

The Bulldog Barks

October 20, 2017

Report cards were sent home Tuesday. Your child's teacher will be, or already have, sent home information about parent/teacher conferences. Please sign and return the report cards as soon as possible.

Thank you for volunteering to work at our Farmers' Fair booth. It was a good year. We will let you know the total after we have accounted for all of the expenses.

Next week is Red Ribbon Week. Please see the article below which outlines the special things we will be doing next week to emphasize the importance of being drug free.

Sports Physicals – as of Monday, October 23rd you will not be able to practice until your physical has been turned in! The game schedule for the boys was sent home on Thursday, October 19th.

We still have a few St. Mary's drink tumblers for sale in the office. These are the tumblers we sold last year during the magazine sale. Ms. Ann has one on her desk if you would like to see one. Tumblers are \$20.00/each.

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. Certification expires every three years.

Red Ribbon Week

Monday:	You have the Power to say No: wear red or superhero shirt to be out of uniform (button)
Tuesday:	Sock it to Drugs - wear crazy socks to be out of uniform (sticker)
Wednesday:	Respect Yourself, Be Drug Free (keychain)
Thursday:	Hot Dog I'm Drug Free: (sticker)
Friday:	It's Sweet to Be Drug Free: Guest Speaker in afternoon (sweet treat)
	12:50 p.m. – Grades K – 5
	1:30 p.m. – Grades 6-8

- We have color pages about being drug free (classroom activity).
- Squatch Out Drugs Activity in Dearborn County (sent home with youngest on 10/19/2017).
- There are posters around school. Pledge to be Drug Free by writing your name on the cutout and sticking it on the wall. (frogs, smiley faces, paw prints, apples).

Love the Hungry Volunteers

Thanks to the many volunteers who helped package meals for the Love the Hungry project on Sunday, October 15th. St. Mary's School and Parish joined volunteers from other churches and organizations to process over 35,000 meals in less than two hours. As hosts for the project (sponsored mainly by Rullman/Hunger Funeral Home), St. Mary's provided 45 volunteers out of a total of 130 volunteers. Great job, everyone!

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Uniform Exchange:

After all Masses this weekend October 21 & 22 there will be long pants and sweatshirts out in the cafeteria. Anyone who needs cold weather uniforms are welcome to come and find what they need. Donations of outgrown uniforms are always welcome, and will be added to the exchange.

Box Tops/Kroger Rewards:

Tuesday we treated the whole school to Ice Cream for meeting our 1st quarter goal of \$500!!! Please keep sending in those Box Tops and using your Kroger Cards. Check the bottom of your receipt to check that your Kroger card is linked up to St. Mary's School.

Farmer's Fair:

THANK YOU to everyone who took time out of their week to help at the Food Booth! We had a great turnout and were very busy most of the 4 days due to the great weather all week. We are still figuring our total profit on the event and will get final numbers out when they are available.

Thanks for volunteering,
Michelle Ryan, PTO President

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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In phonics we will be working with letter Ss; keyword- sun. We'll be unblending sounds to spell words, and we will be listening to the ending sounds in words. We will add 47 "s" words to our caterpillar. That will make a total of 114 words! The class will be excited to see that the caterpillar has grown, and is curling around on the ceiling. A note will come home about our new high-frequency words. Please continue to practice reading all of the high-frequency words on a regular basis. The children will also bring home Reader #3, *Stan's Pigs*, for practice. We will be learning about possessive apostrophes while reading our new reader.

In math we will begin telling time to the hour, identifying the hour and minute hands on the clock face, and writing the time. We will talk about both digital and analog clocks. We will also review ordinal position to fourth place.

If you have not already done so, please remember to sign and return report cards.

Thank you to the Box Top committee ladies for the ice cream party this week. All the children enjoyed their special treat. Please continue to send in the box tops.

Have a wonderful week.

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson

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In Phonics we will be reviewing how to divide and code words that have a vccv pattern. We will also be reading and spelling words that contain the two sounds of the letter Uu (as in umbrella and unicorn) and the letter Ww (as in wagon).

In Science we will be using four of our five senses to observe leaves and will be doing a variety of experiments with pumpkins next week!

Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove

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Thank you for all the Box Tops saved and sent to school. We enjoyed the ice cream party Mrs. Ryan hosted for us.

The Aurora Public Library presented the play, Pinocchio, for us on Thursday at the Lions Building.

Congratulations to our 1st place fire safety poster winner, Rebekah, and to Gwen for 2nd place.

Please do not forget to read for Book-It.

Grade 3 – Mrs. Rector

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It has been a busy week since returning from the fall break! Report cards were sent home on Tuesday. I have received most of them back and have scheduled conferences. If you sent in a request for a conference and haven't received a confirmation yet, please let me know.

We are lucky to have two field trips scheduled a week apart. On Thursday of this week, we were able to take a walking field trip to the Lion's Club to see a performance of "Pinocchio" by The Virginia Repertory Theatre. We are thankful to the Aurora Public Library District for sponsoring the show!

