip up fleece**

We are taking orders for Navy blue zip up fleece jackets (no hood). Each jacket will be embroidered in white, with St. Mary's School. The blue jackets will be added to the school dress code, so students may wear them during school. They are \$25.00/each. We are making this change so that students are wearing uniform compliant sweatshirts during the school day. Students may still wear their St. Mary's sweatshirts. Orders are due by Friday, August 24, 2018.

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

Our Scholastic Book Fair will be held the week of August 26-31. It will be open after the Sunday Masses, during school all day on Monday and during lunch recess on Tuesday through Thursday, Friday after 2:00 p.m., and every day after school until 3:00 p.m.

We will also have a special open house for the book fair after Mass on Wednesday, August 29. Students in grades K-4 will head to the Activity Center after Mass to join guests for muffins or coffee cake and a chance to look at books from the fair. Parents, grandparents, and friends of St. Mary's are invited! If a student is grades 5-8 have a special person coming, let us know and we will be sure they can attend the open house as well. There will be a special guest appearance by a famous book character! Spread the word!

**\*\*\*\*HELP NEEDED\*\*\*\***We will need volunteers to help the during the book fair, especially the morning of the open house. If you can help, please email Mrs. Rector at [kim.rector@mystmarys.com](mailto:kim.rector@mystmarys.com) so we can plan ahead. If you cannot come that day but would like to send in muffins or other baked breakfast goodies, let us know.

## School Payments

Don't forget that school lunch, book and technology fees, and tuition may be paid online at [www.mystmarys.com](http://www.mystmarys.com).

## Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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In Phonics this week we will be working on our first vowel, short vowel Oo- keyword- octopus. We will learn to code the short vowel with a breve. We are focusing on rhyming words, and counting words in spoken sentences. We are also reciting the alphabet and identifying the vowels and consonants. Please have your child tell you the five vowels when they are practicing at home.

In religion we are focusing on creation being a gift of God's love, and we are practicing "*The Sign of the Cross*", and "*The Prayer Before Meals*".

We are practicing reciting addresses, phone numbers, and birthdays. Other basic skills the children should know include- **tying shoes**, zipping, buttoning, and snapping articles of clothing. Practicing at home would be very helpful.

In math we are identifying numbers 0-10, counting objects using 1-1 correspondence, creating AB color patterns, and graphing.

Thank you for your help at home with handwriting. Please remember when practicing printing at home, the children should not start on the bottom line and write up, they start at the top and go down. Also, please erase mistakes if made, and have your child print the letters correctly.

Mrs. Ryan reminded the students that they need to bring in headphones for computer class.

Please remember that we have an early dismissal day on Wednesday, August 15. School will dismiss at approximately 12:35 p.m. If you pick your child up at the kindergarten room, please be there at 12:25 p.m.

Have a wonderful week!

## Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson

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It sure is great to be back in school! The first graders seem very eager to learn new things this year. Everyone did a great job returning their permission slips/forms and homework. What a great way to start out the school year!

In Phonics we are reading and spelling words that contain the letter Pp (as in pig), the short and long sounds of the letter Ii (as in inch and icicle), the sound of the letter Ll (as in lion), and the short and long sounds of the letter Aa (as in apple and Acorn).

In Social Studies we have been learning about different American symbols such as our country's flag, the Statue of Liberty, Liberty Bell, and the Bald Eagle. All of the 1<sup>st</sup> graders did a great job reciting the Pledge of Allegiance!

## Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove

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Thanks for a great start! Everyone passed their first Accelerated Reader test. We are working on a class book about ourselves. The second grade will soon have some Monarch caterpillars in our room. We will also go to the "Art Museum" in Aurora to see the Show at the Southeastern Indiana Art Guild building at the corner of Second and Main.

**Grade 3 – Mrs. Rector****[kim.rector@mystmarys.com](mailto:kim.rector@mystmarys.com)**

We have had a fabulous start to the new school year. It has been enjoyable to get to know the new third graders! We have been easing into the routines of the school year. This week we had our first spelling test, and next week we will have the first science and social studies tests of the year. We will work on these first few tests together so that the students can get acquainted with how to study for third grade tests. Watch the assignment book for test days.

Have a terrific week!

**Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer****[amanda.meyer@mystmarys.com](mailto:amanda.meyer@mystmarys.com)**

Welcome back! We have had a great start in fourth grade so far! Students are adjusting to being upstairs and having lift top desks. Those are usually the two things they are most excited about!

We have already taken our first spelling and reading test. Students loved using the online resources to help them study! In science, we began our life science unit, specifically studying life cycles. In math, students will be reviewing place value and working with numbers up to millions.

I hope everyone has another great week!

