

The Bulldog Barks April 26, 2019

Mr. Brookbank – Principal

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State testing in grades 6, 7, 7 8 began on Tuesday. A few minor glitches occurred and the teachers or Mrs. Ryan solved all tech issues. The students applied themselves and I feel our results will be outstanding. This is the first year for ILEARN and the students have commented that several parts of the English sections were confusing. This new test does not have time limits and the testing includes audio and split screen questions. Our students have been practicing since January with their teachers on the new procedures. Promote a positive attitude, do the best you can and no stress! We are providing pre-test snacks and water.

A second point of emphasis is a push to have attendance every day to exceed 90%. The attendance count is a factor in how the state evaluates your school.

Saint of the Month

St. Catherine of Siena

ILearn Reminder:

Students should bring earbud/headphones to school on Monday, to prepare for ILearn testing.

We have several students that are not uniform compliant.

- Please make sure students are wearing white or navy blue collared shirts and tan or navy blue shorts or pants.
- If they are wearing a t-shirt under their uniform shirt, it must be white or navy blue.
- They must also wear a collared shirt under their St. Mary's sweatshirt.
- St. Mary's t-shirts are to only be worn on gym days. Gym day varies by class.

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

Registration Packet were sent home this week. We are revising the Parent/Student Handbook, so that was not included in the packet you receive. We provide a copy to each family at the beginning of the 2019/2020 school year. 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

Lenten Mission Boxes – Mrs. Grove

Please return your Missionary Childhood boxes to school now that Lent is over. This is an association of children helping other children.

PTO – Fish Fry

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU. We have many people to thank for our success this year. Many people came to help with advertising, organizing, set up, food prep, shopping, working on of the 50 positions (each week), desserts and clean up. We are currently working on finalizing everything. Once we have the final figures, we will let you know. We could not have done it without all of you!

Michelle Ryan, PTO President

Celebrate St. Mary's

Celebrate St. Mary's is this Saturday, at Dearborn Country Club.

This year we are honoring Ann Marie Grove. Mrs. Grove has been at St. Mary's for 27 years!



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

Linda Rehtin has created a play about the history of St. Mary's and is working is 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!

There will be a play practice on Wednesday, May 8th from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. This will allow the students to practice with a live band!

Move and set up stage in the Activity Center.

We need to move everything from the garage to the Activity Center. Sunday, April 28th after the 8:30 a.m. or the 11 am mass. Tony will need 4 people and a full size pick up truck. Call Tony if you can help!! 812-532-0014.

Musical Costumes Very Important

1. The musical is only 2 weeks away.
2. The yellow "WE DID IT" shirts need to be sent into school by Monday. Please be sure they are clean and have the student's name on the tag. This is a main part of the basic costume. Most students will wear khaki shorts with their yellow shirt and put shirts, jackets, vests, etc. over this. Some Men parts may be wearing khaki long pants and dark shoes.

We need costume parts. You probably have something at home that we could use, or maybe at grandma's house. Here is a list of things we need ASAP. Please put your name on them if you want them returned to you.

- Solid dark color toboggan hats
- Old fashioned hats (no baseball hats), dark colors preferred, fedora, top hat, beret, bolo hats
- Scarves for women's heads
- Shawls for women
- Dark vests for men and boys
- Dark suit jackets for men
- Shirts for men, dark colors, long sleeves
- Shirts for women and girls, white, plain patterns, ruffles, old fashioned
- Skirts for women and girls, long, plain colors
- Aprons, old style women wore, butcher apron, baker apron

The students are doing a wonderful job singing. They sound great! Now we need the costumes. HELP!

Musical Practices - May 6 - 10 – the week of the show!

The basic musical costume is now yellow "WE DID IT" shirts and khaki shorts/pants, no navy polo. Shorts are ok because it will be hot.

- Monday: dress rehearsal 12:30-2:15 p.m.
- Tuesday: dress rehearsal 12:30-2:15 p.m.
- Wednesday: Pix in costumes 12:30 p.m. for individuals and groups
 - 1:00 p.m. – picture of the entire group
 - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Rehearsal with band for those who can come
- Thursday: Rehearsal with band, probably in costume
- Friday: Run through, probably in costume

Updates will follow as we know!

