

The Bulldog Barks March 1, 2019

Mr. Brookbank – Principal

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March 6th is Ash Wednesday and the start of our Lenten season.

This is a great time to focus on our families and faith.

The seasons and days of penance in the course of the liturgical year (Lent, and each Friday in memory of the death of the Lord) are intense moments of the Church's penitential practice.³⁶

These times are particularly appropriate for spiritual exercises, penitential liturgies, pilgrimages as signs of penance, voluntary self-denial such as fasting and almsgiving, and fraternal sharing (charitable and missionary works). (#1438)

Saint of the Month

St. Patrick

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis has a website regarding Lent. On this site you will find a variety of pages and features to help you immerse yourself in the Season of Lent and prepare for the celebration of Easter. Go to: www.archindy.org/lent



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Once we have a headcount, we will need some volunteers to organize the refreshments.

Hope to see many school and parish families there!

Voucher Program

If you are a current voucher recipient, please **send in a copy of your 2018 tax returns** for next school year.

Does your family qualify for a voucher? If you are not sure, call the office or just send in a copy of your taxes and we will let you know if you qualify. You never know, until you ask!

ILEARN

Students in the 3rd - 8th grades are currently completing practice sessions for IREAD and ILEARN during school. Mr. Brookbank discussed what St. Mary's is doing to prepare for ILEARN, at the PTO Meeting on Wednesday, January 23, 2019.

- ILEARN testing is scheduled for the week of April 22nd through May 17, 2019.
- IREAD-3 testing has been rescheduled for March 11 – 15, 2019.

****Please do not schedule any appointments or vacations during these dates. I apologize for any inconvenience. All of this testing is state mandated and does impact our schools rating. *****

PTO – Fish Fry

We are almost 100% full for volunteers for our 1st Fish Fry on March 8th, YEAH!! We are still in need of a few more fryers. We also would love to have a person to fill Mrs. Maness's spot of washing trays. That position was not listed in the online sign ups, but if there is a grandparent or parishioner that would like a position that they can work at their own pace and sit and take breaks then please contact Michelle or Ann.

Below is the link for signing up online. Signing up for MORE THAN 1 WEEK is strongly encouraged. There are 48 open spots per week, and around the same amount of school families so we need you to fill multiple spots. We have a group of volunteers that come help every week that are not school families and we are going to ask parishioners to help too, but the majority of our spots need to be filled with school parents.

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

Yard Signs: If you have a Cod with God yard sign from last year, please make sure to place it in your yard for everyone to see!

As always, please call, text, or email with any problems, questions or suggestions. (859-240-9390 cell)

Thanks for volunteering,

Michelle Ryan
PTO President

Celebrate St. Mary's

Save the Date! Celebrate St. Mary's will be on Saturday, April 27th at Dearborn Country Club. More information will be sent home in the next couple of weeks.

The Art Department is requesting buttons, jewelry, pearls, polished glass, etc. to use on the 5th grade project. Please send to the school office.

St. Mary's MUSICAL!!!!

We are excited to announce that Linda Rehtin has created a play about the history of St. Mary's. Linda gathered historical information from Mr. Waldon. She also received stories and memories from various Alumni!

Linda would like to have a meeting on Tuesday, February 26th at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria to give an overview of the play and to ask for help. She will need help with set design, make up, costumes, practices, etc. The play is scheduled for Friday, May 10th!

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.

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

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We will be doing individual evaluations for report cards during the week of March 4th. Please review "pop-up" words, color words, blending, and all skills that were listed in the midterm letter.

We will also be working with **digraph ck** (duck). A digraph is two letters that come together to make one sound. Digraph **ck** always follows a short vowel. When you hear a short vowel sound, followed by the **k** sound, it will be spelled 'ck'.

In Religion we will be talking about Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season.

Show-n-Tell for the week of March 4th will be- Dd

Come join us, Friday, March 8th, for delicious food at the first Fish Fry !

Have a great week!

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

In Phonics we will be reading and spelling new words containing digraph ey (as in key) and digraph ph (as in phone). We will also learn the soft sound of the letter g (as in giraffe).