**Grade 5 – Mrs. Baker****[leslie.baker@mystmarys.com](mailto:leslie.baker@mystmarys.com)**

We are off to a great start in 5th grade! Thank you for returning all of our forms/permission slips in a timely manner. It is much appreciated.

All 5th graders now have their AR goal for the quarter. They should be reading 20 minutes each night to help them reach this goal. You can see how many AR points your child has by checking their chart in their VIP folder, which is found in their binder.

We are currently working on our first story in reading about an earthquake. We are practicing the skill of ordering events in a story. Our test over this story will be next week. Our spelling practice test is always on Wednesday and the final test is on Friday each week. Have a great week!

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

6<sup>th</sup> graders are going to be testing basic math facts for +, -, x, and ÷. Students should know their facts quickly without counting on their fingers. Knowing their facts makes math work so much easier. Practice aloud in the car, use flash cards, count by 7's, 8's, 9's, etc. All practice helps!

The 6<sup>th</sup> graders are showing me their assignment books each afternoon and I sign them. Feel free to sign and make notes in them.

The 6<sup>th</sup> graders are adjusting nicely to their schedule this year. Contact me with any questions or concerns.

**Grade 7 – Mr. Johnson****[brady.johnson@mystmarys.com](mailto:brady.johnson@mystmarys.com)**

The start of the new school year has been fantastic. This is my third year at St. Mary's and I feel all three classes are off to the best starts since I have been here. I am looking forward to a great school year.

8th Grade History - To start the year we have discussed the early Americans who were here prior to European Exploration. We are examining the lives of the various tribes and empires and who they developed their own unique cultures.

6th and 7th Grade Geography - To start the year we have focused on the 5 themes of geography and the way geographers use those themes to study the earth and its people. We have also studied the latitude and longitude system for finding locations on the globe.

## Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon

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We are off to a great start! Eighth graders are reading *Johnny Tremain*, seventh graders are digging in with *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, and sixth graders have just begun *My Side of the Mountain*. Each student will also need to do a written book report each month following the format given to them in class. In addition to the book reports, we will keep journals on an ongoing basis, and these will play an important part in the students' grades. Proofreading is one of the skills we will highlight with the writing. Each class begins with a bonus question, one for reading and one for English. (Religion classes also begin with bonus questions.) The purpose of the bonus questions is to reinforce skills and to spark discussion. The points can help boost the students' grades but cannot affect them negatively. In grammar, we have been working on identifying nouns.

8<sup>th</sup> grade parents are reminded of our class trip information meeting this coming Tuesday, the 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Join us to learn about our trip and to discuss fundraising efforts!

Do you have prayer requests? We pray every day and would be glad to remember your special intentions. Let any of the students or me know so that we can keep your intentions in prayer. God bless.

## 7th & 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank

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We hit the ground running by discussing the negative effects of plastic upon our Planet. Points of interest were problems with landfills, air pollution, water pollution, ocean gyres (garbage patches), recycling positives and negatives. Students completed a worksheet while studying a video titled, "Drowning in Plastics"! A quiz was given on Thursday covering the video and worksheet. We discussed basic science facts such as atoms, elements, organs of the body, phases of matter, and body systems. A quiz was given on Friday covering these general science facts. Purpose of both strategies was to judge student knowledge and where do we go from here.

## Connie Powers – DRE

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### Do you ever wonder how you can get more from Scripture?

St. Mary's will host Praying the Scriptures like our Saints on three evenings September 10th, 11th and 12th from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Join us as we learn and practice how to pray the Scriptures in the ways of the greatest Saints, including St. Alphonsus, Liguori, St. Ignatius, St. Augustine and St. Teresa of Avila and more! After Loved by Love Himself Ministry presented this course at a retreat, here's what one student had to say: "This is changing my prayer life. Each day I grow closer in my relationship with Jesus." For questions or to register, call Connie Powers (812) 926-0060 or email [connie.powers@mystmarys.com](mailto:connie.powers@mystmarys.com). To ensure materials are available, please registration by September 5, 2018. All are welcome to join us. Come as a family, invite your friends and neighbors!



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## Southeast Indiana Art Guild

Check out original art on display at the Southeastern Indiana Art Guild's Regional Art Exhibit, running now through August 18th at the Art Guild Studios in downtown Aurora (Second and Main Streets). Enjoy beautiful art on display at this 5<sup>th</sup>-Annual Regional Art Exhibit. Watercolor, oil, acrylics, colored pencil/graphite, pastels and mixed media/3-D photography are included.

This show features 94 artists from about a 100 mile radius of Aurora and **includes student artists from St. Mary's school**. Open daily, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Information: 812-221-1252/Chris Campbell.

### Cafeteria/Playground

Contact Aimee Hollingsworth at 744-8738, to sign up for cafeteria and playground duty. The schedule is online at [www.mymarys.com](http://www.mymarys.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!

