

The Bulldog Barks

December 1, 2017

Dust off the Advent wreath – You'll need to light the first candle on it this weekend! We have many exciting events in store as we celebrate the upcoming season of Advent at St. Mary's.

- Please join us on Wednesday, December 6th for the Primary Christmas Program (Grades K-3) at 6:30 p.m. and Lessons and Carols (Grades 4-8) at 7 p.m. in church.
- Stop by school to see the Christmas tree in the cafeteria; each class is making homemade ornaments to hang on the tree!
- PTO will also be hosting a Christmas breakfast on Tuesday, December 12th at 8 a.m. for our students.

We will not have a student mass on Wednesday, December 6th. We will have our student mass on Friday, December 8th, which is a holy day of obligation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Students may be out of uniform on Wednesday, but must be in uniform on Friday.

St. Mary's Tumblers

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.

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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Our new letter in Phonics next week will be **Zz** – keyword - zebra. We will be focusing on the four vowel sounds we have learned. We will also get reader #6, "Zip".

In math we will be working with dimes – identifying and giving the value for, and counting dimes. We will also be counting by 10's to 100. We will work with AB and ABB patterns.

Our Christmas Program is on Wednesday, December 6th at 6:30 p.m. in church. The children will meet in the school cafeteria at 6:15 p.m. They are to wear dress clothes, no jeans.

Show-n-Tell for the week of December 4th will be letter – Tt.

Have a great week!

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson

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Our Primary Christmas Program will be held in Church on Wednesday, Dec 6th at 6:30pm. The 1st graders should meet in the cafeteria at 6:15pm. The students are being asked to wear nice dress clothes!

In Phonics we will be reading and spelling new words that include final, stable syllables –ble (as in bubble), -fle (as in ruffle), -ple (as in staple), and -dle (as in candle).

In Math we are practicing how to divide shape in half and how to write the fraction one half.

Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove

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We are excited to sing our Christmas songs for you in church Wednesday evening at 6:30. We have been practicing. Please have your second grader in the cafeteria at 6:15 in their Sunday best clothes.

The fourth grade has invited us and the third grade to an Hour of Code on Monday morning. We will be introduced to computer programming by playing games. The fourth graders will help us.

Grade 3 – Mrs. Rector

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Mrs. Vincent has been busy working with the students in grades K-3 on songs for our Christmas program. Students should arrive around 6:15 p.m. in the cafeteria on Wednesday, December 6th. They should wear dressy Christmas or church clothes. You may take their coat with you when you drop them off since they will be dismissed from the church or they can leave it in the cafeteria for you to pick up after the program. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. and will last about 15 minutes so that the Lessons and Carols program put on by the older grades may begin at 7:00 p.m.

Other than no homework on the night of the program, we will continue with our regular classwork the rest of the week. We have begun multiplication in math class. Students are encouraged to practice with flashcards at home. The sooner they memorize the basic facts, the easier it will be on them. If you need to borrow a set of flashcards, please let me know and I'll send some home.

We will go to Mass on Friday instead of Wednesday since it is a Holy Day of Obligation - The Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It will be third grade's turn to read at Mass the following week, on December 13th. Have a great week!

Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer

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Students did a great job on their book report projects last week. Now they are preparing for their last project of the quarter- timeline or poster. Students having been learning about prefixes and suffixes. They made flashcards to help them study the meanings. The suffix quiz will be Tuesday, December 5th.

Fourth grade will be helping other grades participate in the Hour of Code during the week of December 4th. Fourth graders will first take part in an unplugged activity. Later in the week, they will be the teachers for the other classes.

Have a great week!

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Grade 5 – Mrs. Baker

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Lessons and Carols is next Wednesday, December 6th. Fifth graders need to wear their uniform and be in the fifth grade classroom no later than 6:45 p.m.

We have finished our chapter over multiplication in math and are moving right into division. Practicing our multiplication and division facts will continue to help us with this chapter as well. Fifth graders can correct any math paper for a better grade. Please ask your child about this.

The end of the quarter is approaching fast. Please make sure your child is reading 20 minutes each day to reach their AR goal. Have a great week!

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5th & 6th Grade Families - 3D Club Coming Soon!

Are you in grades 5-6? Are you creative? A problem solver? Please join the 4-H 3D printer Spark Club. 10 two-hour sessions of "Heads on, Hands on" fun. January – March, 2018. Limited seats available – call 812-926-1189 or email ebei@purdue.edu to register. Deadline is December 20, 2017. Seeking excited volunteers to mentor participants! Made possible by the Greater Cincinnati STEM Collaborative.

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

Lessons and Carols is Wednesday at 7:00. 6th -8th graders need to wear a school shirt and may wear jeans. It will be hot upstairs in the choir loft, you will not want to wear a sweatshirt.

The students' first book projects were great. It was interesting to see them be so creative! Their next vocab unit is due 12/11. The holiday shopping project is due by Dec. 15. The students have a sheet with the requirements and a grading sheet so they can see how it will be graded.

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

8th Grade History - We are discussing the series of Tax Acts placed on the colonist by the British that resulted in the American Revolution. Other events discussed this week have been the Boston Massacre and the Boston Tea Party

7th Grade Geography - We have begun a unit covering Africa south of the Sahara Desert. We are examining elements of geography including, location, climate, economy, culture, and history.

