

The Bulldog Barks

November 3, 2017

Next Wednesday, November 8th, is an early release day. Buses will pick up our students at 12:35 p.m. with car riders to immediately follow. Please remember that there is no afterschool care on early release days due to required professional development activities for our teachers.

****There will be no hot lunch or salad bar on Tuesday, November 7th.** Students need to pack their lunch. There will be milk available for morning break (Grades K - 4) and for lunch. Students will be eating in the Activity Center with their Prayer Buddy or Guardian Angel.**

Veteran's Day Prayer Service

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It is getting cold outside. Please make sure your child brings a winter coat to school each day, and is dressed appropriately for the weather (no bare legs till spring). We will go outside for recess as long as the temperature/wind chill is above 32 degrees Fahrenheit. If your child forgets their coat, they will have to sit in the cafeteria for recess.

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.

SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, November 18th

St. Mary Family Game Night. Presented by our Pastoral Council.

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.

Candy for troops – Mrs. Neeley

Mrs. Neeley, a St. Mary's parent, is coordinating the efforts for St. Mary's students to donate candy for Pvt Cainan Baxter & Troop B-CO 3-69. Cainan is a close friend of the family. You can include cards, drawings and well wishes for the soldiers. The deadline to collect will be November 10th. She will pick up all items on this day.

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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In Phonics we will be working with new letter Rr-keyword-rabbit. We will be working with compound words and syllables. We will add two new words to our "Pop-up" list: **go, and**. We will get reader #4, "*Frog Ran*". Please have your child practice blending and reading high-frequency words to you each night. That is the best way to help them become fluent readers.

In math we will continue our work with counting money, time to the hour, and ABB patterns. We will learn about a new tool that is used to compare weights; a balance scale.

Our first Show-n-Tell begins on Tuesday, Nov. 7. Our first letter is Ll.

The class enjoyed their Halloween party this week. Thank you to all who sent in treats. Thank you also to Randi McGraw and Laurel Plummer for coming in to help.

We have an early dismissal day on Wednesday, Nov. 8.

Have a great week!

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson

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In Phonics we are continuing to read and spell words that contain “sneaky e”. We are also learning how contractions are formed and learning how to break contractions down into its two separate words.

We do have a spelling test next week. Please help your child study his/her words and sentences throughout the week!

In math we are continuing to practice both subtraction facts and addition facts. The students are realizing that it is very important to look for a minus sign or a plus sign before solving each problem.

Emergency "Early Dismissal" forms were sent home last week. Please make sure you return your form to school by November 17th.

Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove

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We enjoyed the Litterbug program, brought to us Thursday, by the Dearborn County Recycling Center.

We learn in Religion class to protect what God has given us. This is one way to do it. We have also been learning about pollution and natural resources.

Please keep working on Book-It, and do not forget to turn in the Reconciliation poster due this Sunday.

Grade 3 – Mrs. Rector

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In science we wrapped up our chapter on plants and are moving on to animals. We are reviewing subtracting with and without borrowing in math before we move on to harder work. Many third graders are over halfway to their AR goal already. Keep up the good work!

We had a terrific time at our Halloween party! Thanks to Mrs. Hollander and Mrs. Liz Day for being here and planning the party, and all of the parents who sent in treats for us. The parents and grandparents at St. Mary's make it a special place to be! Don't forget to pack a lunch on Tuesday so we can eat lunch with our Prayer Buddies. The kids loved doing this last year. Have a terrific week!

Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer

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Tuesday is the big day for our first book report project. Students will be sharing their projects in class. I look forward to seeing their projects and hearing about their books. The next book students read must be nonfiction. Many students enjoy the *Who was...* books. Our chapter 4 life science test over adaptations will be Tuesday as well.

Students have been learning about persuasive writing. We are writing a persuasive essay together before students are responsible for writing a Christmas persuasive letter on their own.

Have a great week!

Grade 5 – Mrs. Baker

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We are currently reading the book, Number the Stars, in reading class. Our story takes place during World War II in the country of Denmark. Each student has a map of the countries we are learning about in their VIP folders. We will have a practice map quiz on Tuesday, and our final map quiz will be Friday.

In math we are working on multiplication of two digit and three digit numbers. It is important to practice multiplication facts each night to help us when multiplying larger numbers. We will have a multiplication quiz next Thursday. Please practice at home.

Good luck to the Speech Team this weekend. We will be thinking of all of you, especially Sarah, Elana, and Lakota from our class! Have a great week!

