

The Bulldog Barks
September 15, 2017

Principal – Mr. Tush

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Picture day will be on Tuesday, September 19, 2017. Students are to wear nice dress clothes or wear a school uniform. This is not an out of uniform day that they can wear casual clothes. Absolutely no blue jeans.

Fall Break

I'm glad to announce that the After School Program will be open during Fall Break (October 9th - 13th) this year between 7:30am - 5:30pm! The cost will only be \$3.00 per hour! Forms will be sent home soon to sign your child up to attend! You may also sign your child up by emailing Ms. McPherson at mcperson.1@mystmarys.com or send a text to [812-212-6245](tel:812-212-6245).

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.

Magazine Sale

We kicked 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. You will enter your information and then be given a code that is specific to your child.**

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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In Phonics this week, we will be working on our 2nd vowel- short sound **Aa** (keyword-apple). Please continue reviewing letters/sounds, and blending. We'll be adding 11 short vowel "a" words to the caterpillar, and the children will need to look carefully at the words when blending. They are use to reading 'short o' words. The class will be bringing home their first "mini reader" this week, "*Hot, Hot, Hot*". We will also be learning our first sight words. A note will come home with the readers. We will also be spelling the words that we can read. The children need to "unblend" the sounds to spell. Help at home is always appreciated!

In math we will work with triangles and squares, and numbers 0 – 10.

Picture day is Tuesday, September 19th.

Have a great week!

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson

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The 1st graders had their first spelling test on Friday! Everyone did a great job!

In Phonics we will be reading and spelling new words that contain the letters **Mm** (as in monkey). We will also be working with the two sounds of the letter **Ee** (as in elephant and equal), and the sound of **digraph ck** (as in duck).

In our readers this week, we will be reading the story, **The Path on the Map**, and in Social Studies we will be working on our map skill and creating our own maps!

Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove

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The Reconciliation folders were sent home Monday. Please complete the 7 lessons before Sunday, November 5th. First Reconciliation is scheduled during school hours on Tuesday, November 7th.

We are writing, rewriting, and proofreading original stories. We focus on having a beginning, middle, and end. We are trying to write details to develop the characters and events. We will share them with our eighth grade reading buddies.

The second grade will enter multi-media scarecrows, in the Farmers Fair Showcase, in the Aurora Lions Building. If you have something at home that you think your child might like to glue to their scarecrow, please send it into school on Monday or Tuesday. We will deliver our scarecrows on Thursday.

Grade 3 – Mrs. Rector

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It has been a busy week in third grade! We finished our math unit and took a test on Friday. Our next unit will focus on addition with regrouping up to the thousands. We will also continue to work on problem solving strategies. Something that we have been working on with problem solving to not give up so easily, but to reread the problem and figure out what we are being asked to solve. Often the problems have multiple steps and require us to write information down, not just attempt it in our heads.

We will be working on some fun, fall crafts next week. We are decorating acorns to help decorate the school, and pumpkins to be displayed at the Farmer's Fair. It is hard to believe that the fair is only three weeks away! Have a great week!

Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer/Mrs. B

The week has been busy with the novel we are reading in class. The students are learning that to work in groups, everyone has to do their fair share. In science we are beginning to study adaptations, and in math we are reviewing addition and subtraction and using formulas to solve the problems. A great introduction to algebra! Nouns are the focus of language arts right now.

Picture day is Tuesday, and students have brought home envelopes that need to be returned to give to Mr. Mattingly when he takes the pictures. Magazine sale packets were sent home on Thursday.

Our next journal check is Wednesday. I am encouraging students to write the three extra journal entries. There will be another journal check on Thursday, October 5th.

Have a great week everyone!

Grade 5 – Mrs. Baker

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We are finishing our reading unit this week called *Nature's Fury*. We have learned about earthquakes, lightning, volcanoes, tornadoes, and blizzards. We will have our last test for this unit on Friday. Students will have a study packet in their VIP folders to help them prepare for the test.

We are working on reading and writing decimals and numbers through the hundred billions in math. Each student has many examples of each lesson in their math notebook. Also, please keep practicing multiplication facts at home. It helps tremendously! Have a great week!

Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice

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The 6th, 7th, and 8th graders did great on their math tests. The class averages were 94% and higher. Keep up those scores! I made them a treat for last Monday to celebrate! The next round of math tests will be next week.

6th grade has been studying the moon phases and now tides and how the moon effects the tides. In reading we are enjoying *Fish in a Tree*. It is a great book.

