

## The Bulldog Barks January 25, 2019

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### Mr. Brookbank – Principal

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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. Mrs. Denning will be here on Sunday. You are welcome to join us and bring a prospective St. Mary's family!

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 26<sup>th</sup>!

The school will be open until 7 p.m. January 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> (Monday – Thursday) for any family that would like to visit St. Mary's to take a tour or meet teachers. Mr. Brookbank will be here Monday – Thursday; Mrs. Meyer will be here on Monday; Mrs. Rector will be here on Tuesday; and Mr. Waldon will be here on Thursday.

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.

**\*\*\*Early Dismissal on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. Students will be dismissed at 12:35 p.m. There will be no After School Care. Teachers are to report to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade room at 1 p.m.**

### ILEARN

Students in the 3rd - 8th grades have begun practice test sessions for ILEARN testing during school. Mr. Brookbank discussed what St. Mary's is doing to prepare for ILEARN, at the PTO Meeting on Wednesday, January 23, 2019. Attached is information he handed out at the meeting.

We would also like to offer students a snack on testing days and are asking for parents to send in individual snacks (store bought or homemade) and we will distribute to the classrooms. Students are only allowed to take one test per day, so they will be testing over several days. The older students will most likely be taking a test every day!

- ILEARN testing is scheduled for the week of April 22nd through May 17, 2019.
- IREAD-3 testing is currently scheduled for March 18 – March 29<sup>th</sup>. However, this is our Spring Break. Mr. Brookbank is working with the Indiana Department of Education to re-schedule. This testing is only for 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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

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. They still need to choose at least three items that are offered. 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.

## 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](mailto:mcperson.1@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.

## Pull for Ronald McDonald House Charities



Recycled beverage tabs help support local Ronald McDonald House program, a temporary "home-away-from-home" for the families of seriously ill children being treated at nearby hospitals.

There is a can by the front door of school, with the Ronald McDonald logo on it. Please bring in your beverage tabs and put them in the can.

**Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning****[amy.denning@mystmarys.com](mailto:amy.denning@mystmarys.com)**

Next week is Catholic Schools Week! Thank you so much for sending your children to St. Mary's School! We're looking forward to our special "dress days". Please check last week's Bulldog to see what the special days are. For next Friday's "teacher's favorite color", Kindergarten may wear green, and/or purple.

Our new letter will be Jj- keyword- jar. The children will bring home reader # 9, *Pig's Jet*. We will be working with accented syllables in words, and we will be reading and writing sentences using "pop-up" words and the 8 basic color words. After adding the caterpillar words next week, we have a total of 524 words!

Show-n-Tell next week will be Ff.

In math we will review counting money; pennies, nickels, and dimes.

\*We have an Early Dismissal day on Wednesday, January, 30, 2019. We will dismiss at 12:35 p.m. Have a super week!

**Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson****[mcperson.1@mystmarys.com](mailto:mcperson.1@mystmarys.com)**

In Phonics we will continue to code and read words that have the v'/cv syllable division pattern. We will also be learning that the letter Aa can make an short /u/ sound (as in banana). Reader #22 will be sent home on Wednesday. Parents, remember to have your child practice these readers until they have mastered each word and are reading them fluently.

Catholic Schools Week is coming! I sent home a list of the special out of uniform days we will be having throughout the week. Remember to wear your teacher's favorite color on Friday (mine is green)!

**Grade 2 & 3 – Mrs. Grove****[annmarie.grove@mystmarys.com](mailto:annmarie.grove@mystmarys.com)**

We are learning about the properties of insulation and conduction this week.

2<sup>nd</sup> grade is wrapping up the Friends Reading Book and moving on to Treasures.

3<sup>rd</sup> grade is finishing the math unit on graphs and getting ready to move on to Measurement and Time. Third grade also took a practice ILEARN test on Wednesday.

Hope to see everyone in our new yellow school shirts at Mass this weekend to show support for Catholic Schools Week. My favorite color is red for Catholic Schools Week. Thank you for all you do for our school!

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

Happy Catholic School's Week! I am so happy to be part of St. Mary's and able to celebrate Catholic schools with you! I hope students will appreciate how lucky they are to attend a Catholic school. Be sure to check out the list of dress up days and special activities for the week. Friday's dress up is wear your teacher's favorite color. Mine is yellow!

Although we do have some changes in the schedule, for the most part, our schedule will be normal. Students will practice using conjunctions this week, continue their informative writing project, and have a reading test on Tuesday. Our math chapter will wrap up with temperature and time.

Have a great week!

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

We are looking forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week and our wonderful school! All of the details for dress up days are in the Bulldog. For next Friday's "teacher's favorite color", my favorite color is yellow. We hope to see many of you at the talent show on Friday!

