

The Bulldog Barks

August 25, 2017

Principal – Mr. Tush
Safe and Sacred

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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.

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications

We are near the 30 day mark and will not be able to accept any new applications after September 12, 2017. Please fill out the application that was sent home the first week of school and return to the office. If you need another application, call the office or ask your child to come to the office and Ms. Ann will give them a copy.

Online Payments

Remember you can go online at www.mystmarys.com and pay tuition, technology and book fees, milk money, lunch tickets or After School fees.

Navigate to the School tab and click on: Tuition and School Payments. Once you enter your information and your transaction is approved, an email will be sent to the office.

Lunch tickets are \$14.50 each (\$2.90/meal), which is good for 5 meals. If you make a payment that is not divisible by \$2.90, the balance will be applied for milk money.

Book Fair: Week of August 27-September 1

The Scholastic Book Fair is here! It will open on Sunday after the Masses and will be open to the public after school each day next week until 3:15. Students will have the opportunity to go during their library time, and during lunch time the rest of the week. Teachers can take their whole class back on Friday afternoon for the final day.

The book fair is the primary way we earn new books for our school and classroom libraries. We earn a minimum of forty percent of our profits in books! Please help support the school by shopping at the book fair. You may even win a book or poster!

Thank you to our volunteers - Carolyn Manford, Emily Hollander, and Nicole Eaglin. It's not too late to sign up if you have time available to help. kim.rector@mystmarys.com.

Farmer's Fair

I have the schedule for Farmer's Fair ready to go!! Click on the link and look at the open shifts to get signed up. The shifts are similar to last year. Friday is usually our busiest day, so that is our first priority in getting enough volunteers. Please feel free to sign up for more than one shift.

I will send out more detailed reminders once we get closer to the fair. A Farmers Fair committee meeting will be scheduled soon, I will send out that info once we have a date set. We will discuss menus, logistics, and purchasing. Anyone that can help with those things are welcome to attend.

<http://signup.com/go/Kpefcyo>

Click the link above and enter your name and email to sign up for any open spots. If you already signed up at the Open House you should be already on the schedule. Right now we have about 50% of the spots filled, so **Thank You** to everyone who has already signed up. Click the link and take a look to make sure I entered you on the correct day and time. Please let me know if there are any corrections.

Always contact me with any questions, email or call/text [859-240-9390](tel:859-240-9390).

Thanks for volunteering,

Michelle Ryan, PTO President

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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Thank you to Kim Haverkos, Bob Brookbank, and the Aurora Public Library for all they did to help us observe and learn about the eclipse on Monday. What an exciting educational experience!

Thank you also to KDG parents for signing and returning the Highlights sheets. I was able to order some nice items for the classroom.

Next week in phonics we will be focusing on letter Hh- keyword- hat. With the new letter comes a new word we will be able to blend to read. We are learning to code the short vowel in the words with a **breve**. (A smile above the vowel) We will also continue our work with compound words and rhyming words.

In math we will identify, describe, and compare circles and rectangles. We will also be sorting, graphing, putting numbers in order, and identifying a missing number in a number line.

The Book Fair will be in the Activity Center the week of August 27. The class will be going to the fair during their Library time on Tuesday. They will need money if they will be purchasing books.

Have a great week!

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson

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In Phonics this week we are reviewing the /s/ and /z/ sounds of the consonant S. We will learn that when suffix s is added to the end of a root word it means more than one. We will also practice spelling and reading new words that include the letter s and suffix s.

Phonics Reader #1 **Pop It, Toss It!** will be sent home on Wednesday. This is the 1st of many phonics readers that will be sent home throughout the school year. Please have your child practice reading each book until they have mastered all of the words.

In Math we will be acting out and drawing pictures for “Some, Some More” and “Some Went Away” stories, identifying a number between two numbers, and dividing a solid in half.

In Social Studies we will be working on our map skills and creating our own maps!

Don't forget to visit the Book Fair this week!

Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove

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Monday was very exciting. We were able to do some cool hands on activities to prepare for the solar eclipse prepared by Dr. Haverkos, and then view the eclipse with our special glasses. As soon as we finished that, we went to the Activity Center to see The Aurora Police Department presentation by Magic Tom and his alien dummy about staying safe. We are discussing space, stars, and planets in Science this week.

Grade 3 – Mrs. Rector

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We have had a busy week! The students had a lot of fun and learned a lot about the solar eclipse on Monday both in the classroom and during the activities planned for us by Dr. Haverkos and Mr. Brookbank. We appreciate all of their work. Thanks also to the 8th graders who assisted them and the Aurora Public Library for getting us the safety glasses so we could see the eclipse.

