

**The Bulldog Barks**  
**February 24, 2017**

**Principal – Mr. Tush**

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**The After School Program will be closed on Friday, March 3, 2017.**

ISTEP Testing will begin on Tuesday, February 27th. Due to differences in schedules and length of test, testing could be through Friday. Please make sure your child(ren) are getting plenty of rest and something to eat in the morning.

Please join me in congratulating Emma Beckman and Abby Haverkos for receiving Oldenburg Academy Scholarships.

**Young Authors and Illustrators Contest**

Each of the classes chose a representative for the best cover contest. Stop by the cafeteria after Mass on February 25-26 and vote for your favorite!

**Safe and Sacred**

All volunteers must take the Safe and Sacred training; this includes anyone interested in going on class field trips and the 8th grade class trip. Please go to [safeandsacred-archindy.org](http://safeandsacred-archindy.org) to register and attend the required class.

**PTO – Fish Fry’s**

Thank You to all who have already signed up to work. We still have a lot of open spots, so please click on the link and find a day that you will be able to volunteer. For our first traditional Fish Fry on 3/3 we still need fryers, food monitor & Drive Thru.

<http://signup.com/go/pPjx5E>

**Cod with God Shirts:**

We are going to place an order for the navy "Cod with God" shirts on this Friday, 2/24. If you would like to buy one, send the \$10 into Ann in the school office and indicate which size(s) you would like.

**2/25 Fish Fry Preview:**

This SATURDAY, February 25<sup>th</sup>, we are having our Fish Fry Preview from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.. We still need a few people to help serve and fry fish. Those spots are open on the sign-up website. If you can help, please sign up.

**Reminders for ALL Workers:**

- We start serving at 4:30 p.m., if you can come a few minutes early that is helpful because there are others who are coming straight from work and cannot be there early
- Food is ready by 4:00 p.m. so come eat early before we start serving the public. If you need to eat once the fish fry is started, please ask to have your spot covered before you break to eat
- \$5 worker meal
- Minnows should wear an orange Minnow shirt and stick to an assigned runner spot. They can pick up a shirt in the Activity Center kitchen and then return it at the end of the night.

**\*\*NEW\*\* RESERVED TABLES FOR GROUPS OF 8 or more**

We are going to open up the School Cafeteria for reserved seating for large parties. If you have a group with 8-40 people that you would like to have guaranteed seating, please contact Ann with a time, date and how many

people. We will have your tables ready in the SCHOOL CAFETERIA and you will be able to sit as a group with no problem. You will pay based on how many meals you actually need for your group on the night of the Fish Fry, so no extra cost, just a guaranteed table.

If you have any questions please call [\(859\) 240-9390](tel:(859)240-9390) or email [michelle.ryan03@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.ryan03@gmail.com).

Thanks for volunteering, Michelle Ryan

### **Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning**

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We have finished the identification, sounds, and printing of all 26 letters of the alphabet. Next week we will be working with long vowel sounds (the vowels say their own name). Keywords: a- acorn, e- equal, i- icicle, o- overalls, u- unicorn. We have learned the **v--- rule**: a vowel not followed by a consonant is usually long; (no, me, so, be, he, hi), we code the vowel with a macron. A macron is a straight line over the top of the vowel. We will also get reader #11, *My Pal Bo*. Reading the “pop-up” words on a regular basis will help your child become a more fluent reader. The “Ww” words could use some extra practice!

In math we will begin dividing by sharing, and we will be working with a new pattern- ABC. Please continue practicing counting money with your child, especially nickels.

Show-n-Tell for next week will be Dd.

Enjoy your week.

### **Grade 1 – Mrs. Hurst**

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In Phonics we will be reading and spelling words with **suffix –es**. We will also be working with words containing **diphthong ou** (as in mouse) and **diphthong ow** (as in cow). We are continuing to practice putting words in ABC order and memorizing our sight words.

The students will be bringing home a new “Yellow Reader” soon. Please remember to listen to your child read the weekly assigned story out loud at home.

We do have a Spelling test on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>! Please help your child study the list of 12 words and 4 sentences throughout the week!

### **Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove**

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Thank you Mrs. Rector for organizing the Young Authors and Illustrators Contest. We all participated so we were invited to the ice cream party!

Thank you also, Mr. Waldon, and all the 8<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders for the awesome Mission Festival. It gave us something to look forward to all week long.

Hope to see all the second graders at the Fish Fry Preview this Saturday after Mass. Please do not forget it is our turn to provide homemade desserts for the real Fish Fry next Friday, March 3.

### **Grade 3 – Mrs. Rector**

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Send in the number 2 pencils! Next week is part one of ISTEP testing. We will have a practice test on Monday, and begin the real test on Tuesday. We should be able to finish on Thursday if all goes well. Please make sure your child has plenty of rest and a good breakfast each day. We will not have a spelling unit next week, and homework will be limited. We will have a normal week the following week, followed by the IREAD test on March 14. Have a great weekend!