Fifth graders are moving right along with fractions. I am impressed with how well everyone is working and trying in math class. We are getting ready for our test over adding and subtraction fractions and mixed numbers. We will review in class on Monday and the test will be Tuesday. There are many practice problems in our textbook that students can practice with for the test. They also have numerous examples of each type of problem in their math notebook. We are also preparing for our social studies test. Our test over Christopher Columbus and Spanish colonization of the Americas will be on Thursday. We will review in class on Monday and Tuesday. Each fifth graders has a study packet for this chapter in their VIP folders. They should be looking over it each night to help them prepare for this test. Have a great week!

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

6<sup>th</sup> graders have been studying average speed, acceleration, and velocity in science. I can't wait to see their projects due on Monday. 7<sup>th</sup> graders had a math test on Friday. They will get the results on Monday.

Catholic Schools Week activities begin this weekend. Be sure to read about them in the Bulldog.

**Grade 7 – Mrs. Rector****[kim.rector@mystmarys.com](mailto:kim.rector@mystmarys.com)**

Even with all of the fun events planned for Catholic Schools Week and practice test for ILEARN, we will continue our work in social studies. Sixth grade will wrap up chapter 9 about Europe and will have a test soon. The seventh grade will continue its study of Northern Africa and Eastern Asia. The eighth graders are going to take a closer look at the United States Constitution.

We are looking forward to all the fun activities for Catholic Schools Week. Please see the calendar for all of the details and different dress up days. The talent show on Friday will be the highlight of the week, I'm sure. Remember to wear your teacher's favorite color on Friday (mine is blue). Thank you to the PTO and STO for their planning and preparation to help celebrate our catholic school. Remember that we have an early dismissal on Wednesday.

**Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon****[jim.waldon@mystmarys.com](mailto:jim.waldon@mystmarys.com)**

Students are reminded that it is an ongoing assignment to keep their E-Learning folders in their backpacks unless they are working on updating them at school or are actually working on an assignment at home. The folders should come to school with the students each morning and return home with them each afternoon in their backpacks.

Students planning to go to South Dearborn High School should return their materials to the guidance department at South Dearborn as soon as possible. Even those who feel there is some chance they will attend South Dearborn should turn in the materials, in case their plans would change.

Eighth graders are now raffling a black 7" Samsung Elite tablet and are selling chances for a drawing to be held on February 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 spaghetti dinner which will be held this Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> 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. ALL STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO WEAR THEIR YELLOW "WE DID IT" SHIRTS.

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

School choirs will ring and sing this Saturday at the 5:00 P.M. Mass. All musicians should be in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade room for warm-up by 4:30 and SHOULD WEAR THEIR YELLOW "WE DID IT" SHIRTS.  
God bless!

### **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank**

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Due to the holiday on Monday and our two delays, science classes have not happened this week! However, during recess the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> were able to continue the lab work of class. The diffusion/osmotic pressure lab will conclude on Friday, January 25, 2019. The lab has caught the interest of the school. We will conclude the week improving skills in identifying concentration gradients of liquids and gasses within our body cells.

### **South Dearborn – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Parent Orientation**

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

### **Connie Powers, CRE**

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#### **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.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!

### 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:

01/28 – Pat Scharf, 01/29 – Marge Beinkemper, 01/30 – Marge Waldon, **01/31 – Help Needed**

### Playground Volunteers:

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
28	29	30	31	1
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



# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

#WELOVESTMARYS

- Emma Neff has started taking violin lessons on the violin she received for Christmas.
- The Collins/Kramer family were in Columbus, Indiana for a swim meet last weekend when their hotel lost power. They swam on Saturday but Sunday was cancelled. All was not lost because they were able to play hide and seek in the afternoon in a darkened hotel.
- The Wismann family made the front page of The Register on Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>!

## FROSTY AND FAMILY



SUBMITTED PHOTO  
Last Saturday's snowfall was perfect for making snowmen, and that's just what the Wismann family did Jan. 12. From left: Jessica, Bernadette, Oliver, Francis, Sawyer, Nicholas and Jonathan Wismann, Dillabov. A look at the sculptors might reveal that Bernadette is a soccer player and Nicholas is patriotic!

### 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



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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](http://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 01/24/2019:	\$699,111 raised
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### 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.
3. 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:

Saturday, January 26th	- Choir and Bell Choir will sing at 5 p.m. Mass - 8 <sup>th</sup> 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.)
Monday, February 4 <sup>th</sup>	Fundraising Committee meeting at 6 p.m. – school cafeteria
Friday, February 8th	3Q Midterm
Wednesday, February 27th	Early Release – Students will be released at 12:35 p.m.
<b><u>Planning Ahead:</u></b> 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