We have written our first pen pal letters to our partners at RSVP. We look forward to hearing back from them and getting to know them throughout the year. Our pen pal project culminates with a picnic in the Activity Center in May when we get to meet them.

The book fair begins on Sunday after Masses. The third graders will go as a class on Tuesday when we have library class. They can also go during lunch recess time on Wednesday and Thursday, on Friday afternoon with the whole class, or after school with a family member.

Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer/Mrs. B

The class is now into a regular routine, and I believe we are moving forward at a good pace now. Students have their reading test today, and they also received their new spelling list to write in their assignment books. It is also on the back of the newsletter.

Thanks to Mrs. Haverkos and Mr. Brookbank for the great activities the students participated in on Monday during the solar eclipse. The students were so excited and thoroughly enjoyed experiencing science “live” for the afternoon.

Have a great week everyone!

Grade 5 – Mrs. Baker

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Fifth graders are finishing their study of early Americans in social studies. Our test over this chapter is planned for next Friday. Please look for more information regarding the test in your child's assignment book. Each fifth grader has a note packet in their VIP folder to help them study for the test.

We will be going to the Book Fair as a class on Monday during our library time. Students can purchase books during this time and will have other opportunities throughout the week. This is a great opportunity to get new books to read for AR.

Fifth graders need to continue practicing multiplication facts each night. Also, reading 20 minutes each night is to help us reach our AR goals. Have a great week!

Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice

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6th, 7th, and 8th grade each had their first math test this week. In math the 6th grade is doing a survey and making a graph of the results of their survey. They will be on display near the classrooms next week. 6th grade is reading “*Fish in a Tree*”. We are all enjoying the book. The 6th grader’s first book project is due November 29. Midterms go home on Thursday, Sept. 7.

Grade 7 – Mr. Johnson

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8th Grade- In U.S. History we have begun discussing the Age of Exploration and Discovery. We are discussing the motives for the European nations to seek trade with Asia and how, as a result, it led to the discovery of the New World. This leads to eventual colonization of North and South America.

6th and 7th Grade - We have finished chapter 1 on the Basics of Geography. The next chapter will focus on the Earth and its rotation and revolution of the sun. We will examine how the continental drift theory and plate tectonics action, lead to earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanoes, and other natural disasters. The last section of the chapter will focus on human geography and what role religion, government, and traditions plays on society.

Grade 8 – Ms. Stemler/Mr. Waldon

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It’s been another good week, and we look forward to the next. Thanks to Kim Haverkos, Mr. Brookbank, Aurora Public Library, and everyone who made it possible for us to learn so much and have so much fun before and during the eclipse. Eighth graders have shown this week how they can step up to the plate when it comes to cooperation and leadership by example. We led morning prayer from the liturgy of the hours in Father Steve’s absence – as the seventh graders will do this coming Wednesday. We have completed our election process for our Student Teacher Organization (S.T.O.) and will announce next week which students are chosen as representatives and leaders. As students in grades six through eight voted, they were reminded to choose people who show excellent cooperation, courtesy, and leadership qualities. Classroom teachers, Miss Ann, and Mr. Tush also cast votes. We’ll have the results next time. God bless!

7th & 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank

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The Total Solar Eclipse presentation was a success! Dr. Kim Haverkos and the St. Mary's staff were instrumental in making the day a very informative astronomical event for our students. The Aurora Library provided us with 50 pairs of solar glasses to view the stages of the eclipse. All students had the opportunity to view the eclipse from approximately 1:15 to 2:15 p.m.

Four different "HANDS ON" experiments were provided for the students relating to the event.

The eighth grade will begin a two week lesson on ECOLOGY! This is one of the major standards by the State of Indiana. The seventh grade will continue to explore the natural world. We are concentrating on the periodic table and the relationship of atoms in the formation of elements & compounds.

GIRLS ON THE RUN REGISTRATION-Jenn Ruter, Laurie Fisher, Beth Fairfield, Ashley Sedler

St. Mary's is proud to be offering their 4th season of Girls on the Run Program to their students. This life changing program inspires girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience based curriculum which creatively integrates running. Girls and coaches cover topics on healthy eating, positive self-talk, how to handle stress, body image, leadership and many more. Girls on the Run has a brand new curriculum book this fall for those who are returning it will have new lessons and activities different to prior seasons.

