

The Bulldog Barks August 31, 2018

Mr. Brookbank – Principal

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There will be no school on Monday, September 3rd! I hope you all enjoy the long weekend and the Labor Day holiday.

Midterm letters will be sent home Thursday, September 6, 2018. Teachers are available for parent/teacher conferences. Please email your child(ren) homeroom teachers, if you would like to schedule a conference.

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. Students will be released at 12:40 p.m. Teachers will have a Professional Development session, beginning at 1 p.m. There will be no After School Care.

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

Saint of the Month

St. Rose of Lima

School Choirs

Our school choirs will ring and sing at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, September 8th. All ringers and singers must be in the 8th grade room by 4:30 p.m. for warm-up. We can only ring if all ringers are present. Musicians must be on time to get prepared!

Farmer's Fair Parade

We will have a trailer for people to ride on, in the parade. We plan on using streamers and balloons to decorate, or something simple. **An order form has been sent home today and is also attached to email with this Bulldog. These shirts will be used for the parade, as P.E. shirts and spirit wear. Shirts will be \$12/each. We need the order by next Friday, so we have them in time for the parade!**

The parade is at 10 a.m. on **Saturday, October 6th. Everyone will need to be there by 9 a.m.**

It would be great if we could get a few parents to come a little early and help decorate and organize the students. We have about 40 people that said they will ride in the parade! Parents do not have to ride on the trailer, but it would be nice to have the extra people to help watch students. After the parade is over, any unattended students will be escorted to the parking lot behind the St. Mary's booth. This is the parking lot for U.S. Bank located on 2nd Street (go behind the bank)!

Farmer's Fair Sign Up

Hello All,

Thank You all for such a great response to my last email. We now have 65% of our spots filled!

There are still many spots on Friday and Saturday open, so please check your schedule and find a day/time that you can work. To make this work, we are going to need many families to work more than one spot, so please keep that in mind.

Here is the signup link:

<http://signup.com/go/siXyXmg>

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****** REMINDER******

We are having a PTO Meeting Tuesday September 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Please join us if you have any input on the booth or if you can help with purchasing and setup. We will be going over the details for the booth this year and all leaders should be there so we are all on the same page.

As always, please call, text or email me with any questions.

Thanks for volunteering,
Michelle Ryan

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 mcpherson.1@mystmarys.com.

School Payments

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

Book Fair News

Our book fair was a success! We will let you know the amount we earned to spend on books and other items for school when we have the final amount.

A huge thank you to Mr. Vincent for helping to set up the book fair and the tables and chairs for the open house, as well as taking it all down. Emily Hollander, Jessica Wismann, Gina Ruter, Bernadine Ickenroth, Kathy Simon and Michelle Ryan all helped during the sale. The Hollander, Wismann, Sohmer, Bruce, and Day families all sent in breakfast treats for our open house. We had around twenty friends and family members attend and made \$360 during that event alone! Students Ben Zigan and Hannah Haverkos had a special assignment (something Big, Red and a D.O.G.) for the book fair and they did a terrific job! Of course, we couldn't be successful without all of the shoppers! Thanks for supporting St. Mary's School!

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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In Phonics this week we will be working with letter Tt- (keyword-tent). We will be adding 4 new words to our caterpillar word wall. We now have 6 words that we can blend to read. It is very important that you work with your child on letter identification and letter sounds. If the children don't know the letters/sounds, they will not be able to blend to read. We will also begin to “unblend” our sounds in words to spell our words. Practice at home would be helpful.

In math we will be matching number cards to sets of objects, we will also be naming shape pieces using 3 attributes: color, size, and shape.

Midterm letters will be sent home Thursday, September 6, 2018. Please sign and return them to school as soon as possible.

Have a wonderful Labor Day weekend. No school on Monday, September 3, 2018.

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson**mcperson.1@mystmarys.com**

The 1st graders had their first spelling test on Friday! Everyone did a great job! Spelling test #2 will be on Friday, September 7th. Remember, spelling lists are sent home on the Fridays before each test in case you would like your child to study his/her test during the weekend.

