

The Bulldog Barks
September 8, 2017

Principal – Mr. Tush

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Midterm reports were sent home Thursday, September 7th. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Teachers will send home information about parent/teacher conferences closer to report card time, but you can also schedule a meeting with a teacher at any time throughout the school year.

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Fall Break

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The STO (Student Teacher Organization)

As most of you know, there has been an awful hurricane that occurred in some parts of Texas and Louisiana. STO is inviting you to help donate money to Catholic Charities for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. You can donate any anytime between now and Monday, September 18th. Please send monetary donations to the school office. We appreciate any and all donations!

Gratefully,
The STO

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.

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.

Magazine Sale

We will kick off our magazine sale on Thursday, September 14th. The sale will run through Tuesday, September 26, 2017.

You can access the website – www.gaschoolstore.com/onlineportal and click on the Student & Parent Registration link. **St. Mary's Online ID Number is: 2640720.**

After you register/log in and begin using the eTools provided, you and all those you contact will be able to support our online program. We choose this program because it offers over 1,500 products to choose from. In

addition to high-quality products you will love to give or keep for yourself, there are over 600 magazine selections-including digital editions of some of your favorite magazines.

Farmer's Fair

Thank You to everyone who has signed up online. We are slowly getting our spaces filled up! There are still many spots to fill, so please check the calendar and find a spot that will work for you. Below is the link:

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

Each day of the fair there is a Booth Setup shift to help prep the booth and stock it for the day. All of the other shifts are Food Service and of the 5-6 people, one person needs to be the designated Griller. The other 4-5 people will either be taking orders and money or filling the food orders. Those spots will be decided once everyone gets there to work.

Get with me if you have any questions. Call/text [859-240-9390](tel:859-240-9390) or email.

Thanks for volunteering,

Michelle Ryan

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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Our new letter in Phonics this week is Pp-(keyword-pig). We will be adding 6 new words to our caterpillar word wall. A list will come home for practice. Please make sure to read the caterpillar words on a regular basis. We will also "unblend" 2 initial consonant sounds to identify the sounds heard in a beginning consonant blend (i.e.- gl, sl, pl, etc.), and do our sound tests and spell our caterpillar words.

In math we will focus on ordinal numbers- first through fifth. We will also be sequencing events, and doing addition and subtraction story problems.

If you have not already done so, please sign and return midterm letters. Have a super week!

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson

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In Phonics we will be reading and spelling new words that contain the letters **Hh** (as in hat), **Gg** (as in goat), and **Rr** (as in Rabbit). We are also learning the difference between a question mark and a period.

In Math we are continuing to draw pictures to solve story problems and placing objects in ordinal position.

Mid Term Reports went home on Thursday. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress.

Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove

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We released one monarch butterfly on Tuesday. He headed south towards Mexico. We also had two flies emerge from tow of our chrysalises! We hope to see two more monarchs emerge.

The eighth graders have been coming to our room on Friday morning to read with us. The second graders love this.

Grade 3 – Mrs. Rector

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We are learning about maps in social studies and finishing up our chapter about stars in science. Math has proven to be a little challenging this week with counting out change to give back. Extra practice at home will help (ex. If something costs \$1.76 and you pay with \$2.00, how much change should you receive?)

Midterms were sent home on Thursday. If you have not already, please sign and return. I will send you a copy once I receive the signed copy. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. We will schedule conferences after fall break, but can meet earlier if you would like. Also, Mrs. Hollander has volunteered to plan our class parties this year. If you would like to help her with one or all of the parties, please let me know. Have a great week!

Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer/Mrs. B

We are glad that the week is over! Math and reading tests were the focus of our shortened week. Now we will focus on the chapter 2 science test for the coming week. The test will be on Tuesday. We have finished our narrative writing, and the students have done a very good job with it. We will do grammar next.

Midterms were sent home Thursday. Please make sure that one copy is signed and returned to school if you have not yet done so. Have a great week!

Grade 5 – Mrs. Baker

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Midterms were sent home on Thursday. Please sign and return these as soon as possible. If you have any questions please let me know. Just a reminder that each student should be reading 20 minutes each night to help them reach their AR goal. At any time you can check your child's AR progress by looking at their chart in their VIP folders.

We celebrated our August Dojo reward today by eating lunch in the classroom. We even had dessert! :) Great job fifth graders! Keep it up! Have a great week!

The choirs will ring and sing this Saturday (September 9th) for the 5:00 P.M. Mass. All choir members are to be in the eighth grade room for warm-up by 4:30.

Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice

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The 6th, 7th, and 8th grades each had their second math test Thursday. 6th grade should bring in their moon journal they kept for the last month. They will be finishing their study of the moon phases and have a test soon.

Midterms were sent home on Thursday. Keep up the good work or work on your study skills to improve. Contact me with any questions. The end of the quarter is October 5, which will be here in just 4 weeks. There is an early dismissal next Wednesday, 9/13/17.

