

The Bulldog Barks
September 1, 2017

Principal – Mr. Tush

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School will not be in session this Monday, September 4th. Have a great Labor Day!

Midterm reports will be sent home next Thursday, September 7th. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Teachers will send home information about parent/teacher conferences closer to report card time, but you can also schedule a meeting with a teacher at any time throughout the school year.

Fall Break –

I'm glad to announce that the After School Program will be open during Fall Break (October 9th - 13th) this year between 7:30am - 5:30pm! The cost will only be \$3.00 per hour! Forms will be sent home soon to sign your child up to attend! You may also sign your child up by emailing Ms. McPherson at mcperson.1@mystmarys.com or send a text to [812-212-6245](tel:812-212-6245).

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our school by shopping at the book fair! We were able to spend \$685 in Scholastic Dollars on new books for our school and classroom libraries! I really appreciate all of the volunteers, Emily Hollander, Carolyn Manford, Nicole Eaglin, and Barb Langdon for spending their free time to help run the fair, and to Mr. Vincent for help setting it up and taking it down. A special thank you to Mrs. Rector for coordinating this event every year! Enjoy the new books!

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.

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications

We are near the 30 day mark and will not be able to accept any new applications after September 12, 2017. Please fill out the application that was sent home the first week of school and return to the office. If you need another application, call the office or ask your child to come to the office and Ms. Ann will give them a copy.

Online Payments

Remember you can go online at www.mystmarys.com and pay tuition, technology and book fees, milk money, lunch tickets or After School fees.

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.

Lunch tickets are \$14.50 each (\$2.90/meal), which is good for 5 meals. If you make a payment that is not divisible by \$2.90, the balance will be applied for milk money.

Magazine Sale

We will kick off our magazine sale on Thursday, September 14th. The sale will run through Tuesday, September 26, 2017.

You can access the website – www.gaschoolstore.com/onlineportal and click on the Student & Parent Registration link. **St. Mary's Online ID Number is: 2640720.**

After you register/log in and begin using the eTools provided, you and all those you contact will be able to support our online program. We choose this program because it offers over 1,500 products to choose from. In addition to high-quality products you will love to give or keep for yourself, there are over 600 magazine selections-including digital editions of some of your favorite magazines.

Ms. Ann will be sending out an email on behalf of St. Mary's in the near future.

Farmer's Fair

Thank You to everyone who has signed up online. We are slowly getting our spaces filled up! There are still many spots to fill, so please check the calendar and find a spot that will work for you. Below is the link:
<http://signup.com/go/Kpfcyo>

Each day of the fair there is a Booth Setup shift to help prep the booth and stock it for the day. All of the other shifts are Food Service and of the 5-6 people one person needs to be the designated Griller. The other 4-5 people will either be taking orders and money or filling the food orders. Those spots will be decided once everyone gets there to work.

Get with me if you have any questions. Call/text [859-240-9390](tel:859-240-9390) or email.

Thanks for volunteering,
Michelle Ryan

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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In Phonics this week, we will be working with letter Tt- (keyword-tent). We will be adding 4 new words to our caterpillar word wall. We now have 6 words that we can blend to read. It is very important that you work with your child on letter identification and letter sounds. If the children don't know the letters/sounds, they will not be able to blend to read. We will also begin to “unblend” our sounds in words to spell our words. Practice at home would be helpful.

In math we will be matching number cards to sets of objects (1-1 correspondence), we will also be naming shape pieces using 3 attributes: color, size, and shape.

Midterm letters will be sent home Thursday, 9/7. Please sign and return them to school as soon as possible.

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson

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In Phonics this week, we are reviewing the sound of the consonant Dd (as in dog) by practicing spelling and reading new words that include the letter d. The students will also learn that quotation marks show the exact words that someone says and that we write quotation marks at the beginning and end of what someone says.

Phonics Reader #2 **Plan and Toss** will be sent home on Wednesday. Please have your child practice reading each book until they have mastered all of the words.

In Math we will be graphing pictures on a pictograph, making organized lists to solve problems, writing addition number sentences, and representing equivalent forms of the same number.

Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove

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We have 5 Monarch chrysalis and one hanging J in our classroom. The hanging J is the caterpillar when it is hanging upside down in the shape of a J, getting ready to make its pupa/chrysalis. We hope to be releasing the 6 butterflies in a couple of weeks.

We are attempting to turn the story, Arthur's Pet Business into a play. It will be for our own enjoyment, not an audience!

First Reconciliation for the second graders will be November 7, during the school day. More information and preparation materials will be coming home soon.