In Health we are learning about how germs are spread and learning tips on how to stay healthy, such as washing our hands frequently. Parents, water bottles will be sent home daily to be washed and sanitized until flu season is over!

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

This week we began our unit on animals with the mystery “How many kinds of animals are there?” We learned how scientists sort animals into groups by looking at the characteristics they share. In our activity, we practiced sorting mammals, reptiles, birds, and invertebrates.

We have been discussing expected and unexpected behaviors and how it impacts ourselves and our friends. We are learning how to better regulate our emotions.

Savings was our topic this week in economics.

Thank you to the 7th and 8th grade for another great Mission Festival!

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

Students are doing an amazing job with fractions so far! Next week, students will write equivalent fractions, learn about factors, and put fractions into lowest terms. They will also have their first lesson check of Chapter 8 covering lessons 1-5. As always, it is important to review for the lesson checks just like a larger chapter test.

Both third and fourth grade have finished their novels. Both grades will take their novel test on Tuesday, March 5th. Students will have a study guide to help them review. We will also review in class on Monday. The third and last journal check of third quarter will be Tuesday, March 5th. All required entries and extra entries are due at that time.

I hope to see many of you at the first fish fry on Friday, March 8! Have a good week!

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

Fifth graders have finished our unit over fractions in math. We will now move on to probability and statistics, collecting and organizing data, and graphing. We will have a test in social studies over the colonization of North America. The test is planned for Thursday. All students have a study packet for this chapter that can be found in their VIP folders.

We presented our Island of the Blue Dolphin projects on Friday. All students did a great job on this project! They are on display in the upstairs hallway if you would like to check them out. We are now working on our Food Chain Projects. They are due on Wednesday March 6th. Have a great week!

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

The end of the quarter is next Friday, 3/8. Report cards go home on 3/12. The first Fish Fry is on the 8th as well. Be sure to sign up to work at the Fish Frys. Sign up your minnow as well! Students will be starting practices next week for the musical during school. It will be a fabulous experience and show!

The 6th and 8th grade just had math tests. 7th grade will get a study guide for their next math test on Tuesday. The test will be on Friday.

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

The sixth graders are learning about the economics of Europe. They will research the European Union and find out what Brexit has to do with it. The seventh graders are studying Ancient Egypt. They will work together to report on different aspects of Egypt's culture. The eighth graders are continuing their study of the United States Constitution. They will each choose an amendment to research and report on to the class. They will receive extra credit if they can recite the Preamble to the Constitution by heart by March 8. March 8 is also the last day of the third quarter, so all work is due by then.

The flu has hit the upper grades hard this week. We have been using clorox wipes and hand sanitizer regularly to try to combat the spread of the illnesses. Please stay home to recover if you are sick so you don't contribute to the spread of the illness. Hopefully the weekend will give everyone a chance to recover!

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

Congratulations to Autumn Foley who won the Samsung tablet raffled by the 8th grade class yesterday! Autumn is Cyndi Tush's aunt, and Cyndi was the class's top seller. Thanks again to Angie and Ruly Briseno (Mr. Waldon's sister and brother-in-law) who donated the tablet for our raffle!

Thanks to everyone who supported our Mission Festival! We're grateful to everyone who baked for us and sent in prizes for us. We had a great afternoon and made money which we will divvy up between missions and charities to be next week.

All sixth, seventh, and eighth graders are expected to keep their E-Learning folders in their backpacks unless they are specifically working on the assignments. It is much easier to keep all students up on work if their folders are accessible to them when they are at home and are accessible to the teachers and students when they are at school.

Remember that our second class trip payment of \$300.00 was due today, March 1st, and payments are not refundable. (Ask your son or daughter for a report on his or her current balance.)

God bless!

CHOIR and BELL CHOIR NOTICE: We will now be singing (and ringing) on Saturday, March 16th instead of the previously scheduled date of March 9th. This will make it possible for us to participate in our special Mass of thanksgiving for God's generosity through the benefactors who helped us reach and exceed our Keep the Doors Open goal. As in the past, we will warm up in the 8th grade room at 4:30 p.m. on the 16th.

