

The Bulldog Barks

March 9, 2018

ISTEP/IREAD

April 16th - May 4th are the ISTEP windows for this school year. Please do not schedule any appointments or vacations on these dates.

IREAD for 3rd graders will be from March 12 - March 16th. If you have a 3rd grade student, please do not schedule any appointments or vacations on these dates or the ISTEP dates. I apologize for any inconvenience. All of this testing is state mandated and does impact our schools rating.

Update: We will receive a waiver for one of the days we missed because of the flood. The state allows 1 day for every 2 days that are missed, over 5 days. Therefore, we will be in school the following days:

- Monday, March 19th (January 12th)
- Tuesday, March 20th (January 16th)
- Wednesday, March 21st (January 24th)
- Thursday, March 22nd (February 7th)
- Friday, March 23rd (February 26/27th)
- Friday, May 25th (February 28th)

Rice Bowl Program:

Please remember to continue to pray and give to those in need by continuing to give to the Rice Bowl Program.

“Soles for Souls”

Please see information below.

PTO – Lenten Fish Fry

We have had 2 very successful Fish Fry's so far this year. Last week was a record breaking week and we sold more dinners than ever before! The only way this was possible is by all of you who volunteered. THANK YOU!

We are still short for this week. We currently have these open spots:

- * Carry Out
- * Carry Out Cashier
- * Dining Room (Have 1/5 spots filled)
- * Fryers (Have 4/8 spots filled)

These spots are one's we NEED to have filled or we will not be able to run the Fish Fry smoothly. The link to sign up online: <http://signup.com/go/sLBJeTE>

Desserts for this week are: 1st, 2nd, 6th and 8th Grades.

- * 24 servings per student
- * Pies, cakes and specialty desserts go over very well.
- * Drop off at school in the morning, or in Activity Center in the afternoon.

Please let me know if you will be running late so we can cover your spot until you get there. If there are any questions or problems please contact me.

Thanks for volunteering,
Michelle Ryan, PTO President
[859-240-9390](tel:859-240-9390)

Cod With God shirts

We will have Cod With God t-shirts for sale at each fish fry. Shirts are \$10.00 each.

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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We will be doing individual evaluations for report cards during the week of March 12. Please review “pop-up” words, color words, blending, and all skills that were listed in the midterm letter.

In Phonics we will be working with a new digraph- sh- keyword- shark. We will also work with rhyming words and long vowels. We’ll add are, to our list of “pop-up” words, and we’ll get reader #12, “*Will She Tell?*”.

Show-n-Tell for next week will be Dd.

Have a great week!

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson

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In phonics we will continue to practice reading and spelling words that have the three sounds of digraph ea (as in leaf, thread, and steak) and the sounds of diphthong oi (as in oil) and diphthong oy (as in toy). We will practice using the “Dropping Rule” when we are adding vowel suffixes to the end of words that end with a silent e. We will also practice coding three syllable words by using the vc/cvc/cv syllable division pattern and learn the sound of final, stable syllable –tion (as in lotion).

We are running low on disinfecting wipes in the 1 st grade room. If you would like to send in a container of wipes, we would greatly appreciate your help with keeping us germ free!

Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove

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Mrs. Grove has been out sick this week, so there will be no Bulldog. Get well soon, Mrs. Grove!

Grade 3 – Mrs. Rector

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We completed the first part of the ISTEP test on Tuesday. Students did a lot of writing! I am proud of how hard everyone worked to do their best. We will have part two, which is multiple choice, at the end of April.

The third graders will take the practice test for the IREAD test on Monday. We will be able to complete the actual test on Tuesday unless something unexpected comes up (although the last time I said that, we had a flood!). The test is multiple choice and has three different sections that are at the most 35 minutes each. We will take a short break between the first two, and a little longer break with a snack between the second and third test. Please make sure your child is well rested and has a good breakfast for the IREAD. If your child is sick, we have until Friday to complete a make-up test.

After Tuesday we will return to a regular schedule of work and homework until spring break. The third quarter will end on March 23. Report cards will be sent home after spring break. Let me know if you have any questions about all the testing. Have a great week!

Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer

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We are back to our normal schedule. Part one of ISTEP is over. Thank you to all students who really tried their best! Students will finish their *Stone Fox* novel this week. I know they are anxious to see how the story ends. Does little Willy win the race? Does grandfather get better? We will know the answers soon!

Students are continuing to learn about different types of figurative language. This week they will study personification, hyperboles, and idioms. They have been watching a fun video to go along with each figurative language to help them remember the meaning and some examples.

Scholastic book orders are due Wednesday, March 14. Our February/March rescheduled “Author Celebration” will also be Wednesday! Hope you can come!