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Grade 7 – Mr. Johnson

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Social Studies: 8th grade will take the Chapter 2 Test on Tuesday. This will cover the Age of Exploration and Spanish Colonialism. 6th and 7th graders are still learning about the Earth's physical processes and its impact on Geography.

Vocabulary: We did not have Vocab this week as a result of Labor Day this past Monday. We will begin Unit 3 on Monday, and the test will follow in two weeks on September 25th.

Computer: We have been doing weekly activities using Microsoft Word. These lessons describe different applications that can be used in that program. We have also been using an online typing program called Typing Club. This program guides students through learning the different key strokes on a keyboard.

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Grade 8 – Ms. Stemler/Mr. Waldon

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We have another fine week behind us. Students who have not returned their signed midterms should do so by Tuesday.

Next week the sixth, seventh, and eighth will all begin to work on narrative writing, so we will not do journaling during the process. Seventh and eighth graders are continuing to enjoy the books *Wonder* (eighth grade) and *Counting by 7s* (seventh grade).

We pray each day in class when we begin religion class. Ask your son or daughter about some of the things we are praying about, and send in your prayer requests if you would like to have us included your intentions. Regarding the collection at our school Masses, please encourage your son or daughter to give more than pennies, a nickel, or a dime. They always have money for their snacks, and teaching young people about stewardship should be one of our joint efforts. God bless!

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7th & 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank

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Seventh grade science action: We are ending the section on the structure of the atom/molecule and testing on Friday. We will begin writing and reading scientific sentences involving substances we use on a daily basis.

By using the pH scale as a guide we will concentrate on substances within our own homes. An example would be that most of your cleaning products at home are bases. Perhaps this will motivate your child to help you around the house!

Eighth grade science is completing our section involving the cycles of life. We are attempting to stress the connection of the cycles and the importance of improving life as we know it biologically. Global warming, the Greenhouse Effect, Ozone layer, and the contributing factors that have an effect on the cycles. Our area has an abundance of power plants, industry, & auto emissions that effect the cycles. We will continue to explore the science of Ecology with a lab involving the water from the Ohio River.

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

It's time already! The fall season begins on Monday, September 11th. Girls need to meet in the cafeteria at 2:45 p.m. and be dressed for practice. Practice concludes at 4:30 p.m. at the Parish Office. Girls should be picked up there. We will provide a water bottle and snack. Please make sure your daughter is dressed appropriately with tennis shoes. A welcome letter was emailed to parents/guardians from Laurie so please read it for more thorough information. Also note, we will meet from 1:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 13th when there is early release. We are excited for the 10 week journey with the girls to begin. Our goal at GOTR is to empower girls to become healthy, strong and confident as they train for their first 5K on November 18. There is nothing like seeing their accomplished, smiling faces cross the finish line!

We still have 1 spot available if there is anyone who still wants to participate for the fall season.

Thank you for your enthusiasm and continued support of GOTR. It's going to be a fun and eventful season. Should you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Jenn Ruter (812)290-7684 or jenn22ruter@gmail.com or Laurie Fisher (513) 218-7272 or LFisher@grayaviation.com.

Connie Powers, CRE

Hello All! I hope your family is off to a great start this school year! I enjoy seeing all the students back at school. I want to apologize for having to cancel Vacation Bible School this summer. The knee surgery was a bit more than I thought. All is good now and I would like to schedule VBS over Fall Break. First, I want to see who would be interested in attending. So, if you could shoot me a quick email at connie.powers@mystmarys.com or text at 513-310-4765 if your children are interested and would attend, I would deeply appreciate it. This is not the registration, just an interest poll!! Blessings.

Young Rembrandt's

The first session has begun, but you can register for future sessions. Go to 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.

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:

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:

09/11 – Bernadine/Carolyn, 09/12 – Meghan Oatman, 09/13 – Monica Ramsey, 09/14 – Anna Townsend,
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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
11	12	13	14	15
3-Way Tossed Salad Green Beans Crackers Fruit Milk	Chicken Patty with Bun Tater Tots 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:

09/13	Early Release at 12:40 p.m.
09/14	Magazine Sale – Kick off
09/14 – 09/26	Magazine Sale
09/19	School Picture Day (8:30 a.m.)

After School Care “Break” Program

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Thanks,

Ms. McPherson

Name of child/children:

Days and average time’s child/children will attend:

_____ Monday, October 9th: Drop off time _____ Pick up time _____

_____ Tuesday, October 10th: Drop off time _____ Pick up time _____

_____ Wednesday, October 11th: Drop off time _____ Pick up time _____

_____ Thursday, October 12th: Drop off time _____ Pick up time _____

_____ Friday, October 13th: Drop off time _____ Pick up time _____