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

Both classes are one week into Mendelian Genetics. The seventh grade is mastering the basics and the eighth graders are investigating their individual heredity. Thank you parents for help with the pedigree. The seventh grade will continue to improve their work with the Punnett Square and reading probability of the genetic results.

Connie Powers, CRE**connie.powers@mystmarys.com****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.

Cafeteria/Playground

Contact Aimee Hollingsworth at 744-8738, to sign up for cafeteria and playground duty. The schedule is online at 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:

03/04 – Pat Scharf, 03/05 – Marge Beinkemper, 03/06 – Marge Waldon, 03/07 – Jill Zigan, 03/08 – Monica Ramsey, 03/11 – Diane Peters, 03/12 – Charlotte Deville, 03/13 – Marge Waldon, 03/14 – Jill Zigan, 03/15 – Monica Ramsey

Playground Volunteers:

03/04 – Carolyn/Bernadine, 03/05 – HELP NEEDED, 03/06 – Randi McGraw, 03/07 – Chris Strzok, 03/08 – Chris Strzok, 03/11 – Carolyn/Bernadine, 03/12 – Randi McGraw, 03/13 – Chris Strzok, 03/14 – Chris Strzok

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	5	ASH WEDNESDAY	7	8
3-Way Tossed Salad Green Beans Crackers Fruit Milk	Chicken Smackers Steak Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Crackers Corn Fruit Milk	Cheese Coney Veggie Sticks w/ Dip Fruit Milk	Cheese Stuffed Bread Stick with Pizza Sauce Tossed Salad Broccoli Fruit Milk



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As of 02/28/2019:	\$705,411 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.
 - Mr. Brookbank has submitted an application for the Walmart Community Grant. This grant is to help subsidize a hot lunch program.
2. A letter of intent for enrollment for next school year was sent out. **Please return the completed form to the school office**, it was due by Friday, February 8, 2019. 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:

We still need a group of volunteers to organize a campaign to recruit more students and marketing for our school! Lyndsay Hays has volunteered to head this committee. We will be looking for additional volunteers to help her with:

- 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.
- This group of volunteers will also would for fundraising (above what PTO currently does), grant writing, seeking long term pledges, etc.

If you would be interested in being part of this committee, please contact Lyndsay at 812-907-0312.

Calendar of Events:

Friday, March 8th	3Q Ends
Friday, March 8th	Fish Fry – 1 of 5
Tuesday, March 12th	3Q Report Cards sent home
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
Thursday, March 14th	St. Mary's Athletic Banquet (Activity Center) at 6 p.m.
Saturday, March 16 th	Mass of thanksgiving - school choirs will ring and sing at the 5 p.m. mass
Monday, March 18th – Friday, March 22nd	Provision Spring Break
Friday March 22nd	Fish Fry – 2 of 5
Monday, March 25th – Friday, March 29th	Spring Break – No School
Friday, March 29th	Fish Fry 3 of 5
Friday, April 5th	Fish Fry 4 of 5
Wednesday, April 10th	Early Release – Students will be released at 12:35 p.m.
Thursday, April 18th	4Q Midterm
Friday, April 19th	Fish Fry – 5 of 5
Thursday, April 25th	4Q Midterm Reports
Saturday, April 27th	Celebrate St. Mary's at Dearborn Country Club
Friday, May 3rd	Oldenburg Academy – Picnic for all incoming Freshman from 5 – 8 p.m.

Sunday, May 5th	1st Communion Mass at 11 a.m.
Monday, May 6th – Friday, May 10th	Teacher Appreciation Week
Friday, May 10th	St. Mary’s Musical – time TBD
Monday, May 13 – Friday, May 17th	8th Grade Class Trip
Monday, May 13th – Tuesday, May 14th	CYO Camp – 6th and 7th grade students
Wednesday, May 22th	End of 4Q
Wednesday, May 22nd	Kindergarten End of Year Celebration at 1 p.m.
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Thursday, May 23rd	Last Student Day! – Grades 1 – 7



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Family Name: _____

_____ Our family **will not** be able to attend

_____ Our family **will** be able to attend

of adults: _____

of children: _____

_____ I would be willing to provide a snack or refreshment for the reception.

Return this portion by Wednesday, March 13, 2019.