

The Bulldog Barks **January 12, 2018**

Monday, January 15, 2018 – School will be in session to make up for the snow day on January 8th.

RINGERS AND SINGERS: We do not ring and sing this Saturday evening. This month we will participate at Mass on Saturday, January 27th, to kick off Catholic Schools Week.

Angel Murals: Our two angel murals in the sanctuary are a gift from St. Mary's School's 2017 eighth grade graduates. Artist Cindy Crofoot was commissioned to create the paintings to coordinate with our stained glass windows. The goal was to hang them to the right and left of the organ chamber in the loft, but they are brightening our sanctuary during the Christmas season. Thanks to the members of last year's eighth grade class for their generous gift!

Mrs. Ann will be out of the office next week, January 15th – 19th. If you need to notify school for any reason, please call the school office at 812-926-1558 or send an email directly to the homeroom teacher or Mr. Tush. There will be no Bulldog next week.

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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We do have school on Monday, January 15. It is a snow make-up day.

In phonics this week we will be focusing on new letter Dd- keyword-dog. We'll work with alphabetizing, spelling, and also get reader #8, "*I Did It*". We will add 86 words to the caterpillar, and add- do, did, put, had to our "pop-up" list. The children are doing a very good job reading sentences that contain caterpillar words and "pop-up" words. Thank you for practicing at home. We have been working with the 8 basic color words. Please read them with your children.

In math we will work with numbers 0-20, identifying which comes before, between, or after a given number.

We will be celebrating our 100th day of school on Wednesday, January 17. We will be doing lots of activities having to do with 100.

Show-n-Tell for the week of January 15th is Mm.

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson

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In Phonics the students are learning that a compound word is two words that come together to form one word. We are also coding and reading words that have suffixes -less, -ness and -ly.

In Math we are continuing to make picture graphs, count dimes and pennies, and write number sentences. We are also using our rulers to draw line segments, and we are learning how to tally numbers.

Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove

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The folder with the six lessons for First Communion was sent home Tuesday. Please return the poster to school when they are all completed or bring to the retreat on Tuesday, May 1. Please note that the retreat will not be on Saturday, April 14, anymore but on Tuesday evening, May 1.

Please sign and return the report cards if you have not already.

Don't forget to read each night and then record it on the Book-It reading log.

Grade 3 – Mrs. Rector**kim.rector@mystmarys.com**

Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed the break. We are off to a good start for the third quarter. Students brought home the information for a book project. It is due on January 19. They will present their project to the class when they turn it in (it can be turned in early). I will send home the information on the second book project the following week. Students can use the book they read, for the project, to help reach their AR goal as well.

In math we have begun working on division. Students are learning that the better they know their multiplication facts, the easier division is for them. We are practicing facts at school, but reinforcement at home is needed. Have a great week!

Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer**amanda.meyer@mystmarys.com**

Third, fourth, and fifth grade students are excited to start “Friday Stations.” The three grade levels will be grouped together to do extra learning activities on Friday afternoons. Each student will get a chance to participate in the following groups throughout the rest of the year: STEM, Graphing, and Called to Serve, which will include religious/service activities.

Fourth graders have really enjoyed our *Finding the Titanic* story in the reading textbook. They even got to watch a Discovery Education video about the *Titanic*. Depending on upcoming weather, the reading test will be Tuesday at the earliest.

Have a great week!

Grade 5 – Mrs. Baker**leslie.baker@mystmarys.com**

The third quarter is off to a busy start! We are finishing up our chapter on division in math. We will begin preparing for our test next week. Please check your child's assignment book for updates on the test date. Practicing our multiplication and division facts can really help us with dividing larger numbers.

The guidelines for the social studies project were sent home on January 4th. The due date for this project is Thursday, January 18th. If you need a new copy of these guidelines, please let me know.

AR goals were also sent home last week. It is important that students do not wait until the last few days of the quarter to try and reach their goal. Fifth graders are assigned to read 20 minutes each night to help them reach their goal. Please make sure your child is reading each night. Have a great week!

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

Report cards went home last Tuesday. One copy should have been signed and returned by now. It's important for students to do their best. Second semester goes very quickly.

Catholic Schools week begins the week of January 28. Many great things are planned. Soon after that, students in grades 6-8 will be experiencing Lego Robotics. More info will be out soon.

Grade 7 – Mr. Johnson**brady.johnson@mystmarys.com**

6th Grade Geography - To start the new semester 6th grade is study Central and South America. We have started off with a chapter on Mexico. We are examining the culture, history, climate, economy of our neighbors to the south.

7th Grade Geography - We are studying the countries located in East Africa. Countries found in this region include, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda, the Sudan, and South Sudan. Once we complete this chapter, we will move into the southern region of Africa.

8th Grade History - Chapter 6 in history we are focusing on the American Revolutionary War, and the advantages and disadvantages that both sides had. Important figures include George Washington, Nathan Hale, William Howe, Benedict Arnold, and Molly Pitcher.

