

The Bulldog Barks

April 7, 2017

Principal – Mr. Tush

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Our students will be taking the ISTEP+ part 2 from April 17 through April 28th. Please do not schedule an appointment for your child on these dates.

Snow Biz Musical

Thank you to everyone who came to watch the musical March 15, 2017. It is a great experience for the students. Many thanks to everyone that helped make this production a success. A special thank you to Mrs. Rehtin! Please join me in thanking Mrs. Rehtin for all she does for our students.

Celebrate St. Mary's

We are looking for donations for the silent auction and raffle for Celebrate St. Mary's. If anyone owns a business or works somewhere that would be willing to make a donation, please contact Krista Hensely or Kerrie Ohlmansiek. We also have official donation letters if you need/want one. You can contact Krista at 812-584-5162 or email her at: kristahensley@ymail.com or Kerrie at 513-289-3783 or email her at: kerrie@personallyyoursusa.com.

Missionary Childhood Association Lenten boxes

Please help make a difference in a very poor child's life by saving in your mission box. Please 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.

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 last Fish Fry will be on Friday, April 14th from 4 p.m. – 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. We will need clean out the Activity Center and return many items to the Festival Room, under the Parish Office. So we will need people to stay and help with the extra work this week. 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 April 14th are:

1st, 3rd, 6th and 8th 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. Denning amy.denning@mystmarys.com

In Phonics this week, we will be working with the two sounds for vowel digraph **oo**- keywords- **hook**(short), and **tooth**(long). We will get Reader #13, “*Look Who Can Cook*”, and we will add “pop-up” words **there**, and **who** to our list. Please practice reading the “pop-up” words on a regular basis. Thanks for your help at home.

In math we will be working with number sentences, graphing, and counting forward & backward on a number line.

In Religion we will be talking about Holy Week and Easter.

Kindergarten’s last day of school will be Wednesday, May 24th. We will have an “End of the Year” celebration at 1:00 p.m. that afternoon, in the gym. It will last approximately 30-45 minutes. A note with more details will come home in May.

Grade 1 – Mrs. Hurst

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Report Cards were sent home on Wednesday. Please have them signed and returned by April 14th. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about your child’s progress.

In Phonics we are reading and spelling words containing **trigraph tch** (as in patch), **trigraph dge** (as in bridge) and the two sounds of **digraph ie** (as in pie and shield).

In Math we are continuing to position numbers on a place value chart and we are practicing how to add three single-digit numbers together. We are also identifying geometric solids and using comparison symbols (>, <, =).

Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove

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We made candles and bread Thursday in the parish office to help prepare for our First Holy Communion. We also were able to work with Mrs. Metz and her high school daughter, Moira, on our project for Celebrate St. Mary’s. We hope you will like it, and bid on it during the live auction on April 22. We plan to go with the first graders to the Southeastern Indiana Art Guild’s art show next Friday afternoon.

Grade 3 – Mrs. Rector

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Welcome back! I hope that everyone had a nice Spring Break! Report cards were sent home this week. Please sign and return them as soon as possible. Let me know if you have any questions. Midterms for the fourth quarter will be sent home in a few weeks.

Thanks to everyone who sent in the paperwork for the field trip. We have plenty of chaperones, but can always take more if you would like to go. The 3rd graders are allowed to be out of uniform for the field trip on April 17. Everyone also needs a packed lunch. Pray for nice weather!

We will take the second part of the ISTEP test beginning April 18. We may have to continue into the next week since we test only in the morning. Please make ask your child if they will need more number 2 pencils. Have a great week!

Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer

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ISTEP+ is approaching again. We will spend time this week completing a practice test together to become familiar with the layout and freshen up on specific skills. Students will still have the normal routine for reading and spelling, which means the spelling test will be on Thursday and the reading test will be on Friday. Book report project #1 is due Wednesday, April 12. We will take time Wednesday afternoon to share projects with the class. Please be ready!

Friday we get to participate in an activity called Hour of Code. Students have been coding on Friday afternoons since the beginning of the second semester. Our visitor will help us through more coding activities.

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

Fifth graders are studying the settlement of North America in social studies. We learned about the slow start of the French and the explorers looking for the northwest passage. We will learn about English settlements this week. Note guides for this chapter can be found in our VIP folders.

We will have a normal week with spelling and vocabulary. Both tests are on Friday. Fifth graders will also be reviewing for ISTEP this week. We will begin testing Tuesday April 18th. Please sign and return report cards that were sent home on Wednesday. Have a great week!