Our second field trip is coming up next Thursday, October 26th. We will go to the Thomas More Biology Field Station to learn about the ecosystem of the Ohio River. Remember that students in grades 3-5 may be out

of uniform for the trip and need to dress for the weather. We will be outside for part of the day, including lunch, so be prepared for the changing temperature. Everyone going also needs to pack a lunch. Have a great week!

Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer

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We've had a great start to the second quarter! We will finish our addition and subtraction chapter in math this week and will test next week. In science students will study plant adaptations, fossils, and extinction. In reading students will be tested over our story called, *The Stranger*, by Chris Van Allsburg. Don't forget that students can use Quizlet to study the vocabulary words online and Spelling City to study spelling words.

Keep in mind that October reading logs are due next Wednesday with 15 initials. Also, students need to plan their time to get their book read for their book report project so they have time to do the project as well. We discussed how some parts of projects can be completed without finishing the book. Use your time wisely!

Have a great week!

Grade 5 – Mrs. Baker

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Our field trip to Thomas More is this Thursday! Students may be out of uniform. Please dress appropriately for the weather. We will be outside! Each student needs to bring a packed lunch for the day.

We will also be finishing our study of classifying living things in science. We will start reviewing for our test this week. The test will be the week of October 30th. Please look for more information regarding the test in your child's assignment book.

AR goals were sent home last week. Please be sure your child is reading 20 minutes each night to help meet their AR goal. Have a great week!

Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice

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Please return one copy of the report card and the conference paper ASAP. Confirmation of conferences will be sent home. Red Ribbon Week is next week. There will be some special things going on. Look for the notice in this Bulldog.

The 6th and 7th grades are doing a math activity with pumpkins on Oct. 30 and 31. If you would like to donate a pumpkin, send it to room 6. An old shirt to wear over their clothes on the 31st is recommended.

Grade 7 – Mr. Johnson

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8th Grade - We have wrapped up our chapter over the early American Colonial period. We will have a chapter test on Monday. Please make sure your students are looking over the material from the chapter.

7th Grade - We have been discussing the origins of the various world religions. So far we have discussed Islam, Judaism and Christianity. Next week we will be discussing Hinduism and Buddhism.

6th Grade - This past week we did an introduction of the World Religions, that will be discussed further in 7th grade. We then switched to discussing Economics, and the different economic activities, economic factors, and economic systems.

Grade 8 – Ms. Stemler/Mr. Waldon

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We enjoyed our shadowing opportunity at Oldenburg Academy Thursday of this week. It was fun to experience another school and to think ahead to high school! Thanks to the folks at the academy for their hospitality and for the transportation they provided.

We're working hard to get ready to read our next books in both 7th and 8th grade. The 8th grade will now be reading *Counting by 7s* and the 7th grade will begin *Wonder*.

During October the students in 6, 7, and 8 are all praying the rosary once a week to commemorate October as the Month of the Rosary.

We're all looking forward to the events of Red Ribbon Week next week.

If you haven't yet returned a signed copy of your student's report card, please do so by next Monday.

God bless.

7th & 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbankbrookbank.science@mystmarys.com

The seventh & eighth grade science classes began a short introduction to photosynthesis on Monday. I brought in several specimens of large Alocasia plant, I have several in my flower gardens. I introduced basic facts concerning the chemical process of photosynthesis. We examined the leaf & stalk of the plant. Attempting to stress the concept of blue-green algae & plankton in our oceans are our #1 source of oxygen. Tropical forest and green plants release oxygen into our environment & absorb carbon dioxide from our environment. We will discuss the symbiotic relationship between humans & green plants.

I have enjoyed teaching the second grade class this week, during Mrs. Grove’s absence. Gwen, Rebekah, Khloe, Oliver, & Matthew have been model students!

Young Rembrandt’s

The next session will begin on Thursday, October 26th and will continue until November 16th. Cost is \$52.00 for a 4 week session. You can enroll online 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. A flyer was sent home with each student earlier this week.

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:

10/23 – Barb Langdon, 10/24 – Marge Beinkemper, 10/25 – Marge Waldon,
10/26 – Barb Maness, 10/27 – Patty Kent, 10/30 – Barb Langdon, 10/31 – Marge Beinkemper

Playground Volunteers:

10/23 – Bernadine/Carolyn, 10/24 – Meghan Oatman, 10/25 – Randi McGraw, 10/26 – Chris Strzok, 10/27 – Randi McGraw, 10/30 – Bernadine/Carolyn, 10/31 – Meghan Oatman

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
23	24	25	26	27
Spaghetti Lasagna Tossed Salad Bread Sticks Green Beans Fruit Milk	Petite Chicken Strips Corn Green Beans Buttered Noodles Fruit Milk	Hamburger or Pizza Burger French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Corn Dog Corn Mixed Vegetables Graham Crackers Fruit Milk	Sliced Turkey Mashed Potatoes Carrots Bread Fruit Milk

Calendar of Events:

10/26	Thomas More Biology Field Station (Grades 3-5)
11/08	Early Release
11/10	Veteran's Day Prayer Service at 2 p.m.
11/22 – 11/24	No School – Thanksgiving Break

Planning Ahead:

12/06	Primary Christmas Program (Grades K-3) at 6:30 p.m. Lessons and Carols (Grades 4-8) at 7 p.m.
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