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

Since we have finished the first round of ISTEP this week, we will go back to our normal schedule of spelling and vocabulary. We will be working on Unit 13 in vocabulary and our test will be Friday. Making flashcards is a great way to study for any of our vocabulary tests.

We have also finished our novel, *Indian in the Cupboard!* We were able to compare the book to the movie this week too. Students completed a journal throughout this book, and will take a test over the book next week. The test is planned for Wednesday. Please check your child's assignment book for any updates on the test.

We will continue learning about fractions in math this week. We will be concentrating on multiplying and dividing fractions and mixed numbers. Students have plenty of examples to help with their homework in their math notebooks. Ask to see their notebook, it is amazing what they can do! Have a great week!

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

The 6th -8th grades just completed 7 afternoons of robotics. Students did a great job. Look on St. Mary's facebook page for some pictures. Now back to our normal schedule for 2 weeks, then it's spring break. The rest of the school year goes by quickly. Students, do your best NOW! The 2nd round of ISTEP testing is April 16 - May 4.

CYO Camp is Monday/Tuesday, May 14 and 15. Information will be sent home after spring break. 6th and 7th graders go over night to Camp Rancho Framasa in Brown County, IN. We stay in nice cabins with restrooms, showers, and bunkbeds. The Archdiocese owns and runs the camp. It is a great opportunity for students to learn and experience doing activities outside the classroom. We are outside most of the time and do several science related activities. The kids really enjoy it and its fun!

Report cards are issued on April 10. Our next ½ day is April 18. Celebrate St. Mary's is April 28.

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

We have successfully completed the first part of the ISTEP test. Thank you parents for having your children ready to take that test with positive attitudes. Next week we will get back on track with our regular academic schedule.

Any 7th/8th grade students wanting to compete in the Academic Competition at LaSalle High School in April, may sign up with Mr. Johnson.

Grade 8 – Ms. Stemler**stemler.8@mystmarys.com**

Book reports were due this Wednesday — Overall, they were very well done. Great job to all!

6th Grade: The accumulative vocabulary quiz will be on Monday, 3/12. Next week we will also finish up *Hidden Figures*.

7th Grade: Next week we will dive back into *Hidden Figures* chapters 6-12. Be ready for your vocabulary quiz on Monday over chapters 8-12!

8th Grade: The eighth graders learned about the three types of irony this week and presented a PowerPoint after finding their own examples. Next week they will begin argumentative writing.

Book reports were due this Wednesday—Overall, they were very well done. Great job to all!

Jim Waldon**jim.waldon@mystmarys.com**

MISSION FESTIVAL SUCCESS: Thanks to everyone who helped make our Mission Festival lots of fun and a big success! We raised \$710 to give to a number of mission works including St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Relief Services, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Boys Town USA, Love the Hungry, and St. Meinrad Archabbey. Thanks to everyone who participated by baking, by donating prizes, and by coming to join us for the festival!

CHOIR NEWS: Our **school choir will be singing this Saturday** evening, March 10th at the 5 o'clock Mass. All singers need to **be in the 8th grade room for warm-up by 4:30**. Note that the handbell choir does not ring during Lent; our next scheduled Mass is on April 7th.

GOOD FRIDAY: School choir members are invited to sing with the parish choir at our Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 P.M. on March 30th. Students who wish to participate may join us at 2:30 p.m., so that they are able to warm up with the parish choir. Contact Jim Waldon if you have any questions.

7th & 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank**brookbank.science@mystmarys.com**

ISTEP, ISTEP, ISTEP! Tuesday & Wednesday concluded ISTEP testing for the 8th grade. One section of Math and two sections of English. I am glad I am giving the test and not taking the tests! Mr. Tush can answer questions concerning timing of the results and other related information.

Both grades are concentrating on the human heart and the flow of blood through the heart. We are beginning a lab on this subject Thursday. Using paper to represent the vessel, chambers, valves, & the septum, we will cut each part out and correctly glue onto an outline of the heart. We will perform a heart bypass using examples of paper indicating a clog within the heart and using a vessels from another part of the body to create the bypass. A lab quiz will follow with a diagram of the heart, and all structures of the heart, including the mentioned parts previously pointed out in the above paragraph.

Connie Powers, CRE**connie.powers@mystmarys.com**

Confirmation preparation makeup date will be Sunday, April 15th at 6 pm. Confirmation Mass will be Saturday, April 21st at 11 am at St. Louis in Batesville.

