

The Bulldog Barks January 18, 2019

Mr. Brookbank – Principal

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We will not have school on Monday, January 21, 2019 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Attached is information regarding Catholic Schools Week. Everyone is invited to the Open House on Sunday, January 27th from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. You are welcome to join us and bring a prospective St. Mary's family!

Saint of the Month

St. Paul

Celebrate our Catholic faith and education by attending Mass as a family. All students are encouraged to attend Mass and worship together. Please wear your yellow "We Did It" shirts! The school choir and bell choir will be "ringing and singing" at the 5 p.m. mass on Saturday, January 26th!

The school will be open until 7 p.m. January 28th – 31st (Monday – Thursday) for any family that would like to visit St. Mary's to take a tour or meet teachers. Please share this information with potential families/students. Potential families/students can stop by during this week or call the office to schedule a tour and we can have the appropriate staff available.

In the near future, we will be sending out letter of intent for enrollment and a survey to all school families regarding for enrollment to the school for next school year. This will help in planning for staffing K-8 grades and hopefully provide some indication as to the viability of a pre-school for 2020-2021.

Students in the 3rd - 8th grades will begin practice test sessions for ILearn testing during school, next week.

- ILearn testing is scheduled for the week of April 22nd through May 17, 2019.
- IREAD-3 testing is currently scheduled for March 18 – March 29th. However, this is our Spring Break. Mr. Brookbank is working with the Indiana Department of Education to re-schedule. This testing is only for 3rd grade students.



We have created a separate page with information on *Keeping the Doors Open* campaign at the end of the Bulldog.

Donations can be made online at www.mystmarys.com.

Cash or checks can be dropped off or mailed to school office at 211 Fourth Street, Aurora, IN 47001. Make checks payable to St. Mary's School.

Cafeteria

Beginning Tuesday, January 22, 2019 we will make an additional change in the cafeteria. Students may substitute the hot entrée (i.e. Ravioli, taco, etc.) with a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. They will be able to choose vegetable, fruit, fries, etc. that is on the lunch menu for that day, with the sandwich. The cost of the lunch will be the same.

In the event that we do not have a cafeteria volunteer, we will ask for students in grades 5-8 to volunteer the help in the cafeteria. Duties would include serving lunch (with Mrs. Brothers), cleaning trays, loading dishwasher, etc. This would be on a volunteer basis for the students. They are not required to help.

Please call the office if you have any questions.

PTO

Our next PTO meeting will be Wednesday, January 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. We will be finalizing the plans for Catholic Schools Week which goes from 1/27-2/1/19. Fish Fry schedules will be available for people to sign up for their preferred day and time. We will also be working out details for this year's fish frys.

The Fish Fry Schedule for 2019:

March 8, 22 & 29th

April 5 & 19th

If you have questions or suggestions please come to the meeting to discuss, or call Michelle Ryan at 859-240-9390 or email at michelle.ryan03@gmail.com.

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.

School Payments

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

Box Tops for Education

*** Buy * Clip * Send * Earn***



Box Tops Clips are found on hundreds of product packages and are worth \$.10 for our school. All you need to do is send them to school before they expire! You can also drop them off in the back of church and we will pick them up. St. Mary's has a goal to raise \$1,000 this school year.



Adopt a Soldier

Our Army Reserve alumnus, Morgan Wolfer, has been deployed. We plan to send many letters to her and her fellow soldiers. We also would like to send care packages that she can share. If anyone would like to donate to her care packages, please send the items to the 2nd/3rd grade room anytime during this school year.

Care Package Suggestions

Gum, Lifesavers, mints, *sunflower seeds (Morgan really likes these!)*, trail mix, protein bars, beef jerky, single serving bags of chips, powdered drink mixes for individual water bottles, playing cards, DVD's, **baby wipes (very popular)** hand sanitizer, Chapstick, peanut butter cups, Rice Crispy treats, Band-Aids, board games, air fresheners, Little Debbie's, Frisbee, Nerf football, inspirational readings.

Cannot be Shipped or Accepted

Home-baked goods, glass bottles or jars, aerosol cans or sprays, expired food, canned food, lighters, matches or lighter fluid, hotel samples, VHS tapes, hard cover books and music.

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning**amy.denning@mystmarys.com**

Please remember we **do not** have school on Monday, January 21st, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

In phonics next week we will be focusing on letter Vv; keyword-vest. We will add 2 words to our list of “pop-ups”- love, see. We will also work with syllables, and listen for ending sounds in words. We are reading our “pop-up” words and color words on a regular basis in class, practice at home is always appreciated.