Grade 7 – Mr. Johnson

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8th Grade - We have started a new time period in history; we are going to be analyzing the Colonial Period. Things discussed will be the cause of colonialism, the growth of population, the economic impact, and the introduction of slavery.

6th and 7th Grade Geography - We are examining climate and weather and the impact that that have on human and physical geography. We are also going to examine natural resources and how humans use them for their benefit,

Grade 8 – Ms. Stemler/Mr. Waldon

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Thanks to Mr. Vincent for building a stand for our classroom statue of the Blessed Virgin! Our statue now is prominent and reminds us of Mary's perfect example of willingness to do God's will. Just by being able to see her image, we're reminded often to ask (often) for her prayers for us.

Our work on our narrative writing is progressing for all students in grades six through eight. The pre-writing process is really important and will be a factor in the students' final grades. Students will also help proofread each other's work.

6th, 7th, and 8th graders will be taking a field trip to the Sisters of Charity Motherhouse at Mount St. Joe on Friday, September 22nd to learn about the process of canonization of saints in the Church. Sister Blandina Segale is currently being considered for official recognition as a saint, and the Sisters of Charity have a collection of material and artifacts related to Sister Blandina. We will also enjoy a tour of the sisters' chapel. Students are to bring money for lunch at a fast food restaurant, but otherwise there will be no expenses. Thanks to those who helped pay for our bus for the field trip!

Congratulations to our student choirs for doing such a great job at Mass this past Saturday! The students' enjoy practice, but they practice hard; it sure pays off. Many people commented on the beautiful music, including a number of visitors who joined us for Mass.

All in all, everything is going well for us! God bless!

7th & 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank

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SEVENTH GRADE SCIENCE: Finishing the section on PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL reactions. Students were expected to recognize the difference between the two reactions & understand why the reactions are different. By using the Periodic Table and their knowledge of atoms/molecules, the students use critical thinking skills to understand reactions in our daily lives. A lab on the Periodic Table will begin on Friday, 9/15.

EIGHTH GRADE SCIENCE: Continuing in the field of Ecology, the students are focusing on Global Warming. Greenhouse gasses & human activities adding to Greenhouse gasses is at the center of our discussions. We are viewing several videos on the subjects of Global Warming & what science is doing to educate us on reducing carbon in our atmosphere.

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, please 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.

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

We finished a successful week one with 14 enthusiastic girls. We learned how we all are interconnected to make up a team. The girls have had a lot of fun learning what it means to exhibit all the attributes of a GOTR. They are listening to each other with open hearts and being respectful of each other and their individual space. As coaches, their joy and excitement is so much fun to witness during our activities encouraging on one another and being positive. The girls are already running a mile to two and a half miles of the 3.1 miles that we train for the 5K. We look forward to seeing them reach even further with the goal setting they are doing in the weeks to come with the practices.

Thank you to all those supporting the girls during the program. I know they love all the encouragement from everyone. We, as coaches, greatly appreciate it too.

Girls on the Run is so much fun!!!

Your GOTR Coaches

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:

09/18 – 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:

09/18 – Bernadine/Carolyn, 09/19 – Megan Oatman, 09/20 – Monica Ramsey, 09/21 – Anna Townsend, **09/22 – HELP NEEDED**, 09/25 – Bernadine/Carolyn, 09/26 – Meghan Oatman, 09/27 – Monica Ramsey, 09/28 – Anna Townsend, **09/29 – HELP NEEDED**

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
18 Rotini & Meat Sauce Tossed Salad Green Beans Bread Stick Fruit Milk	19 Petite Chicken Strips Corn Green Beans Buttered Noodles Fruit Milk	20 Hamburger or Pizza Burger French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	21 Corn Dog Corn Mixed Vegetables Graham Crackers Fruit Milk	22 Sausage Gravy & Biscuits Sausage Links Carrots Peas Fruit Milk

Calendar of Events:

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| 09/14 – 09/26 | Magazine Sale |
| 09/19 | School Picture Day (8:30 a.m.) |
| 09/20 | 8 th Grade Parent Meeting – 7 p.m. |
| 09/21 | Hearing Test – Grades 1, 4, & 7 |
| 09/22 | Mt. St. Joe visit – Grades 6/8 |
| 10/04 | Fire Prevention – Grade K - 3 |
| 10/06 | No School – Farmer’s Fair |
| 10/09 – 10/13 | Fall Break |

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 _____