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:

03/12 – HELP NEEDED, 03/13 – Barb Langdon, 03/14 – Marge Waldon, 03/15 – Barb Maness, 03/16 – Patty Kent, 03/19 – Pat Scharf, 03/20 – Marge Beinkemper, 03/21 – Marge Waldon, 03/22 – Barb Maness

Playground Volunteers:

03/12 – Bernadine/Carolyn, 03/13 – Meghan Oatman, 03/14 – Monica Ramsey, 03/15 - Chris Strzok, 03/16 - Chris Strzok, 03/19 – Bernadine/Carolyn, 03/20 – Meghan Oatman, 03/21 – Monica Ramsey, 03/22 - Chris Strzok

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
12 3-Way Tossed Salad Green Beans Crackers Fruit Milk	13** Chicken Nuggets Buttered Noodles Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	14 Hamburger or Pizza Burger French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	15 Taco (Beef or Chicken) Refried Beans Corn Fruit Milk	16 Cheese Stuffed Bread Stick with Pizza Sauce Tossed Salad Carrots Fruit Milk

** Menu change from what was sent out at the beginning of the month

“Soles for Souls”

On the weekend of the 16th – 18th of March the St. Vincent De Paul truck will be in the parking lot for any donations collected. There will also be a shoe donation box located in the cafeteria of St. Mary’s School until March 16th.

When preparing for your contribution I would ask that you set aside any gently worn, used or new shoes. Trey Gronotte, grandson of parishioners Paul and Mary Lynn Minning is working with the Aubrey Rose Foundation to collect these shoes.

The donated shoes are shipped to developing nations across the globe where they are cleaned, made like new, and distributed so that the systemic poverty in these developing countries can be stopped in its track.

The funds received by the Aubrey Rose Foundation for the shoes go directly to benefit families of children suffering from critical, life-threatening illness who are struggling financially and those living in poverty.

So while collecting your donations, please separate all your old shoes, tie the shoe strings together or rubber band each pair and drop them in the separate boxes by the truck. You will be helping others to “put their best foot forward.”

Thank you

Calendar of Events:

03/09	Fish Fry (3 of 5)
03/15	Athletic Banquet (Activity Center)
03/16	Fish Fry (4 of 5)
03/19	School will be in session to make up the snow day from 01/12
03/20	School will be in session to make up the snow day from 01/16
03/21	School will be in session to make up the snow day from 01/24
03/22	School will be in session to make up the snow day from 02/07
03/23	School will be in session to make up the snow day from 02/26 & 02//27
03/23	End of 3Q
03/23	Aurora Fire Department Fish Fry
03/26 – 03/30	Spring Break
03/30	Fish Fry (5 of 5)
04/02	School Resumes
04/10	3Q Report Cards will be sent home
04/14	8 th Grade Spaghetti Dinner in Activity Center from 5 – 7:30 p.m.
04/28	Celebrate St. Mary's at Dearborn County Club
05/14 – 05/15	CYO Camp (6 th & 7 th Grade)
05/14 – 05/18	8 th Grade Class Trip
05/23	Kindergarten End of Year Celebration – 1 p.m.
05/24	8 th Grade Graduation – 6 p.m.
05/25	School will be in session to make up the snow day from 02/28 Last Student Day

Safe and Sacred

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is sending out reminders to people that need to take or update training and/or their background check. Your certification will expire every three (3) years. You can either click on the link in the email you receive or you can go to www.safeandsacred-archindy.org. Please see below for a screen shot of what your screen will look like.

Steps:

Log into your Safe and Sacred account. If you need any assistance with logging in, please contact tech support as directed on the site. You may be asked to update your profile.

1. You will need to take the course (or courses) that are listed under the “My Courses” on the left side of the screen.
2. You will also need to request a background check. You can do this by selecting the “Click Here” under “Background Application”

1. Take the class or classes that are at the top of the page.
2. Go to the right side of the screen and click on the “Click Here” under the Background Application

The screenshot shows the Archdiocese of Indianapolis website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo and the text 'Archdiocese of Indianapolis'. Below the navigation bar, there is a 'Welcome' message and a 'My courses' section. The 'My courses' section is highlighted with a red oval and contains a list of courses, with 'Protecting Children in the 21st Century' selected. To the right of the main content area, there is a 'Background Check Help?' section and a 'Background Application' section. The 'Background Application' section is highlighted with a green oval and contains a 'Click Here' link. Below the 'Background Application' section, there is a 'Need Technical Help?' section with a 'Live Chat' button. At the bottom of the page, there is a 'Safe and Sacred Training' table with columns for Course, Action, Certificate, Code, Date Completed, and Expires.

Course	Action	Certificate	Code	Date Completed	Expires
Protecting Children in the 21st Century	Take Course	NA	NA	NA	NA

St. Mary's will receive notification that you have completed the training and in about 1 week, we will receive your background check.