

## **The Bulldog Barks** **April 6, 2018**

### **ISTEP**

April 16th - May 4th are the ISTEP windows for this school year. Please do not schedule any appointments or vacations on these dates. I apologize for any inconvenience. All of this testing is state mandated and does impact our schools rating.

### **Voucher Program**

Just a reminder that we need a copy of your most recent tax returns to submit your financial information for the voucher program. If you are not sure if you qualify, please contact Mr. Tush at 812-926-1558.

Also, any previous voucher recipients should not pay any registration, book or tuition fees until we determine your final award amount. This saves time and work in the office, by avoiding the extra work to reissue checks for overpayment of fees.

### **Registration Packets**

Registration Packet were sent home on Monday, April 2, 2018. Please review, update and complete paperwork and return to school ASAP! The registration fee of \$30.00 is due by April 27, 2018.

Kindergarten enrollment numbers are looking good for next year. If you know of any families that would be interested in sending their child(ren) to St. Mary's, have them call the office and schedule an appointment with Mr. Tush.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Spaghetti Dinner – April 14<sup>th</sup>**

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will have a Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. Proceeds benefit the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip to Charleston, SC. Free will donation.

### **Celebrate St. Mary's – April 28th**

A letter and dinner tickets were sent home on Monday, April 2nd, with the youngest child of each family. Please send in any sold tickets and money to the school office. We also have raffle tickets for sale! Tickets are \$10.00/each. Grand Prize is \$500.00 and Second Place is \$250.00.

### **St. Mary's Night at the Races – Lawrenceburg Speedway – May 5th**

St. Mary's has been offered the opportunity to sell tickets to Lawrenceburg Speedway on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Racing will feature: Kelsey Chevrolet Sprints, Budweiser UMP Modifieds, Impact Sports Pure Stocks, Bessler's U Pull and Save Hornets. Tickets will be \$10.00 if purchased in advance at our school, instead of the regular price of \$15.00. This is also a fundraiser because we are awarded \$5.00 for every ticket sale. Our fifth through eighth grade students will be given the opportunity to sing the National Anthem before the race and are granted free admission, if they sing. You may start purchasing tickets immediately from our school office. You may send in cash or checks to the school office; checks should be written payable to: St. Mary's School. You can also pay online at [www.mystmarys.com](http://www.mystmarys.com) and indicated in the "Notes" section that your payment is for race tickets. Thank you for your support!

### **PTO – Lenten Fish Fry**

We had a great Fish Fry season! We are working on final numbers and will let you know as soon as we know. We could not have done so well without all of the help from teachers, parents, grandparents and church members. It is a lot of work, but everyone had fun!

Thanks for volunteering,

Michelle Ryan, PTO President  
859-240-9390

### **Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning**

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In Phonics this week we will work with long vowels and learn a new rule. We will learn about "sneaky e"- sneaky e is silent, and sneaks by a consonant, and "scares" the vowel to make it say its long vowel sound. When a vowel has a consonant and a "sneaky e" after it, it is long and we code it with a macron. Our words to help us remember the rule are: **cake, dime, hose, cube, concrete**. Word lists will come home for practice.

In math we will be counting by 2's to 100, and making designs using tangrams (7 shape pieces- 5 triangles, 1 square, 1 parallelogram).

On Thursday we will be going to an Earth Day presentation about worm composting. Should be a fun, educational program.

Have a great weekend!

### **Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson**

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In phonics we will be reading and spelling words with **digraph au** (as in faucet), **digraph aw** (as in straw) and **digraph oa** (as in soap). We will also be reading and spelling "**wild colt**" words: When the letters i or o are followed by a consonant, the vowels are sometimes long instead of short (find, blind, old, told).

In Math we will continue to practice using comparison symbols (<, >, =) and working with geometric shapes (cone, sphere, cylinder, cube).

In Science we will be learning about the water cycle!

### **Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove**

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We are really getting excited to receive our First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 6 at the 11:00 Mass. On Wednesday, Mrs. Powers helped us make candles and the type of bread Jesus broke with his disciples.

Mrs. Velda Miller came to our room again on Thursday. We dissected Tulip tree buds.

Please return to school the Childhood Mission boxes and don't forget to send in family photos. We need a favorite family member photo and a favorite family scene photo for our bulletin board.

### **Grade 3 – Mrs. Rector**

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We are back in the swing of things after our break. Hopefully, we will be able to finish the rest of the year without any more surprise days off! Report cards for the third quarter will be sent home next Tuesday. New information about reading goals will be sent home as well. We will be working hard to get ready to move on to the fourth grade by the end of the year.

The third grade will go on a field trip to Ag Day at the Lawrenceburg Fairgrounds on Tuesday, April 24th. We can have as many chaperones as we like, so let me know if you would like to go. You will need to complete Safe and Sacred training by April 14 if you have not already done so. Permission slips will be sent home today.