In math we will be working with nickels; identifying, giving the value for, and counting by 5's.

We had fun on our 100th day of school Tuesday. The class enjoyed making 10 groups of ten treats to make a special 100 day snack. Congratulations to our 2 students who have 100 days of perfect attendance- Vivian and Sawyer. Great job!

Show-n-Tell for the week of January 21st is **Ss**.

Have a wonderful week. Enjoy the long weekend!

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

In Phonics we will be coding and reading words that have the v'/cv syllable division pattern. We will also be spelling words to label objects in pictures.

We will be reading **The Shopping List** from our new Yellow Readers. Reading Word List #16 will be going home. Our test on the story and words will be on Friday!

In Math we are continuing to practice how to add 2 digit numbers together (without regrouping) and how to count and draw tally marks.

Grade 2 & 3 – Mrs. Grove**annmarie.grove@mystmarys.com**

We are studying the properties of different materials, like opaque, waterproof, absorbent, and heat-trapping. Everyone imagined being stranded on a deserted island wearing only a bathing suit. Each student had to design and create a hat for protection from the sun with items that washed ashore with them in their lunch. They had a paper lunch bag, a piece of foil, a paper towel, a 3 foot string, and 2 clothes pins. The hats all looked very different and some might even work!

If a 2nd or 3rd grade parent comes to our PTO meeting next Wednesday, January 23rd, @ 6:30 p.m., their student will be excused from any Math or Phonics homework that evening.

Hope to also see you at LaRosa's on Thursday, January 24th for the 8th grade fundraiser. Don't forget to mention St. Mary's and turn in your receipt to our office the next morning for credit.

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

Third and fourth graders are super excited about their informative writing project this quarter. They each chose an animal that they have to research. They will create a PowerPoint presentation with their information. I can't wait to see the end results. Both grades will also be ready for their next reading test on Friday as long as the schedule doesn't get altered. Third grade is reading a fantasy story called *The Garden of Abdul Gasazi*, and fourth grade is reading a personal narrative called *Grandfather's Journey*. The next journal check for third and fourth grade is Thursday, January 24.

In math, students will continue learning about different units of measurement. Our new science chapter is all about erosion and how slow processes change Earth's surface.

If you're interested in ordering from Scholastic, orders are due Friday, January 25! Have a great week!

Grade 5 – Mrs. Baker**leslie.baker@mystmarys.com**

Fifth graders are preparing for two tests next week. One is our religion test over chapter 7. We completed our chapter review/study guide in class this week. We will review in class on Tuesday and our test is day. We are also preparing for our Vocabulary test over Units 7-12. Our test over these units will be Thursday. We will review in class Wednesday and Thursday, but students also need to study at home.

In math, we are continuing our chapter over adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers. We are learning how to make like denominators before we add or subtract. Fifth graders are also practicing writing all of our answers in simplest form. We will not have spelling this week due to the short week. Have a great week!

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

The 6th and 8th grades each had test on Wednesday. Be sure to correct them for additional points added to your test score!

The 6th grade science is studying average speed, acceleration, and velocity.

Catholic Schools Week is the last week in January. Many special events are being planned. One event is a talent show on Friday, February 1st in the afternoon. Students in grade 5-8 are invited to try out for the talent show. Encourage your child to share their talents with us! There are sign-up sheets upstairs at school. 6th graders are to wear blue on Friday for my favorite color.

Grade 7 – Mrs. Rector**kim.rector@mystmarys.com**

All three classes presented their projects on Thursday and Friday. If you want to know more about inventions from the industrial revolution, eleven different sub-Saharan African countries, or some of the important people from the Revolutionary War, stop by the upstairs hallway to see their work on display.

We also spent some time discussing the Civil Rights movement, specifically Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his contributions so that we have a better understanding of the holiday we will celebrate with a day off on Monday. Our current event topics have been very interesting lately, with so much going on in our country and around the world. The students have some good ideas for how to solve some of the problems our government is currently experiencing.

Next week, we will move on to the French Revolution in sixth grade, seventh grade will tackle the northern African geography, and the eighth graders will learn about what comes next after the victory in the Revolutionary War. Have a great week!

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

This has been a good week of learning. Sixth graders hammer away at prepositions and writing while seventh and eighth graders work at writing and also at identifying and understanding verbs. We're enjoying the books we're reading, and everyone should remember that January book reports are due on January 31st. Congratulations to the many students who have worked ahead!