### Change in lunch and playground times

We will only have 2 lunch periods and changing the lunch/recess schedule.

Lunch: Recess:

11:25 a.m. – Grades 3 – 5 11 – 11:35 a.m. – Grades K – 2  
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12:00 p.m. – Grades 6 – 8 12:25 – 12:45 p.m. – Grades 6-8

If over time the teachers do not see that this new schedule is working, we will make changes and let you know if we do.

### Cafeteria and Playground hours:

**Cafe:** First lunch is served at 11:25 a.m., so arrive 10 – 15 minutes early. Serve two lunch periods and help clean up kitchen, wash dishes, etc. You should be finished around 12:45 p.m.

**Playground:** Arrive around 10:50 a.m. and help the teacher supervise students on playground, Activity Center or at the park (depending on weather). You should be finished around 12:30 p.m.

### Cafeteria Volunteers:

08/13 – Diane Peters, 08/14 – Marge Beinkemper, 08/15 – Marge Waldon, 08/16 – Barb Maness, 08/17 – Michelle Sohmer, 08/20 – Pat Scharf, **08/21 – Help Needed**, 08/22 – Marge Waldon, 08/23 – Barb Maness, 08/24 – Monica Ramsey, **08/27 – Help Needed**, 08/28 – Marge Beinkemper, 08/29 – Marge Waldon, 08/30 – Barb Maness, 08/31 – Monica Ramsey

### Playground Volunteers:

08/13 – Bernadine/Carolyn, 08/14 – Sheila Cigolotti, **08/15 – Help Needed**, 08/16 – Chris Strzok, 08/17 – Chris Strzok, 08/20 – Bernadine/Carolyn, 08/21 – Sheila Cigolotti, 08/22 – Sheila Cigolotti, 08/23 – Chris Strzok, 08/24 – Chris Strzok, 08/27 – Bernadine/Carolyn, 08/28 – Sheila Cigolotti, 08/29 – Sheila Cigolotti, 08/30 – Chris Strzok, 08/31 – Chris Strzok

### Lunch Menu: \$15.00 per ticket (5 meals)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
3-Way Tossed Salad Green Beans Crackers Fruit Milk	Chicken Nuggets Corn Green Beans Buttered Noodles Fruit Milk	Pizza (pepperoni or cheese) Veggie Sticks with Dip Tossed Salad Fruit Milk	Taco (Beef or Chicken) Corn Refried Beans Fruit Milk	French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Potato Wedges Carrots Fruit Milk



# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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## **4H and Indiana State Fair**

Congratulations to our many students involved in 4H and had projects at the Indiana State Fair. St. Mary's was well represented by the following students: Eli Bruce, Mathew Bruce, Noah Bruce, Sara Bruce, Adam Dennis, Laura Dennis, Lily Dennis, Eleanor Eaglin, Thaddeus Eaglin, Ellie Ryan, Maddie Ryan, Megan Ryan, Bernadette Wismann and Nicholas Wismann. The State Fair is going on now through August 19, 2018.

Oliver Wismann won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 7&8 year old category of the Pedal Tractor Pull at the Indiana State Fair!

## **Southeast Indiana Art Guild**

Alahna Beinkemper, Sara Bruce, Noah Bruce, Eli Bruce and Aidan Metz participated in the Southeastern Indiana Art show and have work on display at the Art Guild on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. The exhibit is running now until August 18<sup>th</sup>. Open daily, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

## **South Dearborn Swimming**

Gwen Collins swam a personal best and broke the record for the 100 breaststroke for the 10 and under age group - 2 minutes (long course).

Garrett Collins went to state this summer 100 breaststroke, 50 breaststroke, 200 breaststroke, and 500 free. He went to divisionals in the 200 IM, 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle (won 1<sup>st</sup> place), 50 butterfly, 100 backstroke and 200 freestyle. These were all his best times. He finished the 100 freestyle in 0:59.86!

Sylvea Kramer went to Divisionals. She swam the 200 IM, 200 Freestyle, 50 Freestyle, 50 Breaststroke, 100 Breaststroke and 100 Freestroke.

# Calendar of Events:

Monday, August 13	Hearing Screening (Grades 1, 4 and 7)
Wednesday, August 15	Early Release at 12:35 p.m.
Friday, August 17	Officer Phil Program (Grades K-4)
Tuesday, August 21	Vision Screening (Grades 3, 5 and 8)
Sunday, August 26 – Friday, August 31st	St. Mary's Book Fair in the Activity Center
Friday, August 31	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Midterm
Monday, September 3	No School – Labor Day
Thursday, September 6	Midterm Reports go home
September 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup>	Praying the Scriptures like our Saints - 6:30 – 8 p.m. in school cafeteria