

The Bulldog Barks
May 19, 2017

Principal – Mr. Tush

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Final tuition payments are due! You can make your payment online at www.mystmarys.com or send in check or cash to the school office. You can also make online payments for book fees that are due July 1, 2017!

There will be NO After School Care on the last day of school. All statements must be paid in full by Wednesday, May 24th.

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

Uniform Exchange

- The two weekends before school starts JULY 22/23 & JULY 29/30
- I need volunteers to help get this set up in the school cafeteria the week before the 22nd (times are flexible).
- It takes a few hours, bring your kids to help, high school students can get easy volunteer hours for helping set this up.
- ***PLEASE contact me if you have availability that week and can help!***
- If you have outgrown uniforms to donate to the uniform exchange, bring them to school so we can put them out.

2017/18 PTO Meeting & Open Classrooms

- Monday, July 31st in the Activity Center. First day of school is Wednesday, August 2nd.
- 5:30 p.m. Come early to sign up for a PTO Committee, Farmer's Fair Food Booth, and buy lunch tickets
- 6:00 p.m. Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Classrooms open to drop off supplies and meet your teacher

2017 Farmers Fair

- Farmers Fair Dates: October 4th-7th
- Beginning weekend of Fall Break
- Sign ups will be at Open House

As always, it takes a lot of people to make all of our events successful. Please note the dates and plan to work a shift during those 4 days. We need over 50 spots filled!

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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Kindergarten's last school day is Wednesday, May 24. We will have our end of the year celebration at 1:00 p.m., in the gym. The students will be dismissed after the program. **The kindergartners may be out of uniform on Wednesday, 5/24**

Don't forget to practice phonics / reading skills over the summer. The children will need to be able to blend sounds, read sight words, color words, and number words at the beginning of first grade.

We have had a fun, fabulous school year. Lots of eager learners!

Thank you for all of your help throughout the year. Mrs. Hurst will be getting a wonderful group of students.

Make sure your child brings his/her book bag the last day. The children will have many things to take home.

Have a great, safe summer vacation!

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

There will be NO After School Care on the last day of school. All statements must be paid in full by Wednesday, May 24th.

Our End of the Year Ceremony will be in church at 1:00 on Thursday, May 25th. All are welcome to attend. The students may be dismissed right after the ceremony!

I would like to thank all of you for your help, support and interest this year. We have had another very busy and successful year in school! Have a wonderful summer!

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

We thank Mrs. Analyn Townsend for orchestrating the May Crowning before our Mass on Wednesday. Everyone did a super job reading and taking the gifts to the altar for Mass.

This class is ready for third grade, but I am not ready to let them go! No homework next week, and have a great summer.

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

It is hard to believe that this is the last Bulldog for the year. It seems like we just started!

Please help your child check at home for items to return to school such as library books, borrowed clipboards, etc.

We will be very busy these next few days wrapping things up and having some fun. Our pen pals will be here on Monday for lunch. All third graders will need to pack their own lunch and drink since we will be eating in the Activity Center. We made cards and a small gift to give our pen pals. Some students were asking if they could bring a small gift from home for their pen pal. I told them they can if they want to, but it is certainly not necessary.

We enjoyed the program from the Dearborn County Recycling Center this past week, and are looking forward to a Dissection Day on Tuesday, and our annual visit to the 4th Grade Hoosier Wax Museum on Wednesday. We will have Mass on Thursday instead of Wednesday. Our final program will be in church at 1:00 PM on Thursday.

Good luck to the 8th graders as they continue their education in high school. It is the end of an era for me since my youngest is graduating. Next year will be the first time in 16 years that I will not have a student at St. Mary's School! Time really does go by quickly so enjoy every minute! Thanks for sharing your families with me, and have a terrific summer!

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

As we wrap up the last week of fourth grade, I think students are most excited about our Famous Hoosier Wax Museum on Wednesday! We will also get to enjoy our ice cream party for winning the coin drop, dissection day, and the end of the year ceremony! Students do have a math test and grammar test this week. They will also be finishing their novel group projects.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer break!

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

It's hard to believe the last week of school is here! We are finishing many things in fifth grade this week. One important reminder is that fifth graders have a social studies test on Tuesday over the thirteen colonies. All students should have a study guide in their VIP folders to help them study for this test. We will also finish our novel *Indian in the Cupboard* this week. We will watch the movie and compare it to the book. Of course, the book is always better!

We will also celebrate our summer birthdays. We are planning on celebrating on Wednesday. If a student with a summer birthday would like to bring in a treat to share please do so on Wednesday.

Thank you so much for a wonderful year with your children. We have had a busy, but fun year. It's amazing to see how much we have grown and learned in this past year! I have been very blessed to get to know your children and spend this time with them. They are great kids! Have a safe and blessed summer!

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

6th/7th graders had a great time at CYO Camp. Thank you to Ms. Mulholland, Mr. Tush, and Mr. Johnson for going with us. Be sure to check out St. Mary's facebook page for some pictures.

Thank you to the parents who volunteered to drive us to bowl and eat on Wednesday. Students need to bring money with them on Wed. to eat at McDonalds. Tuesday, students get to participate in dissection. What a great opportunity! Thank you to Kim Haverkos for planning and ordering the specimen. Permission slips were sent home last Wednesday. If you don't bring it back signed, you will not get to participate!

I wish the 8th graders the best as they graduate and move on to high school.

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

6th and 7th grades - It was a great experience for me to be able to attend the CYO trip with the 6th and 7th grade students. It was really neat to see our students outside the classroom.

8th Grade - With the school year winding down, it is time to say goodbye to this great group of students. They have made my first year at St. Mary's very positive. I know many of these students will flourish in high school and college, and I cannot wait to hear about their successes in the future.

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

English classes in grades 6-8 have a goal for the remainder of the school year outlined on the whiteboard in class. Please ask your son/daughter to tell you what we will be doing for the next week. Unfortunately for students, I do not want to waste any time, so we will work up until the last day of school. :)

Additionally, I wanted to thank the entire school community at St. Mary for being SO supportive and helpful toward me for what was one of the worst school years due to the declining health of Jason. I will never forget the kindness, prayers, cards, and flowers. I needed them, and they really helped me tough it out. For the upcoming school year, I will be transferring to St. Louis' junior high English program. Currently, I travel 1.5 hours one way, and this will allow me to be 45 minutes from work (one way) with my children close by. God works in mysterious ways, and I have to believe there is a plan for all of us!

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:

05/22 – Barb Langdon, **05/23 – HELP NEEDED**, 05/24 – Marge Waldon, 05/25 – Barb Maness

Playground Volunteers:

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
22 Corn Dog Tossed Salad Green Beans Fruit Milk	23 Variety Chicken Corn Green Beans Bread Fruit Milk	24 Hamburger French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	25 Ravioli Bread Carrots and Peas Fruit Milk	

Calendar of Events:

- 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!