

The Bulldog Barks April 12, 2019

Mr. Brookbank – Principal

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- We received \$2,907.06 from the Aurora City Grant through the Dearborn County Foundation. The equipment and chemicals will enhance our science department at all levels.
- A second grant we received totaled \$500.00 from Wal-Mart.
- I am applying for two separate grants from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Grant #1 will assist us in our desire to improve our technology program. Grant #2 will help defray the cost of the new roof on the activity center. Prayers are acceptable that we receive both of these grants!
- I am reaching out to numerous parents with school age children to attend our school. If you know of a solid possibility, please call the school office.

Saint of the Month

St. Catherine of Siena

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

Easter Egg Hunt

St. Mary's Annual Easter Egg Hunt is Sunday, April 28th after the 11:00 mass. Lunch will be served - hotdogs, chips etc. All are welcome!



Keep the Doors Open - Sustainability Meeting

The first meeting was held on Thursday, April 11th. Various issues/items were discussed, including fundraising, marketing, student recruitment, etc.

The following Officers were appointed:

Lyndsay Hays – President
Emily Hollander – Vice President
Jamie Ruter – Treasurer
Ellen Bruce – Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. If you are interested in being a part of this group or have any questions, please call Lyndsay at 812-907-0312 (cell).

Registration Packets for next year

The tuition rate for next year has been approved. You will be receiving your Registration Packet sometime next week. We are revising the Parent/Student Handbook, so that will not be included in the packet you receive next week. We will send a copy home as soon as revisions are complete. Please review, complete and sign the registration information and return to school office ASAP.

Keep sending in names of people we can call to see if they are interested in sending their child(ren) to St. Mary's next year. Also let them know that they can call the office to schedule a tour at any time!

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 (Grades 3 - 8)

ILEARN testing is scheduled for the week of April 22nd through May 17, 2019.

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)

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

PTO – Fish Fry

Thank you to all the volunteers who have made the Fish Fry successful up to this point. We are OFF this week and will have our final Fish Fry next Friday, April 19th, from 4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. We still have openings for this last week, so please check the schedule and fill an opening if you are available. We are mostly in need of fryers. **Since this is our last week, we need additional help putting many items in the storage room under the Parish Office.**

<https://signup.com/go/iSAdeaA>

Desserts for the last week April 19th will be:

- * 1st Grade
- * 3rd Grade
- * 5th Grade
- * 7th Grade

Please let me know if you have any questions or problems with the schedule: 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. This year we are honoring Ann Marie Grove. Mrs. Grove has been at St. Mary's for 27 years!

We sent home information and dinner tickets, with the youngest child of each family on Friday, April 5th! **Tickets are due by Thursday, April 18th.** We need to give the Country Club the number of people in attendance by Friday, April 19th. Seating is limited, so purchased your tickets early!

- If you would like to sit with certain people, please include a note when you send in your payment.
- Dinner tickets can purchase from any St. Mary's student, school office or the parish office.
- Raffle tickets can be purchased in the school office, parish office, McCabe's Greenhouse (Lawrenceburg), Personally Yours (Aurora) or Tedesco's Hair Repair (Moore's Hill).

St. Mary's "The Musical" !!!!

Linda Rechten has created a play about the history of St. Mary's and is working with students in grades 1 – 8. The play is scheduled for Friday, May 10th at 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the Activity Center!

Our musical is now just 4 weeks away! All students have been assigned their parts and we are really getting excited!

1. Rehearsals for each scene will be done as much as possible during school.
2. Our next goal is costumes. We had our meeting Thursday and came up with the following:
 - All students will need to bring their yellow "We Did It" shirts to school. Parents, make sure the shirts are clean and put the student name on the label so we can keep these straight.
 - Costumes needed:
 - Nuns
 - Painter smock or coveralls (2) painter's hats
 - Lots of old fashioned caps or hats or bonnets or straw hats
 - Any period costume for Germans and Irishmen in the opening scene
 - Some sort of lace small veil? For girls when in church
 - Suit jackets for Parish Board Meeting
 - Any period dresses (late 1800's)
 - Uniform skirts
 - White dress for "The Polk-a-dot Dress Song"
 - All Students in chorus will need to have dark comfortable shoes or dark gym shoes
 - Boys should have belts
 - Navy blue polo shirt
 - Khaki pants
3. Please send in possible costumes to school. Put your name on it so you get it back.
4. Mrs. Ripley would like a group of adults to help with more scenery painting.
 - She will be available for painting in the Activity Center on Tuesday April 16th and Wednesday, April 17th at 1 p.m.
 - We need at least 4 to 5 adults.
 - Please let me know if you are available to help out on those days or one day only.
5. We are in need of a videographer to video the show. Please contact the school if you or someone you know can help with this very important item! We are thinking that since this is about the history of St. Mary's it would be included in our archives!