Grade 8 – Ms. Stemler**stemler.8@mystmarys.com**

6th grade: The sixth graders have started their pre-reading activities for our next novel *Hidden Figures*. Students worked within groups to create posters on the three main characters and then presented them to the class. They have also been researching background information on NASA, Sputnik, and the roles of

females in science. Next week we will start the book, and I cannot wait! We will begin writing introductory paragraphs next week in English class.

7th grade: The seventh graders have continued reading *Fish in a Tree*. This week they read chapters 13-16. Next week they will read chapters 16-26. We have been working all week on identifying conflicts and discussing other important literary terms. In English we have been working on MLA formatting. Next week will begin our Argumentative Writing unit.

8th grade: The eighth graders read chapters 18-32 in *Fish in a Tree*. We discussed in detail the plot diagram, and learned about the different types of conflicts in novels. In English we have been working on MLA formatting and MLA citations. We will continue working with MLA these next few weeks as we begin our Argumentative Writing unit.



7th & 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank

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We began, on January 4th, a teaching/learning segment on, "Essay formation & writing skills." The purpose is to improve the formation of thinking, (brainstorming) and then putting those ideas into a logical sequence in the form of an essay. State tests weight essay writing as a major component of judging our students academic progress. I will be attempting to question the students similar to what they will see in state testing. My goal is to increase their ability to score higher on not only state testing but, SAT & ACT testing. I introduced a section on Natural Selection stressing Darwinism in the area of animal evolution due to the environmental factors of their native habitat. We discussed how this is all part of God's work.

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Connie Powers, CRE

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Confirmation Update:

For the 8th grade group, retreat registrations went home on Wednesday. Please fill out and return by Sunday, January 28th.

For 7th graders, last call for registering for Confirmation prep. Please contact me if you have not signed up your child.

Confirmation Prep starts on Sunday, February 10 in the Parish Office at 6 pm.

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:

01/15 – HELP NEEDED, 01/16 – Barb Langdon, 01/17 – Marge Waldon, 01/18 – Barb Maness, 01/19 – Patty Kent, 01/22 – Pat Scharf, 01/23 – Marge Beinkemper, 01/24 – Marge Waldon, 01/25 – Barb Maness, 01/26 – Patty Kent, **01/29 – HELP NEEDED**, 01/30 – Barb Langdon, 01/31 – Marge Waldon

Playground Volunteers:

01/15 – HELP NEEDED, 01/16 – Meghan Oatman, 01/17 – Monica Ramsey, 01/18 – Chris Strzok, **01/19 – HELP NEEDED**, 01/22 – Carolyn/Bernadine, 01/23 – Meghan Oatman, 01/24 – Monica Ramsey, 01/25 – Chris Strzok, **01/26 – HELP NEEDED**, 01/29 – Carolyn/Bernadine, 01/30 – Meghan Oatman, 01/30 – 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 |
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| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| Spaghetti Lasagna Tossed Salad Bread Sticks Green Beans 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 | Sliced Turkey Mashed Potatoes Carrots Bread Fruit Milk |

Calendar of Events:

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| 01/17 | Early Release at 12:40 p.m. |
| 01/21 | 8th Grade Breakfast in the Activity Center (8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.) |
| 01/28 | Open Classrooms (9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.) |
| 01/28 – 02/03 | Catholic School Week |
| 02/02 | Mission Festival! |
| 02/02 | Midterm grades end |
| 02/08 | Midterm reports go home |

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January 10, 2018

St. Mary's School is proud to announce the following students for 2nd quarter honor roll:

Grade 3:

Straight A: William Hollander

A/B: Jackson Cady, Daniel Day, Audrey Gerke, Khloe Neeley, Lauren Simon, Garrett Sohmer

Grade 4:

A/B: Rachel Cigolotti, Adam Dennis, Laura Dennis, Eleanor Eaglin, Norah Haverkos, Ellie Holt, Sylvea Kraemer, Elliot Meek, Maddie Ryan, Christine Strzok, Nicholas Wismann

Grade 5:

Straight A: Elana Hollingsworth, Lakota Vincent,

A/B: Sarah Bruce, Will Holt, Chris Woodruff

Grade 6:

Straight A: Ellie Ryan, Bernadette Wismann

A/B: Noah Bruce, Garrett Collins, Lily Dennis, Thaddeus Eaglin, Charlie Meyer, Beth Zigan

Grade 7:

Straight A: Jake Daugherty, Hannah Haverkos, Will Hollingsworth, Cyndi Tush

A/B: Josh Murray, Ben Zigan

Grade 8:

Straight A: Lauren Kent, Chloe Meyer, Drew Probst, Maria Townsend

A/B: Nick Folop, Hannah Langdon, Evan Lohmiller, Caroline Moeller, Lainey Oatman

Safe and Sacred

