

The Bulldog Barks March 15, 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!

Everyone have a safe and relaxing Spring Break! See you back on Monday, April 1, 2019!

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



Keep the Doors Open - Mass of Thanksgiving

St. Mary's Parish will be hosting a Mass of Thanksgiving to thank all of our donors for their support with the Keep the Doors Open efforts. This celebration will be held on Saturday, March 16th at the 5 p.m. mass.

- Students will be saying the readings and participate in the mass.
- The student choir and bell choir will be ringing and singing.
- Everyone should wear their yellow St. Mary's shirts.
- After mass we will host a reception, with light refreshments in the school.

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.

****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 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)

Visit their website at: www.doe.in.gov/assessment/ilearn-families

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 scheduled times over Spring Break for parents, students, and families to come and help paint the set pieces for the upcoming school musical. I have created an online sign up similar to the Fish Fry sign ups for people to volunteer.

So just click the link and add your name and email if you will be able to join us painting at one or both of the 2 sessions.

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

The times are Sunday March 17th from 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. and Tuesday March 19th from 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. Come when you can, even if it's only for an hour!!

Let us know how many people and what times you plan to come down.

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 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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In phonics we'll be learning two new digraphs next week, ~~th~~(voiced ~~th~~-the letter sound makes your vocal chords vibrate or move. We will code the voiced th with a line through the ~~th~~)-keyword-feather; and unvoiced th- keyword-~~th~~imble. We will also be working with alphabetizing, and accented syllables.

In math we will be learning number words, one- ten. The children will be bringing home self-checking flashcards. Help at home, as always, is appreciated. We will begin working with numbers up to 30, identifying, counting, and printing.

Show-n-Tell for the week of April 1 will be letter Jj.

Have a wonderful, restful, and safe Spring Break. We'll see you back at school on April 1st. That's no April Fool!

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson

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I hope everyone has a wonderful Spring Break. Don't forget to read some good books during your free time! Remember to come to the St. Mary's Fish Fry during break on March 22nd and March 29th!

Grade 2 and Grade 3 – Mrs. Grove

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Second graders made unleavened bread and then decorated their own candles with Mrs. Powers in preparation for their First Holy Communion. They shared their bread with the third graders.

Third graders successfully completed three online IREAD tests on Tuesday and Wednesday in Mrs. Meyer's room. All third graders in the state of Indiana were taking these tests this week.

The whole class learned about St. Patrick and then decorated and ate shamrock or rainbow sugar cookies.

We are still waiting for a few more baby pictures before we try to “Guess Who

Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer

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Can you believe it is the last quarter already? Students received information on book report projects this week. During 4th quarter, both third and fourth grade students will complete book report projects rather than take AR quizzes. They will complete three projects throughout the quarter. The first project will be due April 12. All students have the instructions for the project already. Spring Break may be a good time to get started reading their book.

When students return from break, we will begin one of my favorite science chapters- Electricity! Students will actually get to make circuits. In math, students will learn more about fractions, including adding and subtracting fractions and working with improper fractions.

I hope you have a wonderful Spring Break!

Grade 5 – Mrs. Baker

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We are looking forward to our two weeks of Spring Break! Spring break would be a great opportunity for students to get a good start on their AR reading for the 4th quarter. Each fifth grader has an AR book going home with them over break. They also have a social studies study guide that will help them learn the 13 colonies. I hope everyone enjoys the break and comes back refreshed and ready to finish the year!

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

Congratulations to Lakota V., Ben Z., and Ellie R. for memorizing the most digits of pi. (100, 92, and 56, respectively) After spring break, the 4th quarter will progress quickly. There are 3 weeks of school and then ILearning tests begin. There will be robotics, music practices, and CYO camp. We will be busy!!

Stay on top of your work and do your best!

CYO permission slips should be returned ASAP. The fee is not due until May 10. Talk to Mr. Brookbank, Mrs. Rice, or Mrs. Rector with any questions.

Have a fantastic spring break! Help at the Fish Frys!

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

It is hard to believe that we have already begun the fourth quarter! This year is flying by and will be over before we know it. Report cards were sent home on Tuesday, so hopefully you have had a chance to sign and return a copy. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Some students have the opportunity to improve their grades if they improve their efforts this last quarter. We want to end the year on a high note and be prepared for next year.

The sixth and seventh graders received information from Mrs. Rice about our overnight field trip to CYO camp on May 13 and 14. Please be sure to get the permission slips back in if you haven't already done so. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the spring musical about St. Mary's on May 10. The students have been very excited about the rehearsals the past two weeks. I hope everyone enjoys their spring break and comes back refreshed and ready to make this the best quarter yet.

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

If you have pictures which we can use for our graduation slide show, you may submit them directly to Ellen Bruce, or send them to school where we'll scan them and send them to Ellen. Please do this as soon as possible.

Thanks to everyone who returned report cards for the third quarter! If you haven't signed and returned your student's report, please do so first thing after spring break.

Sixth graders have been working on using commas in series 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.

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

Have a great spring break, and God bless!

CHOIR and BELL CHOIR NOTICE: We will be singing and ringing this Saturday evening, March 16th at 5:00 p.m. for our special Mass of thanksgiving for God's generosity through the benefactors who helped us reach and exceed our Keep the Doors Open goal. We will warm up in the 8th grade room at 4:30 p.m.

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

Both classes will be concluding the lessons of Cell Division. We have been concentrating on Mitosis. We will begin a lab on Thursday emphasizing the phases of mitosis. When we return on April 1st I will introduce the process of meiosis with both classes. The 8th will begin lab work on karyotypes of human chromosomes. The 7th will be introduced to karyotyping and the purpose of a karyotype. Genetic diseases will be investigated with the 7th grade scratching the surface and the 8th investigating causes and social, environmental, and lifestyle choices concerning genetic diseases.

Connie Powers – D.R.E.**connie.powers@mystmarys.com****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.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: TBD**Playground Volunteers:** TBD

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 3-Way Tossed Salad Green Beans Crackers Fruit Milk	2 Petite Chicken Strips Buttered Noodles Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	3 Hamburger or Pizza Burger Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	4 Cheese Coney Veggie Sticks w/ Dip Fruit Milk	5 Cheese Stuffed Bread Stick with Pizza Sauce Tossed Salad Broccoli Fruit Milk



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

#WELOVESTMARYS

Pi Digit Memorization 2019

6th grade: 1st place Lakota Vincent (100 digits)
2nd place Sarah Bruce (20 digits)
3rd place Elana Hollingsworth (14 digits)

7th grade: 1st place Ellie Ryan (56 digits)
2nd place Myla Bennett (51 digits)
3rd place Bernadette Wissmann (37 digits)

8th grade: 1st place Ben Zigan (92 digits)
2nd place Cyndi Tush (50 digits)
3rd place Jake Daugherty (46 digits)

Overall Pi Memorization-2019

1st place Lakota Vincent (100 digits)
2nd place Ben Zigan (92 digits)
3rd place Ellie Ryan (56 digits)



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As of 03/14/2019:	\$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:

Saturday, March 16th	Mass of Thanksgiving – 5 p.m.
Monday, March 18th – Friday, March 22nd	Spring Break – No School
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 from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.
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 – 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.
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