Reminder: Our musical is on Friday, May 10th! We are having two shows, a 6:30 and an 8:00. More info will come soon regarding tickets.

It's going to be a great show! Invite all your friends and neighbors and especially alumni!

Thanks to all parents in advance for all of your help! A show like this is impossible without you!!

Linda Rechten
Director

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 mcpherson.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.

Morgan Wolfer is finally out of Syria and to her final destination where our letters and packages were waiting for her. She was so appreciative and thanked us. Thank you to all the families that supported her and her fellow troops. Let's send another batch before the end of the school year! Send your goodies to the 2/3rd grade room please.

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 this week we will work with long vowels and learn a new rule. We will learn about "**sneaky e**"- sneaky e is silent, sneaks by a consonant, and "scares" the vowel to make it say its long vowel sound. When a vowel has a consonant and a "sneaky e" after it, it is long and we code it with a macron. Our words to help us remember the rule are: **cāke, dīme, hōse, cūbe, concrēte**. Word lists will come home for practice.

In math we will continue counting by 2's to 100, work with coins and counting money, and identify equivalent sets using dominoes.

In religion we will talk about Holy Week and Easter. Remember, we do not have school on Good Friday, 4/19.

Show-n-Tell for the rest of the month of April is, "Student Choice". Please check your child's bag. They get to pick the letter they want describe.

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

Mid Terms will be going home on Thursday, April 18th. Please sign and return the yellow copy to school by April 26th. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress

Our Spelling test will be on Thursday next week. The students will have to spell their first, middle, and last names (as it appears on their birth certificates).

In Phonics we will be reading and spelling new words containing combination wh (as in whale). We are also learning the 4th sound of the letter a (as in wallet).

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

Mrs. Ryan has agreed to go to the Mount Healthy Hatchery to pick up our eggs so we can incubate them. The chicken eggs will take about 21 days to hatch. Everyone is so excited.

We are also excited to be included in the school musical. We have started practicing the songs.

Watch for the permission slip to come home Monday for our trip to the Dearborn County Fairgrounds for Ag Day on Tuesday, April 23rd. That is also the same evening as the second graders First Communion Retreat at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. Then the third grade will read the readings at the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Wednesday, April 24th. It will be a busy week.

Testing starts the following week of April 29th. Third grade takes the ILEARN and second grade takes the Terra Nova Achievement Test.

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

Students did a great job on their first book report project of the quarter. The next book they choose to read needs to be nonfiction. There will be different project options for this round. Students will need to get their book approved and project chosen by early next week! The next project is due May 3rd.

Both third and fourth graders are excited to begin their research project. Third graders will be researching a state of their choice and using the research to create a lapbook. Fourth graders are writing an essay about a famous Hoosier, who they will then become for our wax museum in May.

The last fourth grade mass will be this upcoming Wednesday, April 17th! Have a great week!

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

We are in need of a few supplies to get us through the rest of the school year. We are using our last box of tissues. Also, many students do not have pencils or erasers. Please check with your child to see what supplies they need to finish the school year.

We will be studying our last group of colonies this week in social studies, the southern colonies. Each fifth grader has a packet to help them study. Our test will be coming up soon, look for more information in your child's assignment book. We will also be preparing for the ILEARN testing coming up. We will be working on some practice tests this week. Have a great week!

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

Students in grades 6-8 did some awesome robotics this week. They shared on Thursday and Friday morning with classmates and the lower grade classes.

The students have been reviewing some grade level standards in math. Grades 6-8 will have a test sometime soon, to be determined. In science, the 6th grade have been learning about waves and will continue their study into next week.

The next and last fish fry is Friday, April 19th. There is no school that day, Good Friday.

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

We wrapped up the robotics projects on Thursday. It was fun to see the creativity of the students and to see which groups worked well together. Next week looks to be normal after we have our practice ILEARN test on Monday. Students need to have earbuds or earphones for the practice and real ILEARN test. The seventh graders have said that they either have them at school already or are bringing them from home. Please ask your child if their headphones are already at school, and if not, remind them to bring a set. As of now, the seventh graders will be testing on April 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, and 29th. Students also need to have something to work on in case they finish the test early, so it would be a good time to visit the library if they like to read. We will also visit the school library one day next week so they have more books to choose from than those in the classroom.

The musical is coming along. Students have the songs and were given speaking parts this week. Encourage them to practice at home because we don't have much time left. Make sure your calendars are marked for Friday, May 10th! Have a terrific week!

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

Can you believe that we're half way through this last quarter? We are so busy that time is going fast.