Grade 3 – Mrs. Rector

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Students are doing well with their cursive writing in their handwriting books. Soon they will be able to write words with all lower case letters in cursive. We will still have a spelling unit next week even though we will be off on Monday. Midterm reports will be sent home on Thursday. I will include an update on the number of AR points they have earned on the midterm. They should be at least halfway to their goal by now. Please let me know if you have any questions. Have a great week!

Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer/Mrs. B

4th grade has had a great week! We visited the Book Fair on Monday, and we have made great progress with our classwork. Everyone is looking forward to the long weekend!

As a reminder, please be sure to check your child's agenda each evening and initial it. This week there have been several students with unsigned agendas.

Next week we will have a math test and a science test. We will review in class, but students do need to spend time studying at home also.

Midterms will be sent home on Thursday. Please sign and return one copy.

Have a wonderful Labor Day weekend!

Grade 5 – Mrs. Baker

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We are halfway through the first quarter already! Midterms will be coming home next week. Fifth graders should be reading 20 minutes each night to help them reach their AR goal. At this point in the quarter, they should have earned at least half of their AR points. You can check their progress by looking at their AR chart in their VIP folder.

This week fifth graders will be studying how scientists classify living things. We will be exploring around school looking for different types of plants. Part of our study will require students to bring a few things from home. Check your child's assignment book for further updates.

Enjoy the long weekend!

Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice

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Midterms will be sent home on Thursday, September 7. This is to let parents and students know what their grade is half way through the grading period. Keep up the good work or make some changes to improve. I am always available to discuss your child's progress. I will begin tutoring after Labor Day. Email, send in a note, or have your 6th -8th grade student inquire.

6th graders studied about eclipses and are now studying the phases of the moon. We will be looking at their moon journals very soon. A big thank you to Mrs. Haverkos and Mr. Brookbank for planning the school Eclipse Viewing.

6th grade will have their next math test on Thursday, September 7. 7th grade will have their next math test on Tuesday, September 5. 8th grade is learning to solve equations, chapter 2. It is a very important chapter. Much of algebra is solving equations.

Congratulations to our class S.T.O reps: Thaddeus Eaglin, Ellie Ryan, and Bernadette Wismann! We thank them in advance for the projects they'll help accomplish for the school and for the community.

Grade 7 – Mr. Johnson

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We have hit our first mid-term of the school year. Midterm Reports will be sent home next week. If there is a concern, please feel free to contact me by email: brady.johnson@mystmarys.com.

8th Grade - We will finish chapter 2 next week. I expect to have our next test on Friday, Sept. 8th.

6th and 7th Grade Geography - We are studying an array of topics that impact our planet and the effects it has on humanity. We have studied the rotation and revolution of the sun, the layers of Earth, plate tectonics and their impact, and the water cycle. We will begin to examine elements of Human Geography, including government, religion, and cultural traits.

Congratulations to our class S.T.O reps: Hannah Haverkos, Will Hollinsworth, and Cyndi Tush! We thank them in advance for the projects they'll help accomplish for the school and for the community

Grade 8 – Ms. Stemler/Mr. Waldon

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Congratulations to our class S.T.O. reps Nick Folop, Jordan Hardig, and Maria Townsend! We thank them in advance for the projects they'll help accomplish for the school and for the community. Where do these weeks go? They fly by for us; there is never enough time to do everything we would like to do. This past week 8th graders have worked on designing their personal coats of arms – a traditional project in religion for St. Mary's 8th graders. Stop in the upstairs hall next week and see if you can tell which coat of arms belongs to which 8th grader. Also, check out a sampling of our sixth, seventh, and eighth grade journal work posted in the hallway. We have some great writers among us! God bless!

7th & 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank

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Due to the events surrounding Hurricane Harvey, we have spent Tuesday and Wednesday focusing on basic facts about hurricanes. Using our lap tops we read and discussed issues concerning Harvey, we looked at both meteorology and human factors of the storm. We discussed how the events in Texas will have a spin-off effect on our area. Such as;

1. Gasoline prices
2. Precipitation on Thursday into Saturday
3. Local construction companies sending physical help to the area
4. Financial support through local charities

Thursday we will return to our schedule, and in the eighth grade, we will continue to learn about Ecology, centering on the cycles of life. The water, carbon, & nitrogen cycles will be explored. The seventh grade is finishing up the basic knowledge of atomic structure.

