

**The Bulldog Barks**  
**August 18, 2017**

**Principal – Mr. Tush**

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We will be taking time to observe the eclipse on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Brookbank and our classroom teachers will educate our students before the event so that they can understand it better. Please join me in thanking Kim Haverkos and the Aurora Public Library for providing special NASA approved glasses to observe some of the eclipse. Students will be instructed not to look at the eclipse with their bare eyes. If students are caught disobeying this rule, they will be brought back into the building. Please reinforce this at home. If you do not want your child to participate, please call or send a letter to notify us of your preference.

Please take time to read the *Bulldog* each week. This is our main form of communication with our school community.

**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](http://safeandsacred-archindy.org) to register and attend the required class.

**Book Fair: Week of August 27-September 1**

We are still looking for volunteers to help with the Book Fair the week of August 28-31 during lunch and on September 1 from 12:24-2:20 p.m. Email [kim.rector@mystmarys.com](mailto:kim.rector@mystmarys.com) for more details.

**PTO**

Check for a PTO packet that should be sent home next week. There is info on signing up for Kroger Rewards. ANYONE who has a Kroger card can sign up for the rewards to go to St. Mary's, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles & Friends. All they have to do is sign up and use their Kroger card, easy \$\$\$ for our school!!

Box Tops has an App, please refer to packet to see how to download and use the app to earn more \$\$ for our school. Continue to send in Box Tops from products you have purchased. There is 1 page attached that you can make additional copies from as needed. You can always visit the [Boxtops4education.com](http://Boxtops4education.com) website and print more collection pages, or ask your teacher for more as needed.

We will update monthly how well we are doing with Box Tops and Kroger rewards. If we meet our first quarter goal of \$500 we will have an all school reward. Please contact me with any questions.

Thanks for volunteering,

Michelle Ryan

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**Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning**

**[amy.denning@mystmarys.com](mailto:amy.denning@mystmarys.com)**

Our new letter this week is Gg (hard sound) keyword- goat. We are focusing on compound words, and counting words in spoken sentences. We will begin blending sounds to read words this week. It is very important when we are blending, that the children are able to look at the letters learned, and be able to give the sound that the letter makes. If your child does not know the letters/sounds, he/she will not be able to blend to read. We will be blending to read for the remainder of the school year. A note will come home to explain how we do blending. We will also begin our “sound tests”. I will give the sound of a letter learned, the children will have to write the partner letters that make the sound. You can practice this at home using the letters on your child’s letter ring.

In math we will be using pattern blocks to make designs, work with numbers 0-10, and we will begin using positional words like: under, over, on top of, behind, in front of, in back of, etc., to describe positions of items.

On Monday, Officer Phil will come put on a presentation about safety. The children will have fun watching his “magic” acts while learning how to be safe. We will also get a chance to observe the eclipse. Should be a fun afternoon.

Have a great week!

### **Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson**

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In Phonics we will be practicing spelling and reading new words that include the long and short sounds of the letter **ii** (as in inch and icicle), letter **Ll** (as in lion), and the long and short sounds of the letter **Aa** (as in apple and acorn).

The 1<sup>st</sup> graders will be bringing home their first “Yellow Reader” on Monday. We will begin with the story **Max, the Cat**. A list of words that the students will need to learn to read will be sent home each week. Please help your child study these words throughout the week!

### **Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove**

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Our first Spelling test seemed too easy for this group. So we will add five “Challenge Words” to our test each week. They will be words we have been using in class but are above second grade level to spell. They earn extra credit if spelled correctly. If misspelled, they will not hurt the score.

We’ve been studying maps, gravity, and Baptism this week.

### **Grade 3 – Mrs. Rector**

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Many students have taken at least one AR test already. If you have not seen a TOPS report from AR, ask your child if they are ready for a quiz. Since they are now reading chapter books, everyone is ready for tests at different times. They have to reach their point goal by the end of the quarter, so it is best to keep up and not wait to do all of the tests at the end.

