

The Bulldog Barks November 17, 2017



School will NOT be in session on Wednesday, November 22 through Friday, November 24th. Have a great Thanksgiving holiday! See everyone back in school on Monday, November 27th.

Midterm Reports went home on November 16th. Please sign and return them to school ASAP.

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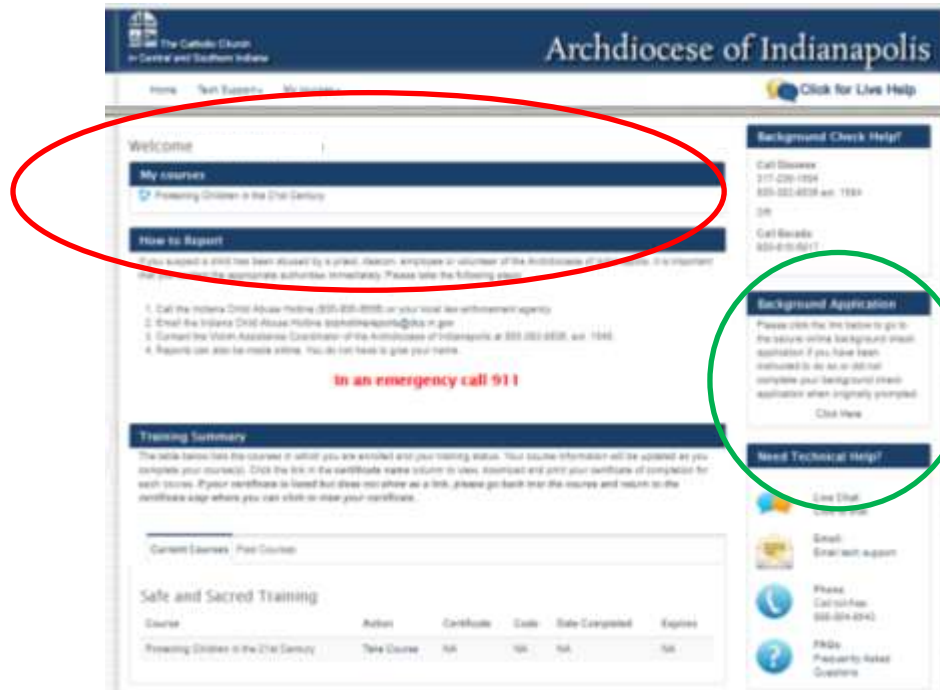
The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is sending out reminders to people that need to take or update training and/or their background check. Your certification will expire every three (3) years. You can either click on the link in the email you receive or you can go to www.safeandsacred-archindy.org. Please see below for a screen shot of what your screen will look like.

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St. Mary's will receive notification that you have completed the training and in about 1 week, we will receive your background check.

SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, November 18th

St. Mary Family Game Night at 6 p.m. Presented by our Pastoral Council.

We still have a few St. Mary's drink tumblers for sale in the office. These are the tumblers we sold last year during the magazine sale. Ms. Ann has one on her desk if you would like to see one. Tumblers are \$20.00/each.

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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We will continue working with letter Bb in phonics. We will also get Reader # 5, *The Big Trip*.

On Monday we will finish our unit on The First Thanksgiving. We will be making butter, and doing all of our printing with quills. Should be a fun day. Special thanks to Jack Cady for bringing in the turkey quills.

Our Christmas Program is on Wednesday, December 6, at 6:30, in church. The children will meet in the cafeteria at 6:15 p.m. They are to wear dress clothes, no jeans. They have been working very hard practicing their songs. Thank you to Mrs. Vincent for all of the hard work she has done getting our program organized.

If you have not already done so, please sign and return midterm letters.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday! Enjoy the long weekend.

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson

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The Primary Christmas Program for grades K-3 will be held in Church on **Wednesday, December 6th at 6:30 p.m.** Please have your child meet in the cafeteria at 6:15p.m. For our program this year the students are being asked to wear nice dress clothes.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove

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We have been counting our blessings, working with fractions, calculators, Pilgrims, and matter. Please keep reading for Book-It. Don't forget we are collecting toilet paper for the St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving drive. Hope everyone has a blessed Thanksgiving!

Grade 3 – Mrs. Rector

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Thanks to those who have already signed and returned the midterm report. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Many students have already completed their AR goal for the quarter. We will only have three and a half weeks left in the quarter when we return from Thanksgiving break. Don't forget that the Christmas program is on Wednesday, December 6th at 6:30 p.m.

Our test on Chapter 3, in math, will be on Tuesday. There will not be any spelling words due to the short week. I wish you a blessed Thanksgiving holiday with your family and friends!

Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer

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Students are off to a great start in their reading novel groups. They've been having great discussions and working well together. We will continue our study of prefixes, suffixes, and root words throughout our novel group time. This word work is taking the place of spelling.

The next book report project is due after Thanksgiving Break on Tuesday, November 28. All books are nonfiction with students choosing between essay, test time, and chapter reviews for the project. I look forward to seeing their projects!

I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Grade 5 – Mrs. Baker

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Fifth graders are finishing their chapter over multiplication. We will complete our last two lessons on Monday and Tuesday. Our test will be after Thanksgiving Break. Please encourage your child to practice their multiplication facts and to read over break. We are halfway through the quarter, so students should have at least half of their AR points. Midterms went home on Thursday, please sign and return one copy as soon as possible.

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving. I am thankful for the opportunity to teach your children everyday in a such a great school. Have a great break!

