

The Bulldog Barks

April 21, 2017

Principal – Mr. Tush

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Due to ISTEP testing and the two weeks of Fall Break, Midterm will end 04/25 and reports will be sent home on Thursday, 04/27/17.

Celebrate St. Mary's 2017 is Saturday, April 22nd from 6 p.m. – 11 p.m. at Dearborn Country Club. If you have not purchased a ticket and would like to come to the event, you may purchase a ticket at the door. Tickets are \$25.00/each. Thank you for supporting St. Mary's School, a ministry of St. Mary's Parish.

There will be a Strategic Planning Meeting on Monday, April 24th at 6:00 p.m. Please join us in the school cafeteria to hear the goals of our school commission. There will be time to voice concerns or opinions afterwards.

Missionary Childhood Association Lenten boxes

Please return your Lenten boxes to school. We will be sending the money next week 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 all the volunteers that helped make our 2017 Fish Fry Season a great success. It will be a few weeks before we are able to settle up all our receipts and have a final number on what we made this year. We had a great turnout almost every week, so hopefully our final numbers will reflect that.

Teacher Appreciation – Michelle Ryan

The last PTO project of the school year is Teacher Appreciation which is May 1st - 5th. If you or your student would like to do something special for your teacher, this is a great week to do something nice and show your appreciation. I had a committee sign up to help with this at the Open House at the beginning of the school year. The committee is working on the schedule for that week. If we need any help we will let you know.

2017/2018 PTO Meeting/Open Classrooms

This Open House will be on Monday July 31st in Activity Center

*5:30 Come early to sign up for a PTO Committee, Farmer's Fair Food Booth, and buy lunch tickets.

*6:00 Meeting

*6:30 Classrooms open to drop off supplies and meet your teacher

PTO is always looking for more people to help organize and run our fundraisers. Please consider volunteering for our PTO Board, or chairing an event such as Farmer's Fair Booth, Catholic Schools Week, or Teacher Appreciation Week.

Thanks for volunteering,
Michelle Ryan

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

In phonics this week we will be working with 2 new digraphs, **-ch-** keyword-**cheese**, and **ee-** keyword-**sheep**. We will also review all digraphs learned, work with blends, read and write sentences, and get reader #14, "*Three Rich Sheep*". We will get our last "pop-up" word- **where**.

In math we will work with money- pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters. We will also use dominoes to identify and match equivalent sets, and work with addition and subtraction story problems.

If you still have the Holy Childhood boxes, please return them to school.

Midterm letters will be sent home Thursday, April 27. Please sign and return them to school. The letter lists all the skills that the children need to know for final evaluations. It would be helpful for your child if you would copy the "pop-up" (high-frequency) words to practice at home.

Have a great week!

Grade 1 – Mrs. Hurst**mandy.hurst@mystmarys.com**

Celebrate St. Mary's is Saturday, April 22nd! Thank you for supporting our school!

In Phonics we will be reading and spelling words containing suffixes **-er**, **-est**. We will discuss using suffix **-er** to compare two items and suffix- **est** to compare three or more items. We will also be reading new words that have suffix **-ful**.

In Math we are beginning to draw and measure line segments using centimeters. We are also writing observations about graphs.

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

Please remember that the First Communion workbooks are due this Friday, April 21. The Missionary Childhood Association boxes should be returned to school now, also.

We are excited that Jack's dad, Officer Josh Cady and his K-9 dog will be coming to St. Mary's on Tuesday to demonstrate the police work they do together.

Achievement testing was fun and different for the class. Most of the students liked it!

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

The third graders had a terrific time at Ag Day put on by the Purdue Extension Service on Monday. We learned a lot and had beautiful weather. Thanks to our group of chaperones for going with us.

We will begin another program from Purdue on Wednesday. Mrs. Parcell will come to our class to teach a class called "Captain Cash" for 45 minutes, four weeks in a row. Students will learn basic financial management skills. The fourth graders are going to join us for this program.

I hope to see many of you at Celebrate St. Mary's this Saturday evening. It is always a fun time!

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

We will wrap up our ISTEP+ testing this week with two science tests on Tuesday. Thanks to all those who did their best! We will continue to practice making inferences for our weekly reading skill and re-read *Skylark* before students test on Thursday. The spelling test will be Wednesday.

The last few weeks are going by quick. It is already time for students to present their second book report project. Projects are expected to be finished and at school this Friday, April 28. Have a great week!

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

Fifth graders are almost finished with testing. We will finish our last ISTEP test Tuesday morning. We will have a normal schedule with spelling and vocabulary this week. Midterms will go home on Thursday. Please sign and return these as soon as possible. Have a great week!

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

CYO papers are due today. Payment is due Friday, May 5. Camp is May 15/16. Midterms go home Wednesday, April 26.

6th grade has been doing a lot of thinking while doing ISTEP this week. You made it through! Congratulations.

In science, 6th grade has been studying food webs. 7th grade has a test on Monday and a project due Wednesday on cells. 8th grade has been studying atoms. They will have a test soon over atoms.

In math 8th grade is multiplying polynomials and factoring. 7th grade has been working on some introductory algebra. 6th grade has been learning how to solve proportions.

I hope to see you at Celebrate St. Mary's this weekend.

Grade 7 – Mr. Johnson

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6th - We have been working on a digital notebook in Geography. We have been using classroom computers as a tool to organize notes and information on our unit for Europe.

7th - We are wrapping up our report over different nations in Southeast Asia. They have had to examine a nation using different elements of the 5 themes of Geography.

8th - We are continuing to build towards the Civil War and have been examining economic and cultural differences between the North and the South.

Also, thank you to the family's that donated loose leaf paper to our class.

Grade 8 – Mrs. Rose

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This week, students were busy taking ISTEP+ and preparing for Celebrating St. Mary's. I can't wait to see the awesome positive energy on Saturday night as we embark in another effort to help our students. See you there!

Next week, students will continue finishing their grade level novels and watch a movie that corresponds to their respective book. To cover a standard, students will then compare the two genres.....written and visual. It should be interesting to hear what they have to say!

Also, midterms will be going home next week, so please be on the look out for an update!

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:

04/24 – Barb Langdon, **04/25 – Help Needed**, 04/26 – Marge Waldon, 04/27 – Barb Maness, 04/28 - Patty Kent

Playground Volunteers:

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
24 Rotini & Meat Sauce Tossed Salad Green Beans Bread Stick Fruit Milk	25 Chicken Patty Corn Green Beans Bread Fruit Milk	26 Hamburger French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	27 Corn Dog Corn Carrots Fruit Milk	28 Ravioli Bread Carrots and Peas Fruit Milk

Calendar of Events:

- 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 – Changed to 04/27/17**
- 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 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 Student Mass for the 2016/2017 school year
- 05/25 Last Day of School!