In Phonics we will be reading and spelling new words that contain the letters **Rr** (as in rabbit). We will also be working with the sound of the letter **Kk** (as in kite), and the sound of the letter **Cc** (as in cat).

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

We read three stories with the theme “Don’t be Greedy”. Then we each tried to compose our own story with the same theme.

Thank you Mrs. Rector, Mrs. Ruter, Mrs. Hollander, and all the parent volunteers for such a wonderful Book Fair.

Our 2nd chrysalis did not live. It had a fungus. Mrs. Velda Miller brought us 2 more. We hope the butterflies emerge during the week and not on the weekend.

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

It has been a terrific week in third grade. Oliver brought in several monarch caterpillars and we have been watching them change each day. So far we have released four beautiful butterflies! We also enjoyed going to the book fair and participating in the friends and family event on Wednesday.

We will have a social studies test next week. We will still have our regular schedule for the spelling pretest and test even though we are off on Monday. Midterms will be sent home next Thursday. Have a great weekend!

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

I hope everyone has a great Labor Day weekend! The students really enjoyed going to the Book Fair this week. Hopefully they got a lot of new books to read this year. I love that they are all so excited about reading! We are starting a new math chapter. The next two chapters are partially a review of addition and subtraction. Students will also solve expressions with variables, practice mental math, and use front-end estimation to find answers.

The rest of the quarter in reading students will be part of a book group. We will be reading the novel *War with Grandpa*. Students will be reading some with their group, with the whole class, and independently. Along with reading, they will also have journal entries about the book, comprehension questions, vocabulary words, and reading skill practice.

Have a great week!

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

It’s been another busy week in class. We had reading math, religion and vocabulary tests and quizzes. The students have done very well on all of them! I am very impressed with the cohesiveness of the students and how well they work together.

Next Wednesday will be a social studies test over chapter one. The students have completed their study guides for the test. There will be no vocabulary next week; however, there will be spelling. In math, we are beginning to work with multiplication.

A huge THANK YOU to Mrs. Rector and the volunteers who made the book fair possible!

Have a wonderful Labor Day weekend!

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

The 6th and 7th grade classes just had their first math test today. Midterms go home on Thursday, September 6, 2018. This is an indication to keep up the good work or improvements are needed. I'll send home two copies, one to keep and one to sign and return.

The 8th grade had their first algebra test last Friday. They were returned on Monday to correct and turn back in for more credit.

The book fair was great. Thank you Mrs. Rector and everyone who helped make it a success! The students really enjoyed going to it!

Grade 7 – Mr. Johnson**brady.johnson@mystmarys.com**

8th Grade - In U.S. History we are moving toward American colonization by the English. We will analyze the settlements of Jamestown and Plymouth, and the impact that those places had on our nations development.

7th Grade - After Labor Day we will be studying elements of human geography. Topics studies will include population patterns, human culture, economic activities and systems, and various forms of governments found around the world.

6th Grade - Sixth Grade religion will be responsible for Mass on Wednesday. In religion class we will also begin covering information about Circle of Grace. In Geography class we will wrap on Chapter 2, we will most likely have a test on Friday September 7th.

Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon**jim.waldon@mystmarys.com**

It seems like we have arrived at mid-term in record speed. The first twenty-three days have been great! Thanks to Mr. Brookbank for doing such a great job at the helm.

Thanks to Mrs. Rector and her helpers for all of their hard work in making the Scholastic Book Fair a great experience. Seeing parents and grandparents around St. Mary's School is wonderful.

Next week we will be beginning "Circle of Grace," the archdiocesan program fostering a safe educational environment for children and young people. Talk to your student(s) about the material and discussions we will cover during our 7th and 8th grade religion times. Our goal is to reinforce self-worth, the dignity of each human being, and the importance of protecting our individual circles of grace as gifts from Almighty God.

Our snack sales continue to be great, but please don't send in other snacks without checking with me. God bless.