Connie Powers, CRE

Hello All! I hope your family is off to a great start this school year! I enjoy seeing all the students back at school. I want to apologize for having to cancel Vacation Bible School this summer. The knee surgery was a bit more than I thought. All is good now and I would like to schedule VBS over Fall Break. First, I want to see who would be interested in attending. So, if you could shoot me a quick email at connie.powers@mystmarys.com or text at 513-310-4765 if your children are interested and would attend, I would deeply appreciate it. This is not the registration, just an interest poll!! Blessings.

Young Rembrandt's

The first session has begun, but you can register for future sessions. Go to www.YoungRembrandts.com/NorthernKY-SouthwestOH or call Michelle at [513-283-6169](tel:513-283-6169) to enroll. Reminder, the classes are on Thursdays in the 2nd grade classroom and are open to all Kindergarten through 6th grade students.

GIRLS ON THE RUN- Jenn Ruter, Laurie Fisher, Beth Fairfield, Ashley Sedler

We are excited to announce that our 2017 Fall team is official. We have 13 girls: 9 are from St. Mary's School and 4 are from St. John's School. We are allowed to take 15 girls. It's great to have a diverse group of girls to share different perspectives. We have two more spots available if anyone is still wanting to sign up their daughter.

Registration will reopen on Saturday, September 2 at 9 a.m. as first-come first serve. It will stay open until September 22 when it will automatically close or once we reach our max. You can sign up at gotrcincinnati.org and register under St. Mary's School Aurora.

For those who registered, a Welcome Letter will come to your email with details of dates, times, where and what to wear to practice. We begin Monday, September 11, and will meet at St. Mary's Cafeteria for St. Mary's girls at 2:45 p.m. St. John's girls will be picked up at 2:30 p.m. by one of the coaches and brought to St. Mary's School for practice. Practices concludes at 4:30 p.m., and girls will be picked up outside St. Mary's Parish office at that time.

We can't wait to meet your daughter, talk, laugh, and run together! It's going to be a great season! If you have any questions please feel free to contact Jenn Ruter at 812-290-7684 or at jenn22ruter@gmail.com.

WE BELIEVE THAT EVERY GIRL
CAN EMBRACE WHO SHE IS,
CAN DEFINE WHO SHE WANTS TO BE,
CAN RISE TO ANY CHALLENGE,
CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.
CAN.

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.

Cafeteria Volunteers:

09/05 – HELP NEEDED, 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:

09/05 – Meghan Oatman, 09/06 – Monica Ramsey, 09/07 – Michele Sohmer, **09/08 – HELP NEEDED**,
 09/11 – Bernadine/Carolyn, 09/12 – Meghan Oatman, 09/13 – Monica Ramsey, 09/14 – Anna Townsend,
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 09/21 – Anna Townsend, **09/22 – HELP NEEDED**, 09/25 – Bernadine/Carolyn, 09/26 – Meghan Oatman,
 09/27 – Monica Ramsey, 09/28 – Anna Townsend, **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
4	5	6	7	8
LABOR DAY – NO SCHOOL	Petite Chicken Strips Corn Green Beans Buttered Noodles Fruit Milk	Hamburger or Pizza Burger French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Cheese Coney Veggie Sticks w/ Dip Fruit Milk	French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Hash Browns Carrots Fruit Milk

Calendar of Events:

09/04	Labor Day – No School
09/07	Midterm Reports sent home
09/13	Early Release at 12:40 p.m.
09/14	Magazine Sale – Kick off
09/14 – 09/26	Magazine Sale
09/19	School Picture Day (8:30 a.m.)

After School Care “Break” Program

I’m glad to announce that the After School Program will be open during Fall Break (October 9th – 13th) this year between 7:30 am - 5:30 pm! The cost will only be \$3.00 per hour! There will be limited spots available, so if your child will be attending this program then please complete and return the form below to the school office by September 29th! A note will be sent home after your form is received to let you know your child will be able to attend. If you do not send in a form, please do not stop by during break and drop off your child(ren). If no students are signed up for a particular time, I will not be at school. We will use the emergency contact information that we have on file from your registration packet. If you have any questions please email Ms. McPherson at mcperson.1@mystmarys.com or send a text to 812-212-6245.

Thanks,

Ms. McPherson

Name of child/children:

Days and average time’s child/children will attend:

_____ Monday, October 9th: Drop off time _____ Pick up time _____

_____ Tuesday, October 10th: Drop off time _____ Pick up time _____

_____ Wednesday, October 11th: Drop off time _____ Pick up time _____

_____ Thursday, October 12th: Drop off time _____ Pick up time _____

_____ Friday, October 13th: Drop off time _____ Pick up time _____