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 Rechtin
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 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.

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**

Next week in phonics we will be working with combinations **ar, or, er**- keywords- star, horse, butter. (A combination is two letters that come together and make an unexpected sound.) We code them with an arc under the combination. We will also work with compound words. Please continue to read the “pop-up” words on a regular basis.

In math we will be counting by 2’s to 100, identify even and odd numbers to 20, and draw pictures and write number sentences to go with story problems.

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

Mid Terms went home on Thursday. Please sign and return the white copy to school by May 3rd. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns about your child’s progress

Spelling test #23 was sent home. Our spelling sentences are getting longer, so please remember to study! Our test will be on Friday, May 3rd.

In Phonics we will be reading and spelling new words containing suffixes –er, -est, and –ful. We will also learn prefixes – un, pre-, and dis-.

The 1st graders will be Reading in church during Mass on Wednesday, May 8th! A big thanks goes to our 1st grade religion teacher, Mrs. Vincent, for helping the children prepare for Mass.

Reminder: Grades 1-8 will be performing in St. Mary’s “The Musical” on Friday, May 10th at 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. The students need to wear their yellow “WE DID IT” t- shirts and khaki shorts/skirt on the night of the musical!

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

We could not have asked for more beautiful weather for our field trip to the Agriculture Day at the Dearborn County Fairgrounds on Tuesday. We were able to participate in 16 different stations that taught us all about farm food, fiber, and animals. It was a blast. Thank you to Mrs. Wisman for accompanying us.

Second graders engaged in a Night of Reflection on Tuesday evening to help prepare us for our First Holy Communion, Sunday, May 5th. We took part in a spiritual prayer service and then we made banners to decorate the altar for our big day.

Third graders did a nice job reading the readings and taking the gifts to the altar at Mass on Wednesday.

Thank you to the STO for letting us all choose a snack for an Easter treat!

We have scheduled the pen pal breakfast with South Dearborn Student Gov’t kids and 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades for Monday, May 13th from 8:00 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.

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

Third and fourth graders will be taking their ILEARN tests next week! Third grade will begin Thursday, May 2 and fourth grade will begin Tuesday, April 30. Fourth grade has two science tests they need to take before we begin the math and language arts tests. Good luck to all students!

In math next week, students will learn about area and perimeter. They will then get to make a robot using different area and perimeter formulas. Journals are due Tuesday, April 30. Book Report Projects are due Friday, May 3. We may not get to present all projects on Friday because we do have to complete testing first.

Wednesday, May 1st, is fourth grade’s saint of the day- St. Joseph the Worker. We will be spending some time in religion class to learn more about him.

I hope to see many of you Saturday at Celebrate St. Mary’s!

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

Fifth graders will be testing next week on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Students will be provided with a snack each day. Please be sure to eat breakfast, and get a good night's sleep. We will be testing in the morning only. We will start each day as soon as announcements are over. Attendance is very important. We will try our best each day!

Midterms went home of Thursday. Please sign and return these as soon as possible. Hope to see many of you Saturday at Celebrate St. Mary's!

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

I am proud of the students who are trying their best on the I-Learn testing. Keep up the hard work! The 6th grade has 3 more tests after today; next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Then back to our normal morning routine for 1 ½ weeks while grades 2 - 5 finish their testing. The afternoons will be mostly Musical practices and dress rehearsals. The musical is only 2 weeks from today! The yellow “WE DID IT!” shirts should be sent into school. 3 of 8 have been sent in for the 6th grade. Be sure they are clean and have the student’s name on the tag. Look in the Bulldog for notices about the musical!!

CYO Camp is the Monday and Tuesday following the musical. The fee for camp is due by Friday, May 10th.

Please sign and return one copy of your child’s midterm that was sent home on Thursday. The youngest student in each family should have brought home the big envelope with important school information for the next school year. It was given to the students to take home on Tuesday.