Thanks to Purdue Cooperative Extension and Mrs. Rice for making our robotics projects possible. It was great to see the programming the students devised for their robots! Thanks, too, to Mr. Brookbank for setting up our NED convocation yesterday. Kyle, the presenter, entertained us and taught the students the following: **Never give up; Encourage others; Do your best.**

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.

Congratulations to Patrick Metz, the winner of our Amazon Dot! Thanks to everyone who supported the raffle. Thanks, too, to everyone who made it to Chipotle this past Saturday. We missed our minimum goal by just \$70 but are grateful to everyone who did stop in!

Sixth graders have been working on their Main Street Aurora essays. We worked on these each day this week, and several students have completed their work. Best wishes to them all!

Though we had a modified schedule to accommodate robotics, the seventh and eighth graders moved on with their respective novels this next week.

God bless!

CHOIR and BELL CHOIR NOTICE:

We have completed our schedule for the 2018/19 school year and are devoting ourselves to preparation for our musical. We will not ring or sing on May 11th. However, school choir members are welcome to join the parish choir to sing at the Good Friday Liturgy at 3:00 p.m. on the 19th. We'll warm up in the 8th grade room at 2:30 p.m.

7th and 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank

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Both classes have begun labs reinforcing basic genetic principles. Each student will be given a human set of chromosomes & using their skill set will determine the following: 1) perform a karyotype 2) determine if a genetic defect is present 3) determine the gender of the individual. The eighth grade students will be expected to perform in greater detail aspects of each karyotype.

Connie Powers – D.R.E.

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1. St. Mary is using Flocknote to get information to the 'flock'. We ask all school and parish members to join. Go to: <http://flocknote.com/stmaryic9>, to register. You may unsubscribe at any time.
2. By enrolling, you will have access to Bishop Barron's 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.

Saint of the month - St. Catherine of Siena

St. Catherine of Siena was born during the outbreak of the plague in Siena, Italy on March 25, 1347. She was the 25th child born to her mother, although half of her brothers and sisters did not survive childhood. Catherine herself was a twin, but her sister did not survive infancy.

- Strived very hard to be holy through prayer and harsh fasting.
- Fought for the unity of the Church
- She is a mystic and a doctor of the Church
- Canonized in 1461
- Died at the age of 33 on April 29, 1380
- Patron Saint of Europe, Fire Prevention and Italy.

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:

04/15 – Pat Scharf, 04/16 – Marge Beinkemper, 04/17 – Marge Waldon, 04/18 – Jill Zigan,
04/22 – Diane Peters, 04/23 – Charlotte DeVille, 04/24 – Marge Waldon, 04/25 – Jill Zigan,
04/26 – Monica Ramsey, 04/29 – Pat Scharf, 04/30 – Marge Beinkemper

Playground Volunteers:

04/15 – Carolyn/Bernadine, 04/16 – HELP NEEDED, 04/17 – Randi McGraw,
04/18 – HELP NEEDED, 04/22 – Carolyn/Bernadine, 04/23 – HELP NEEDED,
04/24 – Randi McGraw, 04/25 – HELP NEEDED, 04/26 – Carolyn Robers, 04/29 – Carolyn/Bernadine,
04/30 - HELP NEEDED

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15	16	17	18	19
Rotini & Meat Sauce Tossed Salad Green Beans Bread Stick Fruit Milk	Southern Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes Corn Fruit Milk	Hamburger or Pizza Burger Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Chicken Rice Bowl Corn Black Beans - cheese, lettuce, salsa and sour cream available Fruit Milk	GOOD FRIDAY NO SCHOOL



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

#WELOVESTMARYS

Jake Daugherty won a Rally Eliminator (radio control car) at the CASA event that our 8th grade class attended last week. Jake generously donated this to Celebrate St. Mary’s for the silent auction. Thank you Jake!



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As of 04/11/2019:	\$706,630.20 raised
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Current Progress:

1. Mr. Brookbank, Finance Committee and various other individuals are assessing if we can offer cafeteria next year.
 - Mr. Brookbank has submitted an application for the Walmart Community Grant. We received a check for \$500 this week!
2. Bob, Ann, and Mollie are working on the budget for next year. We have made some progress, but still working on a few details. Once the budget is finalized, Fr. Steve, Finance Committee and Archdiocese will need to approve.
3. Mr. Brookbank has been making progress in budgeting for the cafeteria for 2019/2020. New week numbers for tuition and cafeteria progress will be ready for release.

Calendar of Events:

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. in Activity Center
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 No student mass. The last student mass will be on Thursday.
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	Student mass at 8:30 a.m. Last Student Day! – Grades 1 – 7 Students will be released at 2:35 p.m.