### **Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer**

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ISTEP is here, which will be our main focus this week. All I ask is that students truly try their best and show us what they know! We will also continue our *Stone Fox* unit. I will give students plenty of class time to complete their work so they can rest in the evening for ISTEP.

Don't forget that fourth grade families are asked to bring in desserts for the fish fry Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>! Thanks for all your help! I will be working at the dessert table Friday; stop by!

**Grade 5 – Mrs. Baker****[leslie.baker@mystmarys.com](mailto:leslie.baker@mystmarys.com)**

Fifth graders will start ISTEP+ testing on Tuesday. Please check with your child and make sure they have plenty of #2 pencils for the test. We will be testing in the mornings this week. Students should get plenty of rest and have a healthy snack to eat each day.

We will not have spelling or vocabulary this week due to ISTEP+ testing. We will continue reading our novel, *Island of the Blue Dolphins*, and work in our reading groups. Our study of fractions will continue this week in math. The more practice with fractions the easier they will be! Students have plenty of practice problems in their VIP folders. Have a great week!

**Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice****[suzy.rice@mystmarys.com](mailto:suzy.rice@mystmarys.com)**

6<sup>th</sup> grade is studying biodiversity in science and fractions and parallelograms in math. We will be doing ISTEP next week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Be sure to get plenty of rest and a healthy breakfast!

7<sup>th</sup> grade is studying characteristics of organisms in science and transformations and probability in math.

8<sup>th</sup> grade just had an algebra test over solving a system of linear equations by graphing, substitution, or elimination. Next we will tackle work problems. In science they will be studying atoms next.

Congratulations to Cyndi, Aidan, Stephanie, and Hannah for completing a book for Young Authors. They were rewarded with ice cream on Thursday afternoon. Everyone will have an opportunity to vote for the best cover, this weekend after masses.

**Grade 7 – Mr. Johnson****[brady.johnson@mystmarys.com](mailto:brady.johnson@mystmarys.com)**

With the arrival of ISTEP next week, please take note of a few things parents can do to help their child(ren) succeed.

- Make sure your child(ren) get plenty of sleep every night prior to testing. It is important that your child(ren) go to bed a little earlier so they can get a good night's sleep. Be sure that all electronic devices, including TVs, are turned off at least an hour prior to bedtime to ensure a restful sleep. Being 100% well rested will provide an extra boost of energy for test day and will help your child(ren) concentrate easier. It is recommended that each student receives at least 9 hours of sleep a night.
- Make sure your child(ren) receive a good and nutritious breakfast. Eating foods that are higher in protein (eggs, meat, cheese, etc.), will help your child(ren) perform better during the testing time.
- Remind your child(ren) to double-check their work on the test. Most often times mistakes are caught if the time is taken to proofread answers carefully.

**Grade 8 – Mrs. Rose****[bettina.rose@mystmarys.com](mailto:bettina.rose@mystmarys.com)**

The crazy Indiana weather has the kids ready for spring. Unfortunately, there are still cold snaps and a lot of sniffles in the classroom. If students could come every day with warm gear to go outside, maybe we can beat this ASAP. I hear them fuss, but as a mom (and their teacher) I want them warm and comfortable. If they aren't warm and comfy, it is tough to concentrate to learn.

ISTEP+ is next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, so this week junior high English classes took practice tests to help prepare students for the format. I am SO happy to see questions that align with the assignments over the school year as well as responses that align with all the hard work they did in journals. Students are breaking the questions down and providing detail....exactly what they should do to score well on this assessment. Good luck to all!

**Athletics – Jessica Wismann**

If you are finished with your season, please return all basketball uniforms to school.

**St. Mary's Musical – Snow Biz (Grades 5 – 8)**

We will again have dance practice on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 2 p.m. We still have a lot of painting that needs to be done, so we will also have painting on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 12 – 5 p.m. If you only have 1 or 2 hours, please help where you can!

Rehearsals will be as follows:

12:00 p.m. – Angel song

12:30 p.m. – Catch my Drift

1:00 p.m. – Post Office March

1:30 p.m. –Tango

***WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE....to video tape the musical for us this year! If you or someone you know can do this for us, please contact Linda Rehtin at 513-560-8006.***

**Chorus outfit:** basic white long sleeved top and dark colored pants/slacks such as uniform slacks. No tights, leggings or yoga pants, please! Shoes should be white or dark in color.

Gym shoes are fine but most any will do. Just so they will not slip on the risers. We want to add color with a light weight winter scarf, please see if you can come up with a colorful scarf for your child and any additional scarves for other students. Should you have any problem with any of the above requests, please contact the school. Do not go out and buy it unless you know you will use it later. We will come up with items you may need.

