

The Bulldog Barks
April 14, 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.

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

Thank you to everyone that helped in any way to make this year's fish fries a SUCCESS! We do not have any numbers together, but as soon as we do we will let everyone know how we did.

Thanks for volunteering,
Michelle Ryan

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning amy.denning@mystmarys.com

This week in Phonics we will work with long vowels and learn a new rule. We will learn about "**sneaky e**"- sneaky e is silent, sneaks by a consonant, and "scares" the vowel to make it say its long vowel sound. When a vowel has a consonant and a "sneaky e" after it, it is long and we code it with a macron. Our words to help us remember the rule are: **cake, dime, hose, cube, concrete**. Word lists will come home for practice. We will add the words- **does**, and **here** to our "pop-up" list.

In math we will be working with numbers up to 30, learn about spheres, and identify and give values for quarters and dollars.

Happy Easter to all!

Grade 1 – Mrs. Hurst

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In Phonics we will be reading and spelling words containing **combination wh** (as in whale). We will also be working with the fourth sound of the **letter a** (as in wallet), and learning that the **letters w** and **qu** are "bossy letters" that makes lots of letters take on different sounds when they are near it. We will also be reading and spelling words that include the two sounds of **digraph ei** (as in receipt and veil), and **digraph ew** (as in cashew).

Spelling list # 22 was sent home. Please remember to study the list of words and sentences. Only two more spelling tests after this one!

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

Second grade will be taking the Terra Nova Achievement Test next week. We will start Monday, April 17th, and hope to finish on Friday, the 21st. Please send your student with two #2 sharpened pencils if possible. We will not have homework or a Spelling test during testing week. The results should be back before the end of the school year.

We are excited to be participating in an Hour of Code on Friday, the 14th. A General Electric representative will be here to assist us. You can read about this Computer Science course on code.org.

We are also looking forward to the Southeastern Indiana Art Guild Show. We will visit the art gallery Friday afternoon.

Grade 3 – Mrs. Rector**kim.rector@mystmarys.com**

We are looking forward to our field trip to Ag Day at the Lawrenceburg Fairgrounds on Monday. The third graders can be out of uniform, but be sure to dress for the weather. We will be outside most of the day. They should bring a rain jacket if rain is forecasted. Everyone, including the chaperones, should pack a lunch and a drink. We are grateful to Mrs. Probst for driving us there on the Lollipops bus. Chaperones can meet us outside Agner Hall by 9:00 A.M.

Our second round of the ISTEP+ test will begin on Tuesday. Please make sure your child gets plenty of rest and a good breakfast each morning. Also, number 2 pencils will be needed. We will try to finish by Friday, but we may need to test the following week. We will not have a spelling unit due to the testing. Have a Happy Easter!

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

Fourth graders will be taking ISTEP+ tests Tuesday through Friday this week and one or two days next week. We will continue with our normal reading, spelling, and math schedule. We will not take the spelling or reading test until next week, though. In grammar, students will practice using and finding adjectives in writing. We will also be close to finishing up our electricity unit in science.

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

Fifth graders will start the second round of ISTEP on Tuesday. We will not have spelling or vocabulary next week due to testing. Students need #2 pencils for the test, plenty of rest, and a snack each day. Have a great week and happy Easter!

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

The River Explorer field trip was great. The students enjoyed the activities and fellowship with their classmates.

CYO permission slips are due Friday, April 21. The payment is due Friday, May 5. Camp is Monday/Tuesday, May 15/16. Thank you to those who have already turned everything in.

ISTEP testing is next week. 6th grade will be testing in the mornings on Tuesday –Friday.

The end of the school year is quickly approaching. The 4th midterm ends on Friday, April 21.

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

6th Grade - We have started a new unit, in this unit we are studying Europe. We are using power point as a tool to organize notes from Chapter 9. This chapter is looking at the weather and landscape of Europe.

7th Grade - For the next week and a half, we are doing a research project over countries located in Southeast Asia. Students will be looking at history, economy, weather, culture and other unique qualities that make that place special.

8th Grade - The differences between the North and South has been the focus of class recently. We are examining the growth of industry in the North, and the plantation economy in the South. We are also analyzing new technologies in travel, communication, and agriculture and how that led to major changes in America during the mid-1800's.

Grade 8 – Mrs. Rose

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Students are working hard on commonly misused words, journal writing, and their novels. It is exciting to see ALL the great progress since the beginning of the year. To ALL my students....keep up the good work; you are almost finished!

Connie Powers – C.R.E.

Congratulations to Brayden and Laney on their initiation into the Catholic Church!

Girl’s Club

Our next Girl's Club will be April 28 from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m. This will be our last meeting for this school year therefore we will be celebrating EVERYONE'S BIRTHDAYS!!! We will have pizza, ice cream, fruit tray and cake. There will also be pinata and games. See you there. Anna

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 - Patty Kent

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 |
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| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 3-Way Tossed Salad Green Beans Crackers 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 | Sliced Turkey Mashed Potatoes Carrots Bread Fruit Milk |

Calendar of Events:

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| 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 |
| 04/28 | Girl's Club (2:30 – 4:30 p.m.) – last one for the year |
| 05/01 – 05/05 | Teacher Appreciation Week |
| 05/07 | First Communion Mass at 11 a.m. |
| 05/08 – 05/12 | 8 th 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! |