We would like to thank Mrs. Beinkemper and Mr. Townsend for hosting us at the Art Guild show last Friday. There were many wonderful works of art to see. We are going to the Officer Phil program on Monday afternoon. Students in grades K-4 always enjoy the magic tricks and safety lessons from Officer Phil. Thanks to the Aurora Police Department for sponsoring the program.

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### **Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer/Mrs. B**

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Meyer on the birth of their daughter! The students are very excited and loved seeing the pictures.

The students are adjusting well to my being here, and I’m trying to continue the classroom routine as smoothly as possible.

The students have been wonderful with me and very helpful. I greatly appreciate all of their help!

Thanks to Mrs. Beinkemper for our visit to the art show. It was a fun time!

Have a great week!

Mrs. B

### **Grade 5 – Mrs. Baker**

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Fifth graders are currently studying early Americans in social studies. We are learning about the cultures of the Maya, Mound Builders, Olmec, and Anasazi. Next week we will learn about the Aztec and Inca cultures. One common theme we are seeing is that each group of people were very resourceful. We will finish chapter one next week and will start preparing for our test. Look for more information about the test in your child's assignment book next week.

In math we are practicing multiplication and division, and reviewing fractions. It is very important that fifth graders know their multiplication facts. Practicing for a few minutes each night will help tremendously! If you need a set of flashcards, please let me know. Have a great week!

**Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice**[suzy.rice@mystmarys.com](mailto:suzy.rice@mystmarys.com)

6th – 8th grade will be ready to take their first math soon. The 6th and 7th grade test is scheduled for Tuesday. 8th grade's Chapter 1 test is Thursday.

The 6th grade has been studying the solar and lunar eclipses.

The 6th grade reading is enjoying *Fish in a Tree*. The 6th grader's first book project is due Nov. 29.

**Grade 7 – Mr. Johnson**[brady.johnson@mystmarys.com](mailto:brady.johnson@mystmarys.com)

8<sup>th</sup> Grade History - Last week we finished Chapter 1 covering the Early American tribes. This week we begin Chapter 2, where we study about events in Europe that led to exploration of the New World. We examine trade, technology, and religious events that led to Christopher Columbus landing in the America's.

6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Geography - Both these class are wrapping up Chapter 1. 7<sup>th</sup> grade will have a test on Tuesday and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade will most likely test on Thursday. There is a chance that these test may be moved back a day. Chapter 1 has covered Geography basics and map skills.

All 3 grades will have their first vocab unit 1 test on Monday. They can always use a little extra practice reviewing these words.

**Grade 8 – Ms. Stemler/Mr. Waldon**[jim.waldon@mystmarys.com](mailto:jim.waldon@mystmarys.com)

We've had a great week and have been busy every minute. Compliments to the students for working so hard to cooperate as we shift gears for the next few months! We continue to work hard on our writing and reading skills in 6, 7, and 8. While Miss Stemler is away, we'll keep moving ahead with the learning process. Choir letters are going home with students this week and need to be returned by next Friday. Parents of choir members will want to read the letters very carefully to make sure they are aware of the responsibilities and requirements of membership. God bless!

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank**[brookbank.science@mystmarys.com](mailto:brookbank.science@mystmarys.com)

St. Mary's is gearing up for the total solar eclipse on Monday. We plan on watching from the park as the process progresses Monday afternoon. We will not be able to see the entire eclipse due to time constraints. Glasses will be provided, which have graciously been provided by the Aurora Library and Kim Haverkos. Several interesting videos are available via the internet. Simply, type in 2017 Total Solar Eclipse & choose what interests you. If you plan on viewing the eclipse be sure to watch a video concerning the safe way to view this scientific wonder.

**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 the teacher supervise students on playground, Activity Center or at the park (depending on weather). You should be finished around 12:30 p.m.