Grade 6 – Mrs. Ricesuzy.rice@mystmarys.com

6th and 7th graders had a math test today. 8th grade had their test on Halloween. 6th grade will have a science test on Monday. They may use their science notebook during the test. If they completed the parts of their notebooks, as instructed, they will be well prepared. We will go over notebooks in class this week before the test on Monday.

The next early dismissal is next Wednesday, November 8th.

STO is planning a prayer service for Friday, November 10th, to honor veterans. It is scheduled for 1:55 pm. in church.

Grade 7 – Mr. Johnsonbrady.johnson@mystmarys.com

8th Grade - Colonial America and the development of a self-sustaining economic systems has been our primary focus. We have analyzed the differences between the Northern and Southern economic systems.

7th Grade - Economic systems have highlighted our class activities for the last week. We are examining economic conditions and how they influence the types of industries found within a nation. The 4 factors of production are important to developing a strong national economy.

6th Grade - Political Geography is the central theme in our lessons next week. We are going to be discussing democracies, republicans, monarchies, totalitarian states, dictatorships, and theocracies. Each country must pick a government that works best for them.

Connie Powers

7th grade parents: I mailed registrations to your homes for Confirmation. Please fill out and return ASAP if your child is planning on attending Confirmation Prep for Confirmation in 2019. Thank you.

Grade 8 – Ms. Stemler/Mr. Waldonjim.waldon@mystmarys.com

Book reports for October were due this past week. Students should follow the sample's format as we practiced at the beginning of the year. (Each student was given a copy, and a copy is posted in the 8th grade classroom.) We've been doing better at proofreading in our journals, but this is important in the book reports and all written work, as well!

As we look ahead to Lessons & Carols, please mark your calendars. The date is December 6th at 7:00 p.m., and participation is required for all students in grades 4 through 8. The choirs have been working on music for this annual service, and the rest of the student chorus will begin to practice in a couple of weeks.

Need a wreath? 8th graders are selling Christmas greenery. If you are looking for live greenery for yourself or as a gift, see an 8th grader or contact Miss Ann in the school office.

God bless.

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

We are finishing the internal parts of the human, (animal) cell. Testing & lab work are in the last stages of evaluating the students retention of concepts. We will begin a preview of Genetics on Friday. A fantastic branch of science, extremely relevant to our society. We will concentrate on the structure of DNA and the basic structures of our Genetic make-up. We will perform labs concentrating on topics in today's society. I will introduce exciting occupations that pay well and are important to our society.

ST. MARY'S 8th GRADE CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER.

Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support our 8th grade field trip. Come to Chipotle on Wednesday, November 8th from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Bring in the flyer, or tell the cashier, and 50% of your purchase will be donated to St. Mary's 8th grade trip. Flyers were sent home with every student on Friday, November 3rd.

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:

11/06 – Pat Scharf, 11/07 – Marge Beinkemper, 11/08 – Marge Waldon, 11/09 – Barb Maness, 11/10 – Parry Kent, 11/13 – Barb Langdon, 11/14 – HELP NEEDED, 11/15 – Marge Waldon, 11/16 – Barb Maness, 11/17 – Patty Kent, 11/20 – Pat Scharf, 11/21 – Marge Waldon, 11/22-11/24 – No School, 11/27 – Barb Langdon, 11/28 – HELP NEEDED, 11/29 – HELP NEEDED, 11/30 – HELP NEEDED

Playground Volunteers:

11/06 – Carolyn/Bernadine, 11/07 – Meghan Oatman, 11/08 – Monica Ramsey, 11/09 - Chris Strzok, 11/10 - HELP NEEDED, 11/13 – Carolyn/Bernadine, 11/14 – Meghan Oatman, 11/15 – Monica Ramsey, 11/16 - Chris Strzok, 11/17 – Carolyn Robers, 11/20 – Carolyn/Bernadine, 11/21 – Meghan Oatman, 11/22-11/24 – No School, 11/27 – Carolyn/Bernadine, 11/28 – Meghan Oatman, 11/29 – HELP NEEDED, 11/30 – 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
6	7	8	9	10
3-Way Tossed Salad Green Beans Crackers Fruit Milk	Cold Lunch – Lunch with Prayer Buddy or Guardian Angel	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:

11/07 Lunch with Prayer Buddy or Guardian Angel (brown bag lunch day)
 11/08 Early Release
 11/10 Veteran’s Day Prayer Service at 1:55 p.m.
 11/18 St. Mary Family Game Night – presented by our Pastoral Council
 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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(Please use the back of this sheet if you want to include more names on our Wall of Fame and in our prayer service.)