Grade 6 – Mrs. Ricesuzy.rice@mystmarys.com

6th, 7th, and 8th grades each had a math test this week.

6th grade will need catalogues for a virtual shopping experience. They will be keeping a checkbook, checkbook register, writing checks, figuring subtotal, tax, and total, making a report about their purchases. If you have paper ads or catalogues you don't need, please send them to room 6.

We will begin stitching with plastic canvas to make ornaments soon.

6th grade has been learning about abiotic/biotic factors. They will continue with biodiversity and ecosystems. The 6th graders' independent book project is due by November 29th.

Grade 7 – Mr. Johnsonbrady.johnson@mystmarys.com

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, and I hope you all have a blessed start to the Holiday Season.

8th Grade - We have wrapped up chapter 4 in U.S. History. We will have our test on Tuesday, 11/21.

7th Grade - In Geography we are studying Political Science and examining the different systems of government found in the world.

6th Grade - We have finally finished the Basic Skills of Geography that laid the foundation for geographic skills they will be using as we study the different regions of the globe. The first region of the world we are studying is the United State and Canada. Chapter 4 we will be examining America's land scape, climate regions, culture, history, and politics.

Connie Powers

7th grade parents: I mailed registrations to your homes for Confirmation. Please fill out and return ASAP if your child is planning on attending Confirmation Prep for Confirmation in 2019. Thank you.

Grade 8 – Ms. Stemler/Mr. Waldonjim.waldon@mystmarys.com

We are excited about the upcoming Thanksgiving break. We'll work hard at reading our 7th and 8th grade books during our short week before the holiday. 8th graders have begun their Christmas ornament project which is a long-running tradition at St. Mary's, and we're also gearing up for reading and singing at Lessons and Carols. As we look ahead to Lessons and Carols, please mark your calendars. The date is December 6 at 7:00 p.m., and participation is required for all students in grades 4 through 8. The choirs have been working on music for this annual service, and the rest of the student chorus will begin to practice in a couple of weeks.

It is time to unpack the Dickens Village for Main Street and Miracle on Main. We could use help at the Lions' Building this Saturday beginning at 10:00 a.m. and for as long as folks can stay. If anyone in grades 7 or 8 needs service hours or just wants to help with a community project, this is a big one.

8th graders are asked to bring in jelly for our contribution to S.T.O.'s St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving drive. We will get the items to the pantry the week after Thanksgiving. (Donations for the pantry are welcome any time!)

God bless.

7th & 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbankbrookbank.science@mystmarys.com

Both classes have begun a new area of study, concentrating on Genetics. Since Friday, 11/10, we have been concentrating on vocabulary and basic Genetic principals. We will begin a lab in which the students will perform a Karyotype of our human chromosomes. We will discuss amniocentesis, causes of genetic disorders, & the probability of traits within the human race. We will master the Punnett Square & understand the probability of traits through heredity.

School Office – Ms. Ann

I am starting to plan our Christmas decorations at school. Does anyone have an 8 ft. artificial tree they would be willing to donate to the school? I would like to put it up in the cafeteria and decorate it with handmade ornaments, which the students will make at school.

Cafeteria and Playground hours:

Cafe: First lunch is served at 11 a.m., so arrive 10 – 15 minutes early. Serve three lunch periods and help clean up kitchen, wash dishes, etc. You should be finished around 12:45 p.m.

Playground: Arrive around 11:15 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:

11/20 – Pat Scharf, 11/21 – Marge Beinkemper, 11/22-11/24 – No School, 11/27 – Barb Langdon, 11/28 – Aleece Palmer, 11/29 – Marge Waldon, 11/30 – Barb Maness

Playground Volunteers:

11/20 – Carolyn/Bernadine, 11/21 – Meghan Oatman, 11/22-11/24 – No School, 11/27 – Carolyn/Bernadine, 11/28 – Meghan Oatman, 11/29 – Randi McGraw, 11/30 – Chris Strzok

Please contact the school office at 812-926-1558, if you are available to work one of the OPEN positions.

Lunch Menu: \$14.50 per ticket

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
20 Spaghetti Lasagna Tossed Salad Bread Sticks Green Beans Fruit Milk	21 Petite Chicken Strips Corn Green Beans Buttered Noodles Fruit Milk	22 NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK	23 NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK	24 NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK
27 Cheese Stuffed Bread Stick with Pizza Sauce Tossed Salad Green Beans Fruit Milk	28 Southern Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes Corn Fruit Milk	29 Hamburger or Pizza Burger French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	30 Corn Dog Corn Mixed Vegetables Graham Crackers Fruit Milk	

Calendar of Events:

11/18 St. Mary Family Game Night – presented by our Pastoral Council
11/22 – 11/24 No School – Thanksgiving Break

Planning Ahead:

12/06 Primary Christmas Program (Grades K-3) at 6:30 p.m.
Lessons and Carols (Grades 4-8) at 7 p.m.
12/15 Girls and Boys Basketball Picture Party (2:30 - 4 p.m.)
12/21/17 - 01/03/2018 No School – Christmas Break
01/04/2018 School Resumes (Thursday)

S.T.O. is conducting the annual Thanksgiving Drive. Thanks for helping out the poor in our community! Food will be gathered the week after Thanksgiving. We are inviting students and families to consider giving the following items, but **any donations are appreciated:**

K & 1: noodles or pasta

2 & 3: toilet tissue

4: canned vegetables or fruit

5: cereal

6: canned vegetables or fruit

7: peanut butter

8: jelly