**Lunch Tickets:** Remember you can go online at [www.mystmarys.com](http://www.mystmarys.com) and purchase lunch tickets! Navigate to the School tab and click on: Tuition and School Payments. Once you enter your information and your transaction is approved, an email will be sent to the office, and Ms. Ann will write out lunch tickets. *It's so easy, even Mr. Tush has successfully completed a lunch ticket purchase online.* ☺

**Cafeteria Volunteers:**

08/21 – Pat Scharf, 08/22 – Aleece Palmer, 08/23 – Marge Waldon, 08/24 – Barb Maness, 08/25 – Quinn Moeller, 08/28 – Barb Langdon, 08/29 – Marge Beinkemper, 08/30 – Marge Waldon, 08/31 – Barb Maness, 09/01 – Patty Kent, 09/05 – Marge Beinkemper, 09/06 – Marge Waldon, 09/07 – Barb Maness, **09/08 – HELP NEEDED**, 09/11 – Pat Scharf, 09/12 Barb Langdon, 09/13 – Marge Waldon, 09/14 – Barb Maness, 09/15 – Patty Kent, **09/18 – HELP NEEDED**, 09/19 – Marge Beinkemper, 09/20 – Marge Waldon, 09/21 – Barb Maness, **09/22 – HELP NEEDED**, 09/25 – Pat Scharf,

09/26 – Barb Langdon, 09/27 – Marge Waldon, 09/28 – Barb Maness, 09/29 – Patty Kent

**Playground Volunteers:**

08/21 – Bernadine/Carolyn, 08/22 – Meghan Oatman, 08/23 – Monica Ramsey, 08/24- Anna Townsend,  
**08/25 – HELP NEEDED**, 08/28 – Bernadine/Carolyn, 08/29 – Megan Oatman, 08/30 – Lauren Schewe,  
 08/31 – Lisa Inabnitt, **09/01 – HELP NEEDED**, 09/05 – Meghan Oatman, 09/06 – Monica Ramsey,  
**09/07 – HELP NEEDED**, **09/08 – HELP NEEDED**, 09/11 – Bernadine/Carolyn, 09/12 – Meghan Oatman,  
 09/13 – Monica Ramsey, **09/14 – HELP NEEDED**, **09/15 – HELP NEEDED**, 09/18 – Bernadine/Carolyn,  
 09/19 – Megan Oatman, 09/20 – Monica Ramsey, **09/21 – HELP NEEDED**, **09/22 – HELP NEEDED**,  
 09/25 – Bernadine/Carolyn, 09/26 – Meghan Oatman, 09/27 – Monica Ramsey, **09/28 – HELP NEEDED**,  
**09/29 – HELP NEEDED**

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

**Lunch Menu: \$14.50 per ticket**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21	22	23	24	25
Sausage Gravy Biscuits Green Beans Tossed Salad Fruit Milk	Petite Chicken Strips Corn Green Beans Bread Fruit Milk	Hamburger French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Corn Dog Peas Corn Graham Crackers Fruit Milk	Sliced Turkey Mashed Potatoes Carrots Bread Fruit Milk

**Young Rembrandts**

Sessions at St. Mary’s

Classes are for students in Grades K-8

Time: 2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

	Wednesday	Days off	Session Length	Cost
Session #1	8/30-9/27		5 weeks	\$65
Session #2	10/25-11/15		4 weeks	\$52
Session #3	11/29-12/20		4 weeks	\$52
Session #4	1/24-2/21		5 weeks	\$65
Session #5	3/7-4/11	3/21, 3/28	4 weeks	\$52
Session #6	4/25-5/16		4 weeks	\$52

Contact Michelle Easton (513)283-6169 or [michelle.easton@youngrembrandts.com](mailto:michelle.easton@youngrembrandts.com).

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# Calendar of Events:

08/21	Officer Phil (Grades K - 4)
08/27-09/01	Book Fair in the Activity Center (08/27/2017 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.)
08/30	Vision Screening (Grades 3, 5, and 8)
08/30	Hearing Test (Grades 1, 4, and 7)
09/04	Labor Day – No School
09/13	Early Release at 12:40 p.m.