Our final round of testing will take place the week of April 16-20. This part of the ISTEP is multiple choice. We will most likely be testing every day except Wednesday if we want to be finished with all six tests in one week.

### **Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer**

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In math this week, fourth graders will continue chapter 13 about decimals. They will be adding and subtracting decimals, dividing money, rounding decimals, and ordering decimal numbers. We will also take time to review previous lessons in preparation for ISTEP Part 2 next week!

Students should be reading for and working on their book report projects. The first project is due Wednesday, April 18. Some parts of the projects could be completed before finishing the entire book. Remember the projects take the place of AR points.

Report cards will go home Tuesday, April 10. Have a good week!

## **Grade 5 – Mrs. Baker**

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Fifth graders are finishing up their units over fractions this week. We will begin reviewing for our test over adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing fractions. Everyone has a notebook full of examples of all types of problems on this test. The test is planned for Wednesday, April 11th. We are continuing to study the settlement of the thirteen colonies in social studies. We are learning about the different areas in which colonists settled and why. Students have a note guide for this chapter and are responsible for completing the vocabulary section on their own.

Many fifth graders are in need of a few supplies to finish this last quarter of the year. Please check with your child to see if they need pencils, erasers, or other supplies. Report cards will be sent home on Tuesday. Please sign and return these as soon as possible. The Scholastic Book Order for April was sent home this week. Orders are due Friday, April 13th. You may order online or send your order in to me. Have a great week!

## **Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice**

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CYO Camp information and forms were given to the 6th and 7th graders on Wednesday. They should have given them to their parents. The 2 forms are due Tuesday, April 24, and the fee is due on Tuesday, May 8. Please talk to Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Rice, or Mr. Tush about any questions or concerns. All students are expected to go. Camp dates are Monday/Tuesday, May 14 and 15.

Report cards will be sent home next Tuesday. Students should make improvements if needed now. The last quarter goes very quickly!

The last round of ISTEP begins the 17th . Students need to be rested and alert to do their best.

## **Grade 7 – Mr. Johnson**

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6th Grade - We will be concluding our study of South America next week and will transition to Europe for the remainder of the school year.

7th Grade - We will continue our study of Asia in Geography. China has been our focus, and next we will be examining the history, culture, government, and economy of Japan.

8th Grade - In history we have had lessons on the growth of industry in our nation and the impact it had on our economy, agriculture, and population. Next week we will be looking at the Indian Removal period in our history.

All 3 grades will have a Unit 12 test in vocabulary on Monday, April 9th.

## **Grade 8 – Ms. Stemler**

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6<sup>th</sup> Grade: The sixth graders this past week presented their female STEM posters. Wow! They were incredible. We are now finishing up our Informative Essays and will be moving onto Argumentative Essays. It is National Poetry Month. The sixth graders will be reading *Love That Dog* and *Crossover*.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: The seventh grade has been working on creating in-text citations for their informative essays. We've also been getting back to reading *Hidden Figures*. April is National Poetry Month! The seventh grade will be reading *Crossover*, which is a free-verse basketball novel. They will be trying some of their own free-verse poems soon!

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: The eighth grade is working on Argumentative Writing. This past week they have been debating different topics—which has been very interesting! They have learned how to write claims, conduct research, write counterclaims and rebuttals. They will be working on an in-class assignment for the next few weeks on argumentative writing. For National Poetry Month, the eighth graders will also be reading *Crossover*.

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**Jim Waldon**

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**CHOIRS TO RING AND SING:** Our school choirs will ring and sing next Saturday, April 14th at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. All ringers and singers need to be in the 8th grade room for warm-up by 4:30.

**7th & 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank**

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The seventh grade will continue to study Earth Science. We will concentrate on Plate Tectonics & natural events that occur in our atmosphere. The eighth grade will begin dissection of cow or pig hearts. Wayne's Meats, located in Milan, was kind enough to donate the hearts. We will determine if your child could be a surgeon or the next Dr. Frankenstein.

**Connie Powers, CRE**

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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. 8th graders must have all service reports turned in on the 15th.

**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:**

**04/09 – HELP NEEDED**, 04/10 – Barb Langdon, 04/11 – Marge Waldon, 04/12 – Barb Maness, 04/13 – Patty Kent, 04/16 – Pat Scharf, 04/17 – Marge Beinkemper, 04/18 – Marge Waldon, 04/19 – Barb Maness, 04/20 – Patty Kent, **04/23 – HELP NEEDED**, 04/24 – Barb Langdon, 04/25 – Marge Waldon, 04/26 – Barb Maness, 04/27 – Patty Kent, 04/30 – Pat Scharf

