

The Bulldog Barks March 8, 2019

Mr. Brookbank – Principal

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We are still missing a few Letter of Intent forms. Please complete the form and return to school. If you have lost your copy, you can either send an email with your decision or please call the school office and Ms. Ann will send another copy home!

Good luck to our students in the 3rd grade. They will be taking their IREAD tests on Tuesday and Wednesday, next week!

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

Saint of the Month

St. Patrick



Keep the Doors Open - Mass of Thanksgiving

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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!

IREAD / ILEARN (Grades 3 - 8)

- 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. *****

Information regarding IREAD (Grade 3 only):

The Indiana Department of Education is excited to share resources with parents and families that provide transparency regarding the statewide Grade 3 reading assessment. IREAD-3 was developed by

Indiana educators to measure foundational reading skills of students at the end of their Grade 3 school year. Visit their website at www.doe.in.gov/assessment/iread-3-families

Information regarding ILEARN (Grades 3 – 8):

ILEARN measures student achievement and growth according to Indiana Academic Standards. ILEARN is the summative accountability assessment for Indiana students and assesses:

- English/Language Arts (Grades 3-8)
- Mathematics (Grades 3-8)
- Science (Grades 4 and 6)
- Social Studies (Grade 5)
- Biology (High School)

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PTO – Fish Fry

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to work, we are slowly filling in the remains spots. We have had a great response from our parents and parishioners. If you are going to be in town over the next 2 Fish Frys, which fall over a Spring Break, then please consider coming down to work. Some of our regular workers who normally come to every Fish Fry are going to be gone and we still need a full crew to be successful. The link to sign up is: <http://signup.com/go/yunzvSH>

*****WORKER REMINDERS******

- We start serving around 4:30 until 7:30 p.m. If you can get there a few minutes early, it helps us start on time. I know some people are coming from work and cannot be there any earlier.
- We need everyone to stay and clean up. If we have everyone stay we can be mostly done by 8:00 p.m.
- Park on the side streets or in the St. Mary's lot on the corner of 4th and Mechanic Street, to leave closer parking for customers.
- We try to have food ready between 3:45 p.m. and 4 p.m. so the workers who are there can eat before we start.
- If you need a break while you are working, just let us know so we can find someone to cover your spot.
- Worker meals are \$5.00.
- Wear your “Cod with God” shirt if you have one, we will have some to purchase if you still need/want one. They are \$10.00.
- Due to the large size and busy nature of our fish fry, workers should not bring younger children with them while they are working. 5th grade and above can be signed up to be minnows.
- Desserts can be dropped off at the school on Friday morning, or in the Activity Center after 11 a.m. Refrigeration is available if needed.

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!!!!

Linda Rehtin has created a play about the history of St. Mary's and has started to work with students in grades 1 – 8. Auditions for individual speaking or singing parts were held this past week!

Linda asked the 4th and 5th grade students to design a flyer for the play!

Linda asked Michelle Ryan to create an online sign-up sheet for volunteers. You should be receiving an email from Michelle in the next few weeks. Please sign up to help when and where you can!

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**amy.denning@mystmarys.com**

In Phonics we will be working with a new digraph- sh- keyword- shark. We will also work with rhyming words, long vowels, and spelling our "caterpillar" words. We'll add are, to our list of "pop-up" words, and we'll get reader #12, "*Will She Tell?*".

In math we will begin a unit on measuring, using non-standard units (linking cubes), and rulers (measuring to the nearest inch.). We will also work with number sentences, both addition and subtraction.

Show-n-Tell for the week of March 11th is - Vv.

Enjoy your week.

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

In Phonics we will be learning "**Ghost Letter**" digraphs **kn** (as in knot), **gn** (as in gnat), and **wr** (as in wreath). We will also be practicing spelling words using the doubling and dropping rules

In Math we are continuing to position numbers on a place value chart and we are practicing how to add three single-digit numbers together. We are also identifying geometric solids and using comparison symbols (>, <, =).

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

The 2nd grade is creating a bulletin board for our reading unit titled, Family Photos. We are going to hang our baby pictures and try to guess Who's Who? The second grade would love if the third graders would bring their baby photos also.

We were expecting our class scientist, Mrs. Velda Miller on Wednesday. But her mother died Wednesday morning at the Waters in Rising Sun. So she will reschedule. Our condolences to her and her family. We made cards to mail to her.

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

Fourth graders will finish the first of two fraction math chapters next week. They will be ready for Chapter 8 Test on Friday. Throughout the week, they will practice putting fractions in lowest terms, writing mixed numbers, and comparing fractions to order them. Students will have a study guide, and we will play a review game on Thursday.

Students began a reading story in their text book this week called, *Akiak*. It is a story about dogsled racing that goes well with *Stone Fox*. Students will work with this story throughout next week and be ready to test on Thursday. Math and reading tests are the only planned tests this week.

I want to wish the third graders the BEST OF LUCK on their IREAD test next week! They have been working super hard to prepare for the test. I hope to see many of you at the Open House Wednesday from 6-7 p.m.!! I also hope everyone has a wonderful Spring Break!

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

It's hard to believe the third quarter ends today! Report cards will go home on Thursday. Please sign and return these as soon as possible.