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

It has been a long week of testing for the seventh graders! We only have one more ILEARN test to take on Monday unless your student was absent a day. Other classes in the school will continue testing throughout the next two weeks. I am proud of the effort that they are putting forth!

Midterms were sent home on Thursday. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. There are four weeks of school left, and we are going to try to get done as much as possible. The sixth graders will conclude their study of Russia soon, the seventh graders are learning about India, and the eighth graders are almost ready to begin the Civil War.

Students will need to wear their yellow t-shirts and khaki shorts or pants for the musical on May 10th. We are asking everyone to bring in their yellow shirts so we can have them for dress rehearsals. So far, only two seventh graders have remembered. See the costume list for other needed items. Have a terrific week!

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

8th graders have shown great attitudes during the ILEARN testing this week. We'll wrap up the last 8th grade test this coming Monday. It is very important that students not miss for any appointments or unnecessary absences during our testing window. We are permitted to take only one test each day, and 8th graders do not take as many tests as some of the other grade levels. Please do everything you can to make sure your son or daughter gets a good night's sleep and has breakfast before they come to school.

If you haven't done so, please review and return one copy of your 8th grader's progress report by this coming Wednesday. Also, we have a few parents who have not told us how many guests to expect for our graduation reception. Graduation will be on Wednesday, May 22nd at 6:00 P.M. in church. A reception will follow the awards ceremony.

A report of credits earned for the trip should come home with your eighth grader today. Final payment is due Tuesday, April 30, 2019.

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. Shots of your younger 8th grader from infancy through seventh grade will make the slide show perfect at the graduation reception! Please do this as soon as possible.

Happy Easter, and God bless!

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

Due to state testing we have not met this week. We will continue with genetic testing & evaluations when we meet again on Tuesday April 30th.

Connie Powers – D.R.E.**connie.powers@mystmarys.com**

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.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:

04/29 – Pat Scharf, 04/30 – Marge Beinkemper

Playground Volunteers:

04/29 – Carolyn/Bernadine, 04/30 - HELP NEEDED

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29	30	1	2	3
3-Way Tossed Salad Green Beans Crackers Fruit Milk	Chicken Nuggets Buttered Noodles Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	Hamburger or Pizza Burger Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Cheese Coney Veggie Sticks w/ Dip Fruit Milk	Cheese Stuffed Bread Stick with Pizza Sauce Tossed Salad Broccoli Fruit Milk



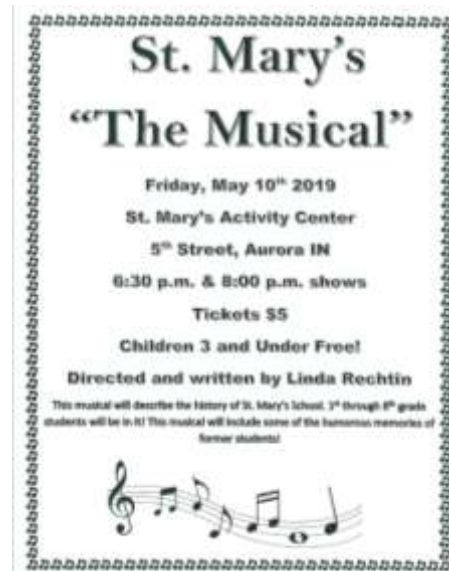
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

#WELOVESTMARYS

Ellie Holt designed the flyer for St. Mary's "The Musical".

Invite and share this information with your family, friends and neighbors. It is going to be a great show!

Great job Ellie!



Alumni News:

Kirsten Stenger (SMS Class of 2012) is an apparel merchandising major at Indiana University and a Student Fellow at the IU Alumni Association. She is the incoming president of the Student Alumni Association and will also serve on the Dean of Students' Cabinet of Student Leaders. Kirsten was recently awarded the Charles and Jo Ann Linsmith Scholarship of \$5,000 by Indiana University for her achievement, character, leadership, and vision.



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As of 04/26/2019:	\$706,655.20 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:

Saturday, April 27th	Celebrate St. Mary's at Dearborn Country Club at 6 p.m.
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.