

The Bulldog Barks

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Principal – Mr. Tush

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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.

2017/2018 PTO Meeting/Open Classrooms

This Open House will be on Monday, July 31st, in the 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

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In Phonics this week we will begin learning the rule- **vc'/cv**; in words with two vowel sounds, we must separate the vowels into syllables before we code them (syllable division rule). We will also get reader # 15, "Eight is the Best Number".

In math we will be identifying and making symmetrical designs. (Having an imaginary line, so that the parts on both sides are alike.) We will also review the identification and value of coins, count money, and work with addition and subtraction story problems.

Thank you so much to the PTO for all of the nice, wonderful, tasty things you treated us with during teacher appreciation week.

Have a super week!

Grade 1 – Mrs. Hurst

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Remember, the 1st graders will be doing the readings during Mass on Wednesday, April 10th!

The 1st graders enjoyed their walk to the Aurora Library this past Tuesday. Ms. Peggy read some fun new stories and talked to the students about the Aurora Public Library Summer Reading Program. The program sounds very exciting and is a great way to get your child to read throughout their Summer Break!

During these last 3 weeks of school we will be reviewing all the digraphs, combinations, diphongs, trigraphs, final, stable syllables, suffixes, and prefixes that we have learning throughout the school year.

Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove

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In Science we learned how well blubber works to keep animals warm. We experimented with "blubber gloves".

We walked to Aurora Public Library to hear some of the newest books read to us. Then Miss Peggy told us all about the summer reading program called "Build A Better World". Finally we each chose a library book to borrow.

Please remember to be in church by 10:20 a.m. on Sunday for our First Communion photo. If you would like an individual professional photo, be there by 10:05 a.m.

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

We have been busy learning about plant and animal life cycles and how they are classified. Plants are growing in our classroom! Keep practicing multiplication facts. Three digit by one digit multiplication is much easier when you know your facts by heart and do not have to rely on a chart.

Stop by the classroom when you can to see our newly installed wall art. Each student designed and painted a wooden tile with a psalm on it. Mrs. Marge Beinkemper helped us with our project and spent a lot of time planning and installing our work. A few small accent pieces still need to be cut and installed, but it looks fabulous! The students are very excited to have been a part of creating something that will be a permanent part of our school! Thank you, Mrs. Beinkemper!

I have the opportunity to go on the 8th grade class trip with my youngest child next week. I am thankful that Mrs. Powers will be here all week to carry on. Have a terrific week!

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

Students had a great time meeting their high school pen pals last Friday. They have been writing back and forth all year. It was great to finally see them in person!

Students will be working on two big projects this week- famous Hoosier research reports and social studies chapter 3 PowerPoints. Most of the famous Hoosier research is finished. I will now guide them through the proper way to write an introduction, conclusion, and transitions between paragraphs. Students will use their research report to prepare a monologue of their person's life for our wax museum.

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

A big thank you to PTO and everyone who made Teacher Appreciation Week so nice! St. Mary's is a wonderful place to work. I am blessed to be here and work with you and your children.

Fifth graders are studying the establishment of the thirteen colonies in social studies. Each fifth grader is also creating a PowerPoint presentation in computer class on one of the thirteen colonies. We are learning that many of the colonists came for religious freedom and wealth. All students have a note guide for this chapter in their VIP folders.

The last Scholastic book order for the year will be sent home on Monday. Please order online or send in your order by Friday May 12th. Get your books for summer reading! Have a great week!

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

CYO payment was due today. The permission slip for bowling is due by 5/18. CYO camp is May 15th & 16th. Everyone must be at school, packed and ready to go, by 8:05 on the 15th. Students will be back on Tuesday by 2:00 to be picked up. Give any medication to Mrs. Rice on Monday morning. Be sure it is marked with your name and dosage.

Thank you for all of the Teacher Appreciation Week surprises! I truly feel appreciated.

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

Thank you to all the parents and supporters at St. Mary's for making my first Teacher's Appreciation Week. I am truly grateful for the treats and snacks that we received this week. I am also thankful to the parents and students who brought in thank you cards from their own families. The dinner we received from the PTO was amazing and my family really enjoyed it.

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

In English this week and next, the sixth grade class will be wrapping up *Fever 1793* in order to test. Seventh graders are beginning *A Day No Pigs Would Die*, and eighth graders are beginning *The Outsiders* to wrap up the year. It is hard to keep students focused, so I hope these great selections help! Also, wish us safe travels as the eighth graders and I are heading to the warm climate of Charleston, South Carolina next week. They are SO excited, and their energy is contagious!

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:

05/08 – Barb Langdon, **05/09 – HELP NEEDED**, 05/10 – Marge Waldon, 05/11 – Barb Maness, 05/12 – Patty Kent, 05/15 – Pat Scharf, 05/16 – Marge Beinkemper, 05/17 – Marge Waldon, 05/18 – Barb Maness, 05/19 – Patty Kent, 05/22 – Barb Langdon, **05/23 – HELP NEEDED**, 05/24 – Marge Waldon, 05/25 – Barb Maness

Playground Volunteers:

, 05/08 – Carolyn/Bernadine, **05/09 – HELP NEEDED**, 05/10 – Jenn Ruter, 05/11 – HELP NEEDED, 05/12 – Monica Ramsey, 05/15 – Carolyn/Bernadine, 05/16 – Meghan Oatman, 05/17 – Jenn Ruter, 05/18 – HELP NEEDED, 05/19 – Monica Ramsey, 05/22 – Carolyn/Bernadine, 05/23 – Meghan Oatman, 05/24 – Jenn Ruter, 05/25 – HELP NEEDED

Please contact the school office at 812-926-1558, if you are available to work one of the OPEN positions.

Lunch Menu: \$14.00 per ticket

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8	9	10	11	12
3-Way Tossed Salad Green Beans Crackers Fruit Milk	Chicken Nuggets Bread Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	Hamburger French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Cheese Coney Veggie Sticks Fruit Milk	Pizza Peas Carrots Fruit Milk

Calendar of Events:

05/07	First Communion – 11 a.m. mass
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 Student Mass for the 2016/2017 school year – 8:30 a.m.
05/25	End of Year Ceremony – 1 p.m.
05/25	Last Day of School!