6th Grade Geography - We are discussing the United States and its role in the modern world as an economic power. We have discussed the series of events that led to Americas economic success.

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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

6th, 7th, and 8th graders have each chosen their favorite journals from the past fifteen weeks, and those are all posted in the second floor hallway. Read their enjoyable entries when you get the opportunity to visit upstairs. You'll love the entertainment! 7th and 8th graders are continuing to read their respective books; our goal is to have these wrapped up by the time Ms. Stemler returns. We've also been trying to achieve the goal in 6th, 7th, and 8th to earn enough bonus points in religion to enjoy donuts from Tandy's. It looks like we might meet the goal before our Christmas break!

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

Beginning on Monday, 11/27 we began a lab on performing a Karyotype. Each student was given a set of human chromosomes magnified from an authentic photo-microscope. Each student had a different syndrome or possibly a normal Karyotype. Each student had to determine the syndrome, the gender, & arrange the chromosomal pairs correctly on a poster sheet of paper. I am attempting to arrange your child to send you an electronic picture of their karyotype.

School Office – Ms. Ann

We received an artificial Christmas tree and hope to get it set up by next week! Students are currently working on ornaments at school to hang on the tree!

Safe and Sacred

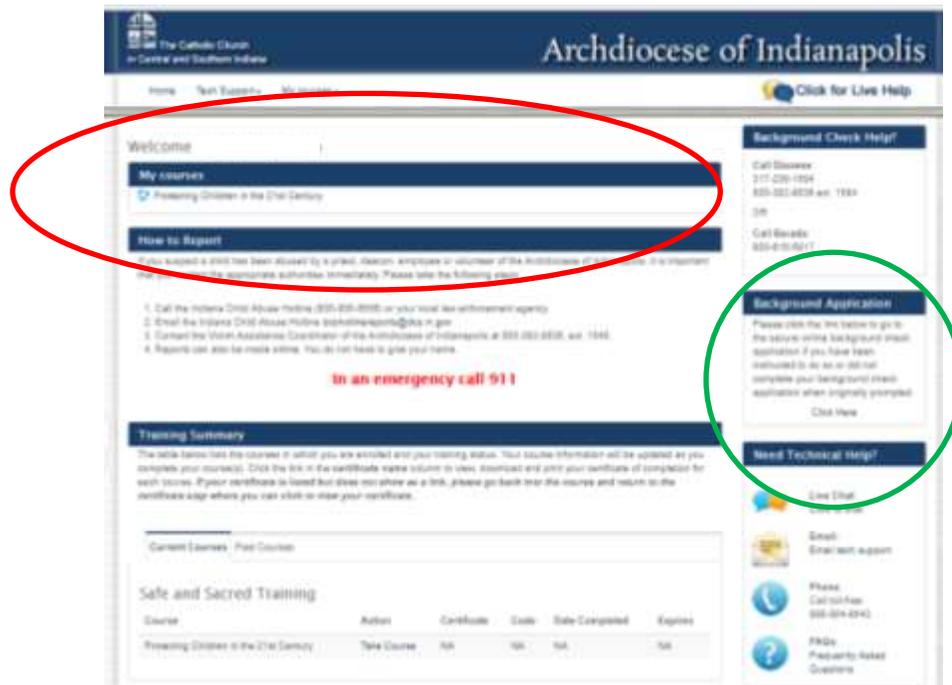
The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is sending out reminders to people that need to take or update training and/or their background check. Your certification will expire every three (3) years. You can either click on the link in the email you receive or you can go to www.safeandsacred-archindy.org. Please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



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

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:

12/04 – Pat Scharf, 12/05 – Marge Beinkemper, 12/06 – Marge Waldon, 12/07 – Barb Maness, 12/08 – Patty Kent, 12/11 – Barb Langdon, 12/12 – Barb Langdon, 12/13 – Marge Waldon, 12/14 – Barb Maness, 12/15 – Patty Kent, 12/18 – Pat Scharf, 12/19 – Marge Beinkemper, 12/20 – Marge Waldon

Playground Volunteers:

12/04 - Carolyn/Bernadine, 12/05 – Meghan Oatman, 12/06 – Monica Ramsey, 12/07 – Chris Strzok,
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 12/20 – Monica Ramsey

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
4	5	6	7	8
3-Way Tossed Salad Green Beans Crackers Fruit Milk	Petite Chicken Strips Corn Green Beans Buttered Noodles Fruit Milk	Pizza (pepperoni or cheese) Veggie Sticks with Dip Tossed Salad Fruit Milk	Taco (Beef or Chicken) Refried Beans Corn Fruit Milk	French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Hash Browns Carrots Fruit Milk

Calendar of Events:

- 12/06 Primary Christmas Program (Grades K-3) at 6:30 p.m.
Lessons and Carols (Grades 4-8) at 7 p.m.
- 12/12 Student Christmas Breakfast – hosted by PTO
- 12/15 Girls and Boys Basketball Picture Party (2:30 - 4 p.m.)
- 12/20 2nd Quarter Ends
- 12/21/17 - 01/03/2018 No School – Christmas Break
- 01/04/2018 School Resumes (Thursday)
- 01/09 2nd Quarter Report Cards go home