

The Bulldog Barks **March 3, 2017**

Principal – Mr. Tush

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We will be taking ISTEP make-up tests this week. If your child missed any school days, last week, please make sure they are on time this week.

Snow Biz Musical

Our school musical is approaching. Please read the St. Mary's musical section of this Bulldog for details.

Please join me in congratulating Steven Zigan for receiving an Oldenburg Academy Scholarship!

Missionary Childhood Association Lenten boxes

Please help make a difference in a very poor child's life by saving in your mission box. We will return these to school after Lent. The money is then sent to Sr. Loretto at the Archdiocese Mission Office to support the Missionary Childhood Association.

Young Author and Illustrator Contest

Bailey M. in third grade and Will H. in fourth grade were the winners of the Best Cover Contest. Congratulations to them and all of the nominees! All of the books are in the hands of the judges. We will let you know the winners as soon as we hear something. Thanks again to Mrs. Hollander and Mrs. Wismann for helping at the ice cream party for our participants.

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 to register and attend the required class.

PTO – Fish Fry's

The next Fish Fry will be on Friday, March 17th from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. (serving times). If you are working and can come a little early, that would be great. We also ask that everyone stay until at least 8 p.m., or until the Activity Center is cleaned up for the night. Many hands, make the job easier!

There are many spots open for the other fish fry dates, so please go online and sign up. Here is the link:

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

Families responsible for desserts for this March 17th are:

Kindergarten, 4th, 5th and 7th grades

- Mark your dishes so they can get back to you
- Label your dish so we can share what it is
- Send 24 servings per student
- Pies and specialty cakes are requested often :)

If you have ANY questions, please call, text, or email me [859-240-9390](tel:859-240-9390).

Thanks for volunteering,
Michelle Ryan

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denningamy.denning@mystmarys.com

We will be doing individual evaluations for report cards during the week of March 6. Please review “pop-up” words, color words, blending, and all skills that were listed in the midterm letter.

We will also be working with **digraph ck** (duck). A digraph is two letters that come together to make one sound. Digraph **ck** always follows a short vowel. When you hear a short vowel sound, followed by the **k** sound, it will be spelled 'ck'.

Show-n-Tell for the week of March 6 will be- Vv.

Come join us, Friday, for delicious food at the Fish Fry!

Have a great week!

Grade 1 – Mrs. Hurstmandy.hurst@mystmarys.com

Lenten Mission boxes were sent home. Please collect extra pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters for the Holy Childhood Mission. Boxes will need to be returned by April 17th! Thank you for helping others!

In phonics we will be reading and spelling words with **digraph au** (as in faucet), **digraph aw** (as in straw) and **digraph oa** (as in soap). We will also be reading and spelling “**wild colt**” words: When the letters i or o are followed by a consonant, the vowels are sometimes long instead of short (find, blind, old, told).

Grade 2 – Mrs. Groveannmarie.grove@mystmarys.com

This is our last month to do Book-It. Let's see if we can get 100% participation like we did in October, the first month.

Mission Childhood Lenten boxes came home this week. Please save some money to help very poor children in third world countries. Sr. Loretto came to our classroom to explain how she and her fellow missionaries spend this money.

Please do not forget to send in a baby picture for the Guess Who portion of our Family Photos bulletin board. As soon as we have all the photos, we will hang them and then try to identify our classmates.

Grade 3 – Mrs. Rectorkim.rector@mystmarys.com

We made it through the first round of ISTEP+. I am proud of everyone and their efforts. We will have the IREAD test on Tuesday, March 14th. We should be able to finish it in one day.

We will have a normal week with regular homework this coming week. The third quarter ends on March 10th. Everyone received information about a book project last week. If you have not seen it yet, please ask your child. The project is due on March 17th.

It is our turn to do the readings at Mass next Wednesday, March 8th. Please join us!

Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyeramanda.meyer@mystmarys.com

Thank you to all students who tried their best on ISTEP last week! We are finished testing. We will continue with our normal schedule this week.

In reading we will continue our *Stone Fox* unit. Students have been doing a good job reading and discussing with their small group. We will be wrapping up our science weathering and erosion chapter with an inquiry and review. Students will have a test on Friday. Student AR goals are also due Friday, which is the end of third quarter. Report cards will go home before Spring Break.