Our coaches have 16 seasons of GOTR coaching experience between them. We have a new GOTR coach, Ashley Sedler. She was an All State Runner for Oldenburg Academy in high school and is currently a Sophomore at Ivy Tech. She has been a running buddy for our girls the past three seasons. We are very excited to have her knowledge and experiences to pass along to the girls.

Registration to participate for the fall GOTR is OPEN RIGHT NOW through Wednesday 8/30 at 11:59. You can visit the homepage to register at www.gotrcincinnati.org. Please make sure you choose St Mary's Aurora, IN, not Aurora Elementary. We passed out registration packets to the girls a week ago so please refer to that also if you should have any questions.

Please keep in mind that this program is offered on a sliding scale fee from \$10-\$160 per girl. As a non-profit, GOTR will provide scholarships to any girl in need. The fee includes 24 lessons, new running shoes, healthy snacks, a water bottle, entry in the 5K race, finisher's medal, team party 2 GOTR t-shirts and more.

If you should have any questions, please free to contact Jenn Ruter at 812-290-7684 or jenn22ruter@gmail.com or Laurie Fisher at LFisher@grayaviation.com. Don't miss this great opportunity for your daughter to help reach her potential.

Girls on the Run Core Values:

- *Recognize our power and responsibility to be intentional in our decision making
- *Embrace our differences and find strength in our connectedness
- *Express joy, optimism and gratitude through our words, thoughts and actions
- *Nurture our physical, emotional and spiritual health
- *Lead with an open heart and assume positive intents
- *Stand up for ourselves and others

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:

08/28 – Barb Langdon, 08/29 – Marge Beinkemper, 08/30 – Marge Waldon, 08/31 – Barb Maness, 09/01 – Patty Kent, 09/05 – Marge Beinkemper, 09/06 – Marge Waldon, 09/07 – Barb Maness, **09/08 – HELP NEEDED**, 09/11 – Pat Scharf, 09/12 Barb Langdon, 09/13 – Marge Waldon, 09/14 – Barb Maness, 09/15 – Patty Kent, **09/18 – HELP NEEDED**, 09/19 – Marge Beinkemper, 09/20 – Marge Waldon, 09/21 – Barb Maness, **09/22 – HELP NEEDED**, 09/25 – Pat Scharf, 09/26 – Barb Langdon, 09/27 – Marge Waldon, 09/28 – Barb Maness, 09/29 – Patty Kent

Playground Volunteers:

08/28 – Bernadine/Carolyn, 08/29 – Megan Oatman, 08/30 – Lauren Schewe,
 08/31 – Lisa Inabnitt, **09/01 – HELP NEEDED**, 09/05 – Meghan Oatman, 09/06 – Monica Ramsey,
 09/07 – Michele Sohmer, **09/08 – HELP NEEDED**, 09/11 – Bernadine/Carolyn, 09/12 – Meghan Oatman,
 09/13 – Monica Ramsey, 09/14 – Anna Townsend, **09/15 – HELP NEEDED**, 09/18 – Bernadine/Carolyn,
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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
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Rotini & Meat Sauce Tossed Salad Green Beans Bread Stick Fruit Milk	Southern Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Corn Fruit Milk	Hamburger French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Ravioli Bread Carrots Peas Fruit Milk	Pizza (Pepperoni or Cheese) Veggie Sticks with dip Toss Salad Fruit Milk

Young Rembrandts

Sessions at St. Mary's

Classes are for students in Grades K-8

Time: 2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

Only 2 students have signed up for Session #1, this class may be cancelled. If you have signed up you will be notified when and if it is cancelled.

	Wednesday	Days off	Session Length	Cost
Session #1	8/30-9/27		5 weeks	\$65
Session #2	10/25-11/15		4 weeks	\$52
Session #3	11/29-12/20		4 weeks	\$52
Session #4	1/24-2/21		5 weeks	\$65
Session #5	3/7-4/11	3/21, 3/28	4 weeks	\$52
Session #6	4/25-5/16		4 weeks	\$52

Contact Michelle Easton (513)283-6169 or michelle.easton@youngrembrandts.com.

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Calendar of Events:

08/27-09/01	Book Fair in the Activity Center (08/27/2017 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.)
08/30	Vision Screening (Grades 3, 5, and 8)
08/30	Hearing Test (Grades 1, 4, and 7)
09/01	1Q - Midterm
09/04	Labor Day – No School
09/07	Midterm Reports sent home
09/13	Early Release at 12:40 p.m.
09/19	School Picture Day (8:30 a.m.)