**Dress rehearsal for outfit approval for chorus is Thursday, February 23rd.**

**Props and Costumes:** (If you have any of these please contact the school)

5 backless, fold out canvas stools, 9 halos, 57 white handkerchiefs, 3 round sleds, lots of fake snow, lots of cotton and a nose cozy and chasers or running lights for around the marquee.

**Painting and Set Construction:** Once again, Jenny Ripley has graciously accepted the position of Artistic Director. She and Tony Vincent will be heading up the set crew. Her sets and scenery are always suburb, but she needs help so we are scheduling our first painting session on Sunday, February 19th from noon to 5:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. Yes, this will be in conjunction with the dance rehearsals, and it always works out fine. And yes, ALL are invited to paint, including students, grandparents etc.! You do not need an artistic eye, just a willing hand. Should we need another painting day, it will be the following Sunday, February 26th.

Helpers are asked to bring the following if you have them: Scissors, exacto knives, utility knives

**Dance Rehearsals:** I would also like to add to this letter /flyer that we only have 2 dance rehearsals left. Notes were sent home Thursday concerning times and info and were to be returned ASAP. Please make every effort to have your student to these 2 rehearsals. The musical **is just a month** away and we need every minute of rehearsal time!

Finally, the students are doing a terrific job, and they are so excited! This is really a fun show, so make sure you invite family, friends and neighbors to come and enjoy it with you! Mark your calendars! “SNOW BIZ” will be performed on Wednesday, March 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the South Dearborn High School auditorium!

See you at the SNOW/SHOW!

Linda C. Rehtin

**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 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:**

02/27 – Pat Scharf, **02/28 – Help Needed**, 03/01 – Marge Waldon, 03/02 – Barb Maness, 03/03 – Patty Kent, 03/06 – Pat Scharf, 03/07 – Marge Beinkemper, 03/08 – Marge Waldon, 03/09 – Barb Maness, 03/10 – Barb Langdon, 03/13 – Barb Langdon, 03/14 – Marge Beinkemper, 03/15 – Marge Waldon, 03/16 – Barb Maness, 03/17 – Patty Kent

**Playground Volunteers:**

02/27 – Carolyn/Bernadine, 02/28 – Meghan Oatman, 03/01 – Jenn Ruter, 03/02 – Help Needed, 03/03 – Monica Ramsey, 03/06 – Bernadine/Carolyn, 03/07 Meghan Oatman, 03/08 – Jenn Ruter, **03/09 – Help Needed**, 03/10 – Monica Ramsey, 03/13 – Bernadine/Carolyn, 03/14 – Meghan Oatman, 03/15 – Jenn Ruter, **03/16 – Help Needed**, 03/17 – Monica Ramsey

**Lunch Menu: \$14.00 per ticket**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
27	28	1	2	3
Sausage Gravy Biscuits Green Beans Tossed Salad Fruit Milk	Chicken Patty Corn Green Beans Bread Fruit Milk	* Ash Wednesday * Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Peas Crackers Fruit Milk	Cheese Coney Veggie Sticks Fruit Milk	Fish Mac 'n Cheese Bread Carrots Baked Beans Fruit Milk

# Calendar of Events:

02/25	Fish Fry Preview (5:30 – 7:30 p.m.)
02/25	Confirmation Retreat
02/26	Musical Practice 12 – 2 pm
02/26	Musical – painting scenes (12 – 5 pm)
02/28	ISTEP Testing (Tuesday – Friday)
03/03	Fish Fry (1 of 5) 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.
03/04	Speech Team Meet (Oldenburg Academy)
03/15	“Snow Biz” – student musical at 7 p.m. at SDHS
03/17	Fish Fry (2 of 5)

03/20 – 03-24	Provisional Spring Break (possible snow make up days)
03/24	Fish Fry (3 of 5)
03/27 – 03/31	Spring Break
03/31	Fish Fry (4 of 5)
04/07	Riverwatch – Tanner’s Creek (Grades 4-8)
04/08	First Communion Retreat and practice
04/14	Fish Fry (5 of 5)
04/22	Celebrate St. Mary’s at Dearborn Country Club
05/07	First Communion

**St. Mary’s  
Bulldogs**

**5th/6th Girls**

Saturday, February 25th	Crossover Games	TBA	@ Aurora Elem.
Saturday, March 4th	Single Elimination Tournament		@ Aurora Elem.
Saturday, March 11th	Weather Make-Up Date (if needed)		@ Aurora Elem.

**7th/8th Girls**

Tuesday, February 28th	St. Lawrence	5:30 pm	@ St. Lawrence
Wednesday, March 1st	Sunman Dearborn	5:00 pm	@ St. Mary’s

Please arrive at least 15 min. prior to game time with both uniforms and water!