

The Bulldog Barks **August 17, 2018**

Mr. Brookbank – Principal

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South Dearborn will have a trial e-Learning day on November 7th and their students will not be in school. However, St. Mary's **will** be in school on November 7th, 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.

We have installed new safety glass in the side doors.

We are in need of substitute teachers. If you or someone you know is interested, please call the school office at 812-926-1558.

Farmer's Fair

During the Open House/PTO meeting we discussed having a float in the Farmer's Fair parade. We did not receive any volunteers for helping organize workers for a float. Instead we would like to have as many students as possible to walk in the parade. We are currently working on creating a design for t-shirts. These shirts will be used in the parade, as P.E. shirts and spirit wear. As soon as we have more information we will let you know. The parade is on Saturday, October 6th.

After School Care

The After School Care Program will be supervised by Ms. McPherson in the 1st 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 mcperson.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 uniform compliant during the school day. Students may still wear their St. Mary's sweatshirts. Orders are due by Friday, August 24, 2018.

Book Fair- Volunteers needed:

The Scholastic Book Fair will be here soon! We need volunteers to help run the fair on Monday (8:15-12:00); Tuesday and Thursday from 11:50-12:45; and Friday from 1:45-2:30. You will not be by yourself and we provide free training!

We especially need help during our book fair open house on Wednesday morning from 9:00-9:45. A few volunteers are needed to be sure we are ready for guests to arrive at 9:15. If you can help out with the breakfast or would like to help shoppers at the book fair, please let Mrs. Rector know (kim.rector@mystmarys.com). A few people have already volunteered to send in muffins or coffee cake. If you would like to send something in, let us know. Those who have said they would send something in will receive an email next week letting them know how much they need to send in. Thank you!

Scholastic Book Fair

Book Fair Schedule:

Sunday, Aug. 26 - open after Sunday masses, all are invited

Monday, Aug. 27 - students attend with their library class

Tuesday, Aug. 28 - students can shop during lunch recess

Wednesday, Aug. 29 - Friends and Family Open House - 9:15-9:45 a.m. –

All interested parties are invited to join us after mass at the book fair or invite someone special to stop by for muffins and books. Students in grades K-4 will be there, students in 5-8 will be there if you let us know someone is coming to eat/shop with them.

Thursday, Aug. 30 - students can shop during lunch recess

Friday, Aug. 31 - students can shop with their class from 1:45 - 2:25 p.m.

*The book fair will be open all week after school until 3:00 p.m.

School Payments

Don't forget that school lunch, book and technology fees, and tuition may be paid online at www.mystmarys.com.

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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Our new letter this week is Gg (hard sound) keyword- goat. We are focusing on compound words, and counting words in spoken sentences. We will start blending sounds to read words this week. It is very important when we are blending, that the children are able to look at the letters learned, and be able to give the sound that the letter makes. If your child does not know the letters/sounds, he/she will not be able to blend to read. We will be blending to read for the rest of the school year. A note will come home to explain how we do blending. We will also begin our “sound tests”. I will give the sound of a letter learned, the children will have to write the partner letters that make the sound. You can practice this at home using the letters on your child's letter ring.

In math we will be using pattern blocks to make designs, work with numbers 0-10, and we will begin using positional words like: under, over, on top of, behind, in front of, in back of, etc., to describe positions of items.

Please remember to return Library books each Monday.

Have a great week!

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson

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In Phonics will be reading and spelling words with the letter Zz (as in zebra). We will be reviewing the /s/ and /z/ sounds of the consonant S. We will learn that when suffix s is added to the end of a root word it means more than one. We will also practice spelling and reading new words that include the letter s and suffix s.

Phonics Reader #1 **Pop It, Toss It!** will be sent home on Wednesday. This is the 1st of many phonics readers that will be sent home throughout the school year. Please have your child practice reading each book until they have mastered all of the words.

In Math we will be acting out and drawing pictures for “Some, Some More” and Some Went Away” stories, identifying a number between two numbers, and dividing a solid in half.

Our reading test on our color and number words will be on Friday, August 24th! Please remember to study the flash card that were sent home last week!

Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove**annmarie.grove@mystmarys.com**

We have been learning about the Sacrament of Baptism. If you have your child's baptismal candle or photos you would like to let them share with the class, please send them to school.

We are practicing writing complete sentences and waiting patiently for our two Monarch butterflies to emerge from their chrysalises.

Thank you to Aurora Police Department for sponsoring the Officer Phil program. We love when Magic Dan performs while teaching us safety.

Grade 3 – Mrs. Rector**kim.rector@mystmarys.com**

It has been a busy week! We are thankful to the Aurora Police Department for sponsoring the Officer Phil program every year. It is very fun and has an important message. Ask your child what it was this year. Third graders are planning to walk to the Art Guild on Friday afternoon (weather permitting) to see the fall art show. It is great to be in town and able to take walking (and free) field trips! Thanks to Mrs. Wismann for volunteering to go with us.

We finished chapter 1 in social studies and were successful on the first quiz. We didn't quite get through our science chapter on the Earth and moon, so we will complete that next week. Our first math test is also coming up soon. Look for details in the assignment book. Students should be reading 20 minutes each night and taking AR quizzes when they finish their book. Have a great week!

Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer**amanda.meyer@mystmarys.com**

Students will be writing the first draft of their personal narrative soon. We have taken time to understand what a personal narrative is and how to choose the best topic for this type of writing. I look forward to reading their stories; although, they won't be completely finished with their final draft until the end of the quarter.

Math next week is mostly about money! Students will practice finding a total and then calculating the change. They will also order and compare amounts of money. Students should be ready for their first math test the last week of August.

Scholastic book orders are due Friday, August 24 if interested! Have a great week!

Grade 5 – Mrs. B**deb.birkholtz@mystmarys.com**

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Baker on the birth of Sophie Lynn!

It's been a good week, and I've enjoyed being back with the class!

We wrapped up a reading story, Unit 2 in vocabulary, and spelling.

Have a great week everyone!

Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice**suzy.rice@mystmarys.com**

The 6th graders are doing well changing classes. I sign their assignment book every day. You may check and see what they have for homework. It's a good place to make any notes you want me to see. If you want to order a fleece jacket (it is dress code compliant) and are not sure of the size, there are sample sizes by the office. If you need help determining the size, I will be glad to have your child try them on for size. The orders are due by Friday, August 24th.

Last Friday, we walked to the Art Show at the SEIAG in Aurora. Aidan, Eli, Noah, Sarah, and Alahna had art work in the show. The show was great.

There are 4 yearbooks for sale for 2017-18. They are \$10 each. See Mrs. Rice or Ms. Ann.

6th graders are doing MMM each day. Practice, practice, practice!!!!

Grade 7 – Mr. Johnson

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I can't believe that we just completed our third week of school. All three grades have been great and I can not praise them enough for their hard work.

8th Grade History - We completed our Chapter 1 that covered the Early Americans. We are now switching over to European Exploration and the resulting discovery of North America.

6th and 7th Grades - In Geography we are going to study the Continental Drift Theory and Plate Tectonics. As a result we experience a range of land features all over the globe. Plate tectonics cause volcanoes, earthquakes, geysers, and a whole list of other natural occurrences

Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon

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Another great week has flown by. The students' enthusiasm and manners continue to impress our volunteers as well as the staff. (It's wonderful to hear all of the students saying "Please" and "Thank you," especially as they go through the lunch line.) Their overall behavior is excellent!

We're working on our August book reports in 6th, 7th, and 8th reading (literature) and continue with the parts of speech in English; our focus is still on nouns. The students are enjoying their respective books, and our time together passes too quickly every day.

We now have some written work on display in the upstairs hall and invite everyone to read about the variety of things the students enjoy doing.

Thanks to all of the parents who came to our class trip meeting on Tuesday. Mr. Brookbank, Mrs. B, and I are encouraged by the fundraising opportunities we have to get us to Charleston. We'll be beginning a raffle within a couple of weeks, so be sure to get your chances to win \$500! God bless.

7th & 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank

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This week and into the week of 8/20-08/24, we will continue emphasizing lab safety and mechanics. We will begin our basic Chemistry section with fundamental lessons and lab work. At this time, we have completed four assignments/quizzes.

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. 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 5th 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 artist 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.mytmarys.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:

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

Recess:

11 – 11:35 a.m. – Grades K – 2
 11:55 – 12:20 a.m. – Grades 3 – 5
 12:25 – 12:45 p.m. – Grades 6-8

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:

08/20 – 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:

08/20 – Bernadine/Carolyn, **08/21 – Help Needed**, **08/22 – Help Needed**, 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 20	Tuesday 21	Wednesday 22	Thursday 23	Friday 24
Rotini & Meat Sauce Tossed Salad Green Beans Bread Stick Fruit Milk	Southern Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Corn Fruit Milk	Hamburger or Pizza Burger French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Corn Dog Peas Corn Graham Crackers Fruit Milk	Sausage Gravy Biscuits Sausage Link Carrots Mixed Vegetables Fruit Milk



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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Roni's Dance

Roni's dancers will be traveling to Orlando Florida in June of 2019. Dancers will perform on one of the Disney stages and then be taken backstage to partake in classes with some of the dancers working in the Disney Shows! This is our first year and we are so very excited to see what adventures this brings! Our very own, Alahna Beinkemper and Audrey Gerke will be going to Disney!

Prayers.....

Adrian Robers fell out of a tree and had to have surgery on this right hand! Say a prayer for a speedy recovery!

Sam Dennis got stung by a wasp on the bus, on his way to school. This is not a good way to start your day. But as usual, he came into the office with a smile on his face!

“Focus on affecting what you can affect and you will have the most effect. It all starts with you.”

MATTHEW KELLY

Taken from the Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity

Calendar of Events:

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 st Quarter Midterm
Monday, September 3	No School – Labor Day
Thursday, September 6	Midterm Reports go home
September 10 th , 11 th & 12 th	Praying the Scriptures like our Saints - 6:30 – 8 p.m. in school cafeteria