**Playground Volunteers:**

04/09 – Bernadine/Carolyn, 04/10 – Meghan Oatman, 04/11 – Monica Ramsey, 04/12 – Chris Strzok, 04/13 – Chris Strzok, 04/16 – Bernadine/Carolyn, 04/17 – Meghan Oatman, 04/18 – Monica Ramsey, 04/19 – Chris Strzok, 04/20 – Chris Strzok, 04/23 – Bernadine/Carolyn, 04/24 – Megan Oatman, 04/25 – Monica Ramsey, 04/26 – Chris Strzok, 04/27 – Chris Strzok, 04/30 – Bernadine/Carolyn

**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**

| <b>Monday</b>                                                     | <b>Tuesday</b>                                                      | <b>Wednesday</b>                                                             | <b>Thursday</b>                                       | <b>Friday</b>                                                                   |
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| <b>9</b>                                                          | <b>10</b>                                                           | <b>11</b>                                                                    | <b>12</b>                                             | <b>13</b>                                                                       |
| 3-Way<br>Tossed Salad<br>Green Beans<br>Crackers<br>Fruit<br>Milk | Southern Chicken Strips<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>Corn<br>Fruit<br>Milk | Hamburger or<br>Pizza Burger<br>French Fries<br>Baked Beans<br>Fruit<br>Milk | Cheese Coney<br>Veggie Sticks w/ Dip<br>Fruit<br>Milk | French Toast Sticks<br>Sausage Links<br>Hash Browns<br>Carrots<br>Fruit<br>Milk |

# Calendar of Events:

- 04/08 St. Mary's Annual Easter Egg Hunt – after the 11 am mass  
For children 10 and under - Lunch will be served
- 04/10 3Q Report Cards will be sent home
- 04/14 Choir and Bell Choir – 5 p.m. Mass  
Be in the 8th grade room by 4:30 p.m.
- 04/14 8th Grade Spaghetti Dinner in Activity Center from 5 – 7:30 p.m.
- 04/18 Early Dismissal at 12:40 p.m. – No After School Care
- 04/24 First Communion Retreat at 6 pm in cafeteria
- 04/28 Celebrate St. Mary's at Dearborn County Club**
- 05/05 St. Mary's Night at the Races – Lawrenceburg Speedway
- 05/06 First Communion Mass – 11 a.m.
- 05/14 – 05/15 CYO Camp (6th & 7th Grade)  
05/14 – 05/18 8th Grade Class Trip
- 05/23 Kindergarten End of Year Celebration – 1 p.m.
- 05/24 8th Grade Graduation – 6 p.m.
- 05/25 Last Student Day – Awards at 1 p.m.

## Safe and Sacred

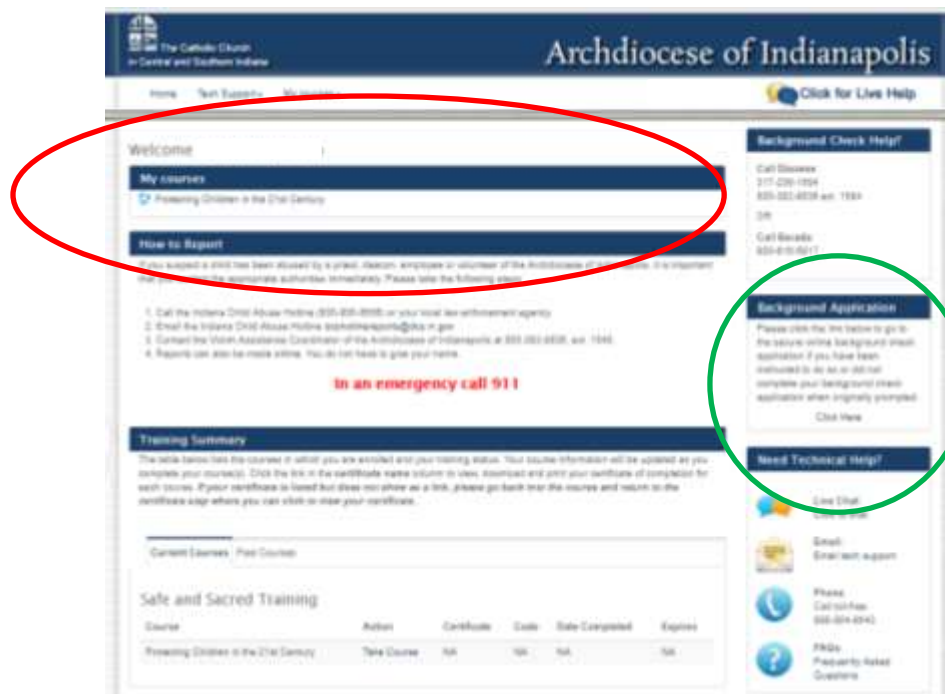
The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is sending out reminders to people that need to take or update training and/or their background check. Your certification will expire every three (3) years. You can either click on the link in the email you receive or you can go to [www.safeandsacred-archindy.org](http://www.safeandsacred-archindy.org). 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



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