

**The Bulldog Barks**  
**September 22, 2017**

**Thank you for continuing to support our magazine sale. Please see details below.**

**Fall Break**

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**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](http://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](http://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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Our new letter this week is **Nn**-(keyword-nest). We will be working with lots of new words. Some of them are "**an**" words. These are troublesome words because they don't say the true short a sound (apple). Please practice the following words with your child: an, ant, tan, pan, pant, plan, plant. We will be reading sentences that contain our caterpillar words, high-frequency words, and sight words. We are adding the word **I** to our list of high- frequency words. We will also work with syllables (word parts). We will clap each part as we say the words to identify how many syllables are in the words.

In math we will focus on numbers 0 – 10, and we will review ordinal numbers first – fifth.

Have a fabulous week!

**Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson**[mcperson.1@mystmarys.com](mailto:mcperson.1@mystmarys.com)

In Phonics we will continue to practice using the **K and C Spelling Rules** (K before e, i, or y, C before a, o, u, or any consonant) to spell new word.

In Math we are continuing to practice our doubles addition facts from 0+0 to 9+9. We will also be using a balance to identifying lighter and heavier object.

In Science we are learning the life cycle of an apple and will use our five senses to observe parts of an apple.

**Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove**[annmarie.grove@mystmarys.com](mailto:annmarie.grove@mystmarys.com)

It was a busy week! Picture Day and touring Hillforest were cool. We are very excited to perform Arthur's Pet Business for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading buddies.

Our Science topic this week was the sun and making a rainbow with a shoe box, glass of water, and a flashlight.

**Grade 3 – Mrs. Rector**[kim.rector@mystmarys.com](mailto:kim.rector@mystmarys.com)

In Science we are learning about Earth's resources and what we can do to help conserve them. We will wrap up the first chapter in our Social Studies book on communities and have a vocabulary quiz on Wednesday.

We will participate in a fire safety poster contest, for the Aurora Fire Department, next week. Students will start the posters at school and they can be finished at home if necessary. They are due on Wednesday morning. The third graders will be doing the readings and taking up the gifts at Mass next Wednesday, September 27. Please join us!

**Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer/Mrs. B**

Our week is moving along smoothly. The students have done a great job of staying focused and working hard! We are continuing our novel in reading, nouns in grammar, and addition and subtraction in math. In science, we did a directed inquiry with plant fossils and are discussing adaptations. Indiana History has been focused on glaciers and natural resources in Indiana.

The next journal check will be on October 5<sup>th</sup>. I was very proud of the number of students who spent extra time on their journals and did the extra journals. This is such a great writing experience.

Have a great week!

**Grade 5 – Mrs. Baker**[leslie.baker@mystmarys.com](mailto:leslie.baker@mystmarys.com)

Fifth graders are continuing their study of classifying living things in science. We are keeping a scientific notebook as we learn new things throughout this chapter. The notebook will be graded. This week we are focusing on classifying plants. We will look at plants in our area and other parts of the world.

We are starting a new unit in reading this week about tall tales. We will be reading several tall tales in class, and students will end the unit by creating their own tall tale and illustrating it. I look forward to many interesting stories! We will be working on Unit 5 this week in vocabulary. The vocabulary unit is due on Friday and the test is on Friday as well. Have a great week!

**Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice**[suzy.rice@mystmarys.com](mailto:suzy.rice@mystmarys.com)

The Fall Equinox is Friday, today. Talk to your child about what it is. The 6th graders measured and recorded their shadow to compare to the shadows around the winter solstice and spring equinox. There will be a test about the moon before the end of the quarter. They have studied the moon phases, tides, season, and eclipses. The quarter ends in 2 weeks.

## **Grade 7 – Mr. Johnson**

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8th Grade -We have started a power point presentation that will cover the 13 American Colonies. Each student was assigned a colony and will be researching that site and putting together a presentation for their classmates.

We have also been taking turns going down to Mrs. Grove's 2nd grade and reading with her class. The 8th grade has been great, and her students have really appreciated this.

6th and 7th Grade - This week we celebrated Constitution Day. We took some time during Computer Class and discussed the purpose and role the Constitution plays for our country. In Geography we have continued looking into weather and climate and its impact on vegetation worldwide. We learned why we don't have cacti growing on the North Pole, and why Indiana has plenty of great land for agriculture.

## **Grade 8 – Ms. Stemler/Mr. Waldon**

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Thanks to the parents who came to the meeting with Mr. Tush on Wednesday.

Narratives for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders will be due this coming Wednesday. The final part of our process includes a great deal of proofreading and revision. The papers students have shared so far have been a lot of fun to read.

In 6th grade religion we're beginning to see how Old Testament scriptures were inspired; in 7<sup>th</sup> grade religion we try to get to know Jesus better; in 8th grade religion we are learning about the bumpy road of Church history, first with the early persecutions and then with the struggles the Church has experienced for the next centuries. Ask your students to tell you something they've learned in religion during the past week.

A big thank you to everyone who signed up to help with the Love the Hungry project on October 15th!  
God bless.

## **7th & 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank**

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8th grade completed a test on Wednesday, completing the section on Ecology. The Greenhouse Effect & Global Warming were the major points covered within the Ecology section. Beginning Thursday we started our section on the structure & function of the animal cell. We will breakdown the organelles of the animal cell explaining their structure & function concerning our health. We are concentrating on strategy when completing an essay test. Our focus will be on the skills needed to write a high achievement essay answer. The 7th grade will begin work on the animal cell. This topic is extremely important because knowledge of the cell is vital for learning other topics in Biology.

## **Young Rembrandt's**

The first session has begun, but you can register for future sessions. Go to [www.YoungRembrandts.com/NorthernKY-SouthwestOH](http://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:**

09/25 – Pat Scharf, 09/26 – Barb Langdon, 09/27 – Marge Waldon, 09/28 – Barb Maness, 09/29 – Patty Kent

**Playground Volunteers:**

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**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
25	26	27	28	29
Spaghetti Lasagna Tossed Salad Bread Sticks Green Beans Fruit Milk	Chicken Nuggets Tater Tots 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	Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Crackers Carrots Fruit Milk

# Calendar of Events:

09/14 – 09/26	Magazine Sale
09/22	Mt. St. Joe visit (Grades 6-8)
09/26	Thomas More Biology Field Station (Grades 3-5)
10/04	Fire Prevention (Grades K – 3)
10/06	No School – Farmer’s Fair
10/09 – 10/13	Fall Break
10/17	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Report Cards
10/19	Oldenburg Academy visit (8 <sup>th</sup> Grade)
10/19	Pinocchio Play at Lion’s Club (Grades K-4)

## After School Care “Break” Program

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Thanks,

Ms. McPherson

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**Name of child/children:**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>:      Drop off time \_\_\_\_\_ Pick up time \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>:      Drop off time \_\_\_\_\_ Pick up time \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>:      Drop off time \_\_\_\_\_ Pick up time \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>:      Drop off time \_\_\_\_\_ Pick up time \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>:      Drop off time \_\_\_\_\_ Pick up time \_\_\_\_\_