Grade 5 – Mrs. Bakerleslie.baker@mystmarys.com

Fifth graders will have spelling and vocabulary this week. This will be the last spelling and vocabulary tests for the 3rd quarter. We will also continue our study of fractions in math. This week we will work on multiplying and dividing fractions and mixed numbers. All students have plenty of practice fraction problems in their VIP folder with many examples already completed. The last day for AR for the 3rd quarter is March 10th. Students should meet their AR goal by this day. Students are assigned to read 20 minutes each night to help them reach their goal.

A Scholastic book order for March was sent home. Please return your order or order online by Friday, March 10th, so our books will arrive before Spring Break! Have a great week!

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

Students should keep their costume for the musical at school in a sturdy bag marked with their name and grade. All items in it should have their name on it also. A very important packet of information about the musical was sent home on Wednesday. Two of the forms are to be returned ASAP. March 15th is quickly approaching.

A packet about the River Explorer field trip was given to students on Thursday. There are 2 forms to be returned with \$10 by Friday, March 17. The trip is the Friday we return from Spring Break, April 7. Students will need to dress for the weather, bring a sack lunch and drink, and a change of clothes. Read the packet!

Grade 7 – Mr. Johnson**brady.johnson@mystmarys.com**

6th Grade - We have finished up power point presentations over Central American nations. The class did awesome finding information, developing their presentations, and gave great speeches. Next week we will transition to South America.

7th Grade - My class did a great job with ISTEP testing. They are really a bright bunch, and I am anticipating positive results. For Geography we have wrapped up our unit over South Asia, and now we move east to cover China, Japan, and other Asian Pacific nations.

8th Grade - This week we discussed the rivalry between Alexander Hamilton and his political party the Federalist, with Thomas Jefferson and his political faction. Next week we will discuss the Louisiana Purchase and Lewis and Clark's expedition west.

Grade 8 – Mrs. Rose**bettina.rose@mystmarys.com**

The year is flying by! Today, students were sent home with grade checks for third quarter, so feel free to ask your St. Mary's student for an update. Also, all students turned in journals this week, and we scored them today. I am SO happy to report that the journals aligned very well with ISTEP expectations and prompts. I pray they felt confident as they embarked on testing this past week.

Additionally, this week the 7th grade presented their media study (the 8th grade did their study before Open House, and it is still displayed on the giant iPad outside the office). We learned that No Red Ink actually won the 2012 NBC Innovation of the Year Award. This only reaffirms what a great program this is for students to be able to continue practice grammar skills they learned early on at St. Mary's...all data driven and researched based! Woo hoo - Go Bulldogs!!!

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 not have practice this Sunday. Mrs. Rehtin will be working with the students during their recess. In place of the dance, we are desperate need to finish costumes. You do not need to know how to sew; we just need many hands. Please bring scissors and/or rotary cutters! We will be working from 12 – 2 p.m.

WE ARE STILL 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.

Everyone received a packet of information on Wednesday, March 1st. Please take a few moments to read and review this information. Please return the Parental Permission Slip (green sheet) and the Last Minute News (purple sheet). Both sheets are required, whether you are helping or not.

The students are doing a great job and it is going to be a great show. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to the show on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 7 p.m. at South Dearborn.

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:

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

Playground Volunteers:

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 – Barb Langdon, 03/17 – Monica Ramsey

Lunch Menu: \$14.00 per ticket

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6	7	8	9	10
Rotini & Meat Sauce Tossed Salad Green Beans Bread Stick Fruit Milk	Petite Chicken Strips Corn Green Beans Bread Fruit Milk	Hamburger French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Taco (Hard or Soft) Corn Refried Beans Chips and Salsa Fruit Milk	Cheese Pizza Veggie Sticks Carrots Fruit Milk

Calendar of Events:

03/04	Speech Team Meet (Oldenburg Academy) 9 a.m.
03/05	Musical – work on costumes from 12 – 2 p.m. in the Activity Center
03/09	Athletic Banquet at 5:50 p.m. in the Activity Center
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