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

CYO permission slips are due by Friday, April 21. Payment is due Friday, May 5. Camp is Monday and Tuesday, May 15 and 16. The info. packet was sent home last Tuesday. Please ask Mr. Tush, Mr. Johnson, or myself any concerns or questions about camp. It is a great memorable opportunity.

One copy of the 3rd quarter report card should have been returned by now.

Congratulations to Holly for recalling the most symbols for the 118 elements in the periodic chart. She got 113 correct. Classmates; Mackenzie, Graycie, and Annie, each had over 100 correct. Great job girls!

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

It has been a while since the musical, but I wanted to thank the parents that assisted the school put on the production. One of the best things I have noticed at St. Mary's is the way that the church and school community really come together for the best interest of the students. Also, we are getting closer to the end of the year, and I am noticing that I am getting low on loose leaf paper. If anyone would like to donate a pack of lined sheets of paper, I would greatly appreciate it.

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

As always, I conferenced with students at the end of the quarter and updated all with their individual grades and progress. Students have reports that they could provide parents/guardians with if asked. I also gave students the opportunity to fix, or turn in, a few assignments that may help them going forward since none of us are perfect and sometimes forget. Several students took advantage of this incentive, and it made me very proud that they were taking responsibility for their academic work. I feel very passionate about students accepting responsibility for their own actions. Welcome to junior high...high school is around the corner and our students WILL be prepared!

Young Rembrandt's

The next drawing class will be 04/12-05/10 from 2:45 – 3:45 p.m. at St. John's School in the Art Room. St. Mary's students will ride bus #29 from St. Mary's to St. Johns and Marge Beinkemper will be there to meet them. Enroll online at www.youngrembrandts.com/northernky-southwestoh. Flyers have been sent home with each student. There will also be several Summer Workshops, go online for further information, classes are:

- 06/12 – 06/15/17 Wilderness Adventures
- 06/26 – 06/29/17 Not So Secret Life of Pets
- 07/10 – 07/13/17 Anime & Manga
- 07/17 – 07/19/17 Pastel Drawing – Colorful Critters

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:

04/10 - Barb Langdon, **04/11 – Help Needed**, 04/12 – Marge Waldon, 04/13 – Barb Maness, 04/14 – Patty Kent, 04/17 – Pat Scharf, 04/18 – Marge Beinkemper, 04/19 – Marge Waldon, 04/20 – Barb Maness, 04/21 – Patty Kent, 04/24 – Barb Langdon, **04/25 – Help Needed**, 04/26 – Marge Waldon, 04/27 – Barb Maness, **04/28 – Help Needed**

Playground Volunteers:

04/10 - Bernadine/Carolyn, 04/11 – Meghan Oatman, 04/12 – Jenn Ruter, 04/13 – Help Needed, 04/14 - Help Needed, 04/17 – Bernadine/Carolyn, 04/18 – Meghan Oatman, 04/19 – Jenn Ruter, **04/20 – Help Needed**, **04/21 – Help Needed**, 04/24 – Bernadine/Carolyn, 04/25 – Megan Oatman, 04/26 – Jenn Ruter, **04/27 – Help Needed**, **04/28 – Help Needed**

Lunch Menu: \$14.00 per ticket

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10	11	12	13	14
Spaghetti Lasagna Green Beans Tossed Salad Bread Stick Fruit Milk	Southern Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Corn Fruit Milk	Hamburger French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Cheese Coney Veggie Sticks Fruit Milk	Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Crackers Fruit Milk

Calendar of Events:

- 04/08 First Communion Retreat and practice
- 04/08 Choir will sing at 5:00 p.m. mass (warm up at 4:30 p.m.)
- 04/12 Kindergarten/New Student Round Up at 6 p.m.
- 04/13 Stations of the Cross – 10:40 a.m.
- 04/14 Good Friday Liturgy at 3:00 p.m. (Choir will warm up right after school)
- 04/14 Fish Fry (5 of 5) from 4 – 7:30 p.m.
- 04/21 4Q Midterm ends
- 04/22 Celebrate St. Mary's at Dearborn Country Club (6 p.m. – 11 p.m.)
- 04/26 4Q Midterm Reports go home
- 05/01 – 05/05 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 05/07 First Communion Mass at 11 a.m.
- 05/08 – 05/12 8th Grade Class Trip
- 05/13 8th Grade Confirmation at St. Theresa Benedicta of the Cross (Bright) at 11 a.m.
- 05/15-05/16 CYO Camp (6th & 7th grades)
- 05/24 Kindergarten End of Year Celebration at 1 p.m.
- 05/24 8th Grade Graduation at 6 p.m.
- 05/25 Last Day of School!