Sally Bender from the Guidance Office at South Dearborn will be here on Thursday, January 24th at 8:30 a.m. to talk to all 8th grade students. Mrs. Bender will give students registration paperwork which they need to complete and turn into South Dearborn ASAP. This is always an excellent opportunity for students to begin to learn about the opportunities they will have during their high school years. Careful planning builds success!

Eighth graders are now raffling a black 7" Samsung Elite tablet and are selling chances for a drawing to be held on February 28th. The cost of the chances will be \$5.00 each or 3 chances for \$10.00. Those who sell chances will earn credits for our class trip.

Don't forget our January 24th LaRosa's day in Greendale. Be sure to mention St. Mary's School when you visit, and be sure to send your receipt to school the next day as proof that you supported this fundraiser.

Also coming up is our spaghetti dinner which will be held on Saturday, January 26th from 5:30 P.M. until 8:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. Parents are asked to donate desserts for this and should bring the desserts to the Activity Center kitchen ahead of time. Students who help work the event will earn credits toward their trip.

Remember that our next class trip payment of \$300.00 will be due on March 1st. Payments are not refundable due to the fact that the cost of the trip is based on the total number of people going along.

The choir and bell choir will be singing at the 5 p.m. mass on Saturday, January 26th. Students should be in the 8th grade room by 4:30 p.m. to warm up.

God bless!

7th and 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank

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Both classes are performing a four day lab concentrating on diffusion/osmosis. The first step is "egg decalcification". This involves soaking the egg for three days in distilled vinegar. I would not suggest this to be used as an air freshener! This removes the hard shell & allows us to perform the final steps of the lab. Students will understand the concentration gradient of liquids flowing from an area of high concentration to an area of low concentration. The eighth grade will delve into more details at a greater depth than the seventh grade.

South Dearborn – 8th grade Parent Orientation

South Dearborn will have meeting on January 30th from 7 – 8:30 p.m. for any incoming Freshman for the 2019/2020 school year. You are to meeting in the auditorium.

Connie Powers, CRE

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Upcoming Bible Studies

Starting Wednesday, January 23rd: The Bible and the Virgin Mary, by The Saint Paul Center for Biblical Theology. Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 9:15 a.m. This is a 12-session study.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We need more crochet-ers and knit-ers! You can help by attending Wednesday gathering or from home. Just give Connie a call at 812-926-0060. We meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

Vacation Bible School - Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 24 – 28, 2019

Interested in assisting, call or email Connie Powers.

Saint of the Month

January – St. Paul, the Apostle

Paul, who was originally called "Saul of Tarsus", was one of the most important leaders of the "Apostolic Age" in the first century A.D. Though he dedicated the early part of his life to persecuting followers of Jesus Christ, he later spent most of his life teaching the Gospel of Christ.

Paul the Apostle, though not considered one of the original 12 apostles of Christ, is considered one of the most important figures of the early church. Out of the 27 books in the New Testament, Paul is credited as the author of 13 of them.

It is said that the resurrected Christ appeared to Paul, and this caused him to convert to Christianity and begin to preach that Jesus was the Son of God. Paul traveled far and wide, evangelizing the life and

Gospel of Christ, which he asserted that he received not from man but directly as "the revelation from Jesus Christ."

The core of Paul the Apostle's teaching revolves around the idea that Jesus died so that the sins of his believers would be forgiven because of their faith. For his work with missionaries and the resultant spread of the Christian faith, Paul was martyred by the Romans.

Feast day: June 29

Patron of Missions; Theologians; Gentile Christians

Birth: 5

Death: 67

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 4 – 5

11:35 a.m. – Grades K – 3

12:00 p.m. – Grades 6 – 8

Recess:

11 – 11:35 a.m. – Grades K – 3

11:55 – 12:20 a.m. – Grades 4 – 5

12:25 – 12:45 p.m. – Grades 6 – 8

Cafeteria and Playground hours:

Cafe: First lunch is served at 11:15 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:

01/22 – Marge Beinkemper, 01/23 – Marge Waldon, **01/24 – Help Needed**, 01/25 – Monica Ramsey, 01/28 – Pat Scharf, 01/29 – Marge Beinkemper, 01/30 – Marge Waldon, **01/31 – Help Needed**

Playground Volunteers:

01/22 – Help Needed, 01/23 – Randi McGraw, 01/24 – Chris Strzok, 01/25 – Chris Strzok, 01/28 – Bernadine/Carolyn, **01/29 – Help Needed**, 01/30 – Randi McGraw, 01/31 – Chris Strzok