We are working on a poetry unit in reading. When we finish this unit, we will have read many different types of poetry, presented a poem to the class, and written our own poem. In social studies, we are now learning about the thirteen original colonies and why they were established. We will continue to practice for the ILearn test, and get accustomed to using the computer for testing. Have a great week!
Sent from my iPhone

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

Report cards will be sent home on Tuesday. Please sign one copy and return it. Keep one copy for yourself. Please return it before spring break.

CYO packets were passed out to 6th and 7th graders on Monday. Please return the green permission slip for camp before spring break. The pink paper and money is not needed until May 10th, however you may send in a check and the pink paper anytime.

Musical practice is underway. Students have had the opportunity to try out for solos and speaking parts. It is going to be a fantastic event! Be sure it is on your calendar!

Pi Day is Thursday. It has snuck up on me this year. Students will recite pi digits on Thursday.

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

Some of the seventh graders have fallen into the bad habit of not taking their homework home and they are trying to quickly finish it in the morning before classes begin. This is resulting in sloppy and incomplete work. The teachers would like to help if students are having difficulty understanding any material, but we have to see that they are trying to do it on their own first and are not finishing it because they did not even attempt it. Remember that the quarter ends today and report cards will be sent home on Tuesday.

The seventh graders were very excited about beginning musical practice this week. I was happy to see the number of students who tried out for individual speaking or singing parts. The active participation of the older students helps make the entire experience fun for everyone!

Mark your calendar now for the performances on May 10 and watch the Bulldog for opportunities to volunteer to help make it happen. I look forward to seeing many of you at the first fish fry this Friday night!

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

Eighth graders planning to attend South Dearborn High School will be making a visit to the high school this coming Tuesday, the 12th, as part of the initial orientation process. Permission trips were sent to parents on Tuesday by way of their 8th graders.

Sixth graders have been working on root words in addition to journal writing and reading their current novels. Seventh and eighth graders continue to write entertaining journals, brush up on English usage, and enjoy their respective novels. MARCH BOOK REPORTS WILL BE DUE ON APRIL 1st. Kudos to the students who have already worked ahead.

Again, we thank everyone who supported our Mission Festival. Congratulations to our 8th graders for their amazing help on the day of the festival, and special thanks to Ben Zigan who stayed beyond the school day to make sure the activity center was clean! We chose five recipients for the proceeds of the festival: Boys Town, Love the Hungry, Make-A-Wish Foundation, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and St. Mary's Parish. Your generosity makes our generosity possible!

We're now raffling an Amazon Echo Dot and invite your support. Chances are \$1 each and are available through the school office and through the 8th graders.

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 on, March 1, and payments are not refundable. Almost everyone is caught up on payments.

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 on the 16th.

7th and 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank

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The 7th grade began Cartoon Genetics on Monday. This is a change of pace assignment stressing basic principles of Mendelian Genetics. The students like the different approach to facts concerning genetics. I will begin to introduce strategies for understanding the cause of Genetic defects. Students will perform labs using Karyotypes showing the root cause of genetic disorders.

The 8th grade received on Monday the study guide for their next section of Genetic studies. The 8th grade was introduced to basics last year and now are ready to delve deeper into Genetic disorders. 8th grade will perform several labs concerning Genetic disorders.

Connie Powers – D.R.E.

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2 for 1!

1. St. Mary is now using Flocknote to get information to the 'flock'. By signing on to Flocknote the Parish will be able to have a current email and text list to contact parishioners. Ministries in our parish will be able to group their members and send out notices when they need to. Group members will also be able to respond back to the group leader as well. We ask all parish members to join so that we can have an accurate list. A flyer has been attached with how to enroll. You may unsubscribe at any time.
2. By enrolling you will receive Bishop Barron's 2019 Lenten texts and emails. These are daily inspirational quotes and teachings to assist you through lent. You will also have access to his Engage Online program giving you access to all his studies and teachings! Such programs as Catholicism 101, Evil and Suffering and 'Who Is Jesus?' to name a few.

We hope you take the time to enroll and experience the Engage program this Lenten season.

Cafeteria/Playground

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

03/11 – Diane Peters, 03/12 – Charlotte Deville, 03/13 – Marge Waldon, 03/14 – Jill Zigan, 03/15 – Monica Ramsey

Playground Volunteers:

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
11	12	13	14	15
Rotini & Meat Sauce Tossed Salad Green Beans Bread Stick Fruit Milk	Chicken Nuggets Buttered Noodles Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	Hamburger or Pizza Burger Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Taco Refried Beans Corn Fruit Milk	Cheese Pizza Veggie Sticks w/ Dip Fruit Milk



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

#WELOVESTMARYS

Sylvea Kraemer, Gwen Collins, and Garrett Collins swam at the Indiana Swimming Spring Southeast Divisional Championships this last weekend.

Garrett Collins qualified for the Indiana Swimming State Champion meet. He is only one of 42 in the state who qualified for the 200 meter breaststroke. He is currently seeded 6th and will swim this weekend in Indianapolis at the state championship meet.



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As of 03/07/2019:	\$705,511 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 16th	Mass of Thanksgiving
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
Saturday, April 6th	8th Grade Fundraiser at Chipotle
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.
Wednesday, May 22nd	8th grade graduation at 6 p.m.
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.