

The Bulldog Barks

November 10, 2017

It is now getting very cold. Please make sure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather. We go on walking field trips around town and have outdoor recess as long as the wind chill is above 32 degrees.

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 at 6 p.m. 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.

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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A gentle reminder - please make sure your child brings a warm coat, hat, and gloves/mittens when it is cold. If your daughter is wearing a skirt or jumper, make sure she has tights underneath. We do go outside for recess and the children need to be bundled and warm.

This week in phonics we will be working with 2 letters; Kk- keyword- kite, and Bb- keyword- balloon. We will also be working with rhyming words and syllables, and get 2 new "pop-up" words- **have, from.**

In math we will be using some new items - geoboards and geobands, to make and copy shapes. These are always fun tools that the class enjoys using.

St. Mary's S.T.O. is having a Thanksgiving Drive for those in need. Kindergartners are being asked donate noodles or pasta. Items will be collected the week after Thanksgiving.

Show-n-Tell for next week will be letter Gg- hard sound, as in goat. We will not have Show-n-Tell the week of Nov. 20.

Midterm letters for the second grading period will be sent home on Thursday, Nov. 16. Please remember to sign and return them to school.

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson

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In Phonics we will be reading and spelling new words containing the letter Xx (as in fox) and consonant Yy (as in yarn). We will also be working with digraph sh (as in shark) and the two sounds of digraph oo (as in hook and tooth).

In Social Studies we will be comparing the lives of the Pilgrims and Wampanoag Tribe. We will also be discussing what we are Thankful for and how we can help others.

The S.T.O. is asking the 1st graders to bring in noodles or pasta to be donated to the less fortunate. All donations will be collected the week after Thanksgiving. Thank you for helping others!

Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove

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Lunch with our prayer buddies in the gym was a blast on Tuesday.

We loved making our First Reconciliation Thursday. Fr. Steve was very kind.

Thank you to the STO for the beautiful Veterans' Day prayer service on Friday.

We've started to learn cursive. Yay!

Grade 3 – Mrs. Rectorkim.rector@mystmarys.com

Prayer buddies enjoyed eating lunch together on Tuesday. They had a dance party with Mr. Tush after lunch. Keep praying for your buddy!

In Social Studies we will review a few map skills and begin our study of early American communities. We will finish chapter 2 in Science about how animals are alike and different. The test will be on Friday. We will have a spelling unit next week, but not the following due to the Thanksgiving break.

Mrs. Vincent has been working with the students in grades K-3 on songs for the Primary Christmas Program. It will be on Wednesday, December 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the church. Students in grades K-3 should wear dressy church clothes and meet in the cafeteria. The program will only last 10-15 minutes.

Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyeramanda.meyer@mystmarys.com

Our multiplication math chapter has begun! Students need to continue to practice their multiplication facts. The better and faster they know their facts, the better they will be at multiplying by two and three digit numbers.

We are taking a break from our reading text book to read another novel. There will be five different reading groups. Each group will be reading a different book. Students will be expected to read, complete journal responses, participate in discussions, and complete reading response activities. I hope students enjoy the book I have chosen for them.

Midterms go home Thursday! Have a great week!

Grade 5 – Mrs. Bakerleslie.baker@mystmarys.com

Fifth graders are studying Native Americans in social studies. This week we will be learning about Native Americans of the Eastern Woodlands. All students have a note guide to help them through this chapter. In math, we are continuing to work on multiplication. We will be concentrating on 3-digit multiplication. Practicing our facts at home will tremendously help us with multiplying larger numbers.

Scholastic book orders were sent home on Friday. If you would like to order, please order online or send your order in to me by Friday, November 17th. Have a great week!

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

The 6th grade is studying ecosystems and abiotic/biotic factors. In reading students are reading *My Side of the Mountain*. In math students are learning to add, subtract, and multiply decimals.

The 7th grade had their interest peaked working with scientific calculators this week.

The 8th grade has been studying functions and direct variations. They will have a test the middle of next week.

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

8th Grade - U.S. History has been discussing the French and Indian War and the domino effect that event had on the development of our nation. We have examined the alliances of the different Native American tribes had with the French and/or the British.

7th Grade - Geography has been examining economics. We have studied the Four Sectors of Industry, the Four Factors of Production, and the main Economic Systems that contribute to the world economy.

6th Grade - Geography has wrapped up our study of Political Geography and the role of the different types of Government Systems in the world. Next week we will begin Unit 2 on the United States and Canada.

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

Our sympathy to Hannah and Renee Jackson and their family upon the passing of their grandmother. May she and all the souls of those departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. During November, especially, we pray for those who have passed into eternal life. It's always wonderful to have one of the students pray for the souls in purgatory when we have our class prayer times.

Eighth graders are asked to bring in jelly for our contribution to S.T.O.'s St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving drive. We will get the items to the pantry the week after Thanksgiving. (Donations for the pantry are welcome any time!)

We've had another week of good work with plenty to do in class. Between journals, ReadWorks, NoRedInk, reading, and day-to-day projects, every minute ought to be productive. Students are reminded that if they get November's book report in by the 15th, they can improve their grades by having help with proofreading; they may also rewrite them. Those who wait until the end of the month must do their own proofreading, and the copy they turn in is the final copy.

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.

God bless.

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

Beginning Tuesday we began our introduction to Genetics. We will be investigating the concepts of Heredity. Our society revolves around Genetics. Our food sources, clothing, diseases, & too many occupations to name have strong associations to Genetics. We will discuss principals of probability, dominant genes, recessive genes, segregation of genes, fertilization, & Gregor Mendel and his work in the field of Genetics.

School Office – Ms. Ann

I am starting to plan our Christmas decorations at school. Does anyone have an 8 ft. artificial tree they would be willing to donate to the school? I would like to put it up in the cafeteria and decorate it with handmade ornaments, which the students will make at school.

Ivy Tech Manufacturing and Technology Open House - for High School students and their parents interested in finding out about programs in Industrial Technology, Welding and Computer Science. Wednesday, November 15th from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.

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:

11/13 – 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 – Aleece Palmer, 11/29 – Marge Waldon, 11/30 – Barb Maness

Playground Volunteers:

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 – Randi McGraw, 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
13	14	15	16	17
Rotini & Meat Sauce Tossed Salad Green Beans Bread Stick Fruit Milk	Chicken Nuggets Buttered Noodles Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	Pizza (pepperoni or cheese) Veggie Sticks with Dip Tossed Salad Fruit Milk	Taco (Beef or Chicken) Refried Beans Corn Fruit Milk	Sliced Turkey Mashed Potatoes Carrots Bread Fruit Milk

Calendar of Events:

11/10 Midterm
 11/11 Ring and Sing at 5:00 p.m. mass on Saturday
 11/16 Midterm Reports go home
 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.

S.T.O. is conducting the annual Thanksgiving Drive. Thanks for helping out the poor in our community! Food will be gathered the week after Thanksgiving. We are inviting students and families to consider giving the following items, but **any donations are appreciated:**

K & 1: noodles or pasta

2 & 3: toilet tissue

4: canned vegetables or fruit

5: cereal

6: canned vegetables or fruit

7: peanut butter

8: jelly