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Rotini & Meat Sauce Tossed Salad Green Beans Bread Stick Fruit Milk	Chicken Patty with Bun Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	Pizza (pepperoni or cheese) Veggie Sticks with Dip Fruit Milk	Taco (Beef or Chicken) Refried Beans Corn Fruit Milk	Sliced Turkey Mashed Potatoes Carrots Bread Fruit Milk



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St. Mary's School has been known as a legacy of excellence in the parish and in the community. We are striving and praying that we can continue this level of excellence by continuing to keep the doors of school open. We as a parish and school have had some financial hardships and are hoping to reach out to the parishoners and community to help financially contribute to our 'Keep the Doors Open' campaign. We have several ideas in the works to produce more income in the future (i.e. preschool, scholarship program) and will also be making cuts to become financially sustainable. Please consider making a financial contribution to our school for the children in this community.

Our website www.mystmarys.com is the best way to donate! If you would rather write a check, you can drop off directly to school, or mail to the address above.

As of 01/18/2019:	\$683,115.93 raised
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Donations:

We are overwhelmed and grateful for the many donors that have helped us reach our goal. We had three donors, who wish to remain anonymous, that made very large contributions to Keep the Doors Open. This enabled to say we had met our goal before the deadline of December 31, 2018!

We have 212 donations made by 186 individuals or companies (26 people have made more than one donation). The donation amounts ranged from \$10.00 to \$10,000. Most were one-time donations, while others continue to make month reoccurring contribution that they set up through St. Mary's website.

Current Progress:

1. Mr. Brookbank is assessing if we can offer cafeteria next year. Mr. Brookbank and Mrs. Brothers have had meetings with individuals from St. John's regarding how they run their cafeteria. We need the cafeteria to break-even or have a profit at the end of each school year. As of December 31, 2018, the cafeteria had a deficit of (\$8,544.96).
2. As far as enrollment...Mr. Brookbank will be sending out to all existing school families a letter of intent for enrollment for next school year and a survey. This should help in planning for staffing K-8 grades and hopefully provide some indication as to the viability of a pre-school for 2020-2021. He will be following-up that letter with direct phone calls and/or meeting with school-age families to encourage and recruit more student to increase the school census. Other more external efforts to market and recruit for the purpose of increasing the school census are still in the planning stages and/or are being considered for use in the total sustainability plan.

3. Bob, Ann, Mollie are working on the budget for next year. Once the details of the budget are finalized, the Finance Committee will need to approve the budget.
4. As far as a pre-school.....unless there are at least a double digit enrollment commitment, it would be too early to say we are having a pre-school for 2019-2020. It most likely may be 2020-2021 before we can prove a sustainable enrollment to for feasibility; however, as has been proven by the success of the funding campaign..... only God and time will tell.

Pending:

1. We still need a group of volunteers to organize a campaign to recruit more students and marketing for our school!
2. Mailing out to local and non-local business owners. We have a list of small and large businesses that we can solicit for a one-time donation or a pledge amount for the next 3-5 years. We need a group of volunteers whose sole purpose would be for fundraising (above what PTO currently does), grant writing, seeking long term pledges, etc.

Calendar of Events:

Monday, January 21st	Martin Luther King Day – No School
Wednesday, January 23rd	PTO Meeting – 6:30 p.m. in school cafeteria
Thursday, January 24th	8th grade fundraiser - LaRosa's in Greendale from 11 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Saturday, January 26th	- Choir and Bell Choir will sing at 5 p.m. Mass - 8 th grade fundraiser: Spaghetti dinner in the Activity Center from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 27th – Friday, February 1, 2019	Catholic Schools Week
Monday – Thursday January 28 - 31, 2019	St. Mary's will be open until 7 p.m. - This is for any new school family that would like to take a tour or meet teachers
Wednesday, January 30th	Early Release – Students will be released at 12:35 p.m.
Wednesday, January 30th	8th grade Parent Orientation at South Dearborn (7 - 8:30 p.m.)
Friday, February 8th	3Q Midterm
Wednesday, February 27th	Early Release – Students will be released at 12:35 p.m.
<u>Planning Ahead:</u>	
Wednesday, March 13th	St. Mary's School Open House from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. - This is for parents of students entering Kindergarten through the 8th grade for the 2019/2020 school year
The Fish Fry Schedule for 2019:	March 8th, 22nd & 29th, April 5 & 19th