7th & 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank**brookbank.science@mystmarys.com**

The classes completed the Rocky/Shell Lab and will begin the "What's the Matter with Bubbles" lab on Thursday. The students have the lab manual in their possession. Parents please ask for this manual to come home & read about what we are doing in class. We will be attempting to prove that Gas has Mass!

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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Saint of the Month

August – St. Rose of Lima

At the beginning of this school year, each classroom was assigned a particular month and was asked to choose a patron saint for that month. The 3rd grades class was assigned the month of August and chose, St. Rose of Lima. Thursday, August 23rd is the feast day for St. Rose of Lima.

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:

09/04 – Help Needed, 09/05 – Marge Waldon, 09/06 – Barb Maness, 09/07 – Monica Ramsey, 09/10 – Pat Scharf, 09/11 – Marge Beinkemper, 09/12 – Marge Waldon, 09/13 – Barb Maness, 09/14 – Monica Ramsey, 09/17 – Diane Peters, 09/18 – Marge Beinekmper, 09/19 – Marge Waldon, 09/20 – Barb Maness, 09/21 – Monica Ramsey, 09/24 – Pat Scharf, 09/25 – Sheila Cigolotti, 09/26 – Marge Waldon, 09/27 – Barb Maness, 09/28 – Monica Ramsey

Playground Volunteers:

09/04 – Help Needed, 09/05 – Sheila Cigolotti, 09/06 – Chris Strzok, 09/07 - Chris Strzok, 09/10 – Carolyn/Bernadine, 09/11 – Sheila Cigolotti, 09/12 – Sheila Cigolotti, 09/13 – Chris Strzok, 09/14 – Chris Strzok, 09/17 – Carolyn, Bernadine, **09/18 – Help Needed**, 09/19 – Sheila Cigolotti, 09/20 - Chris Strzok, 09/21 – Chris Strzok, 09/24 – Carolyn/Bernadine, **09/25 – Help Needed**,

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY	4 Petite Chicken Strips Corn Green Beans Buttered Noodles Fruit Milk	5 Hamburger or Pizza Burger French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	6 Cheese Coney Veggie Sticks with Dip Fruit Milk	7 Cheese Stuffed Bread Stick with Pizza Sauce Tossed Salad Carrots Fruit Milk



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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Scholastic Book Fair

Students in grades 5-8 could do a book review of a Scholastic book to have extra chances to win a poster from the book fair.

The students who participated were:

- Sarah Bruce, Lily Dennis, Eleanor Eaglin, Will Holt, Sylvea Kramer, Bailey McGraw, Ellie Ryan, Maddie Ryan, and Christine Strzok.

Thanks for the extra effort!

Roni’s Dance Team

Toni’s Dance competition teams are performing at the Red’s game on September 30, 2018. Performers from St. Mary’s are: Audrey Gerke, Alahna Beinkemper and Myla Bennett.

Student Teacher Organization members:

- Eighth grade: Jake Daugherty, Will Hollingsworth, Cyndi Tush
- Seventh grade: Thaddeus Eaglin, Bernadette Wismann, Beth Zigan
- Sixth grade: Elana Hollingsworth, Lakota Vincent, Chris Woodruff

Calendar of Events:

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
Friday, September 14 th	Magazine Sales Kickoff
Wednesday, September 19 th	Early Release at 12:430 p.m. Professional Development – meet a 1 p.m. in 8 th grade room
Tuesday, October 2 nd	Fire Prevention at 10 a.m. (Grades K – 3)
Thursday, October 4 th	End of 1 st Quarter
Friday, October 5 th	No School – Farmer’s Fair
Saturday, October 6 th	Farmer’s Fair Parade – meet at 9 a.m.
Monday, October 8 th – Friday, October 12 th	No School – Fall Break
Tuesday, October 16 th	1 st Quarter Report Cards go home
Thursday, October 18 th	8 th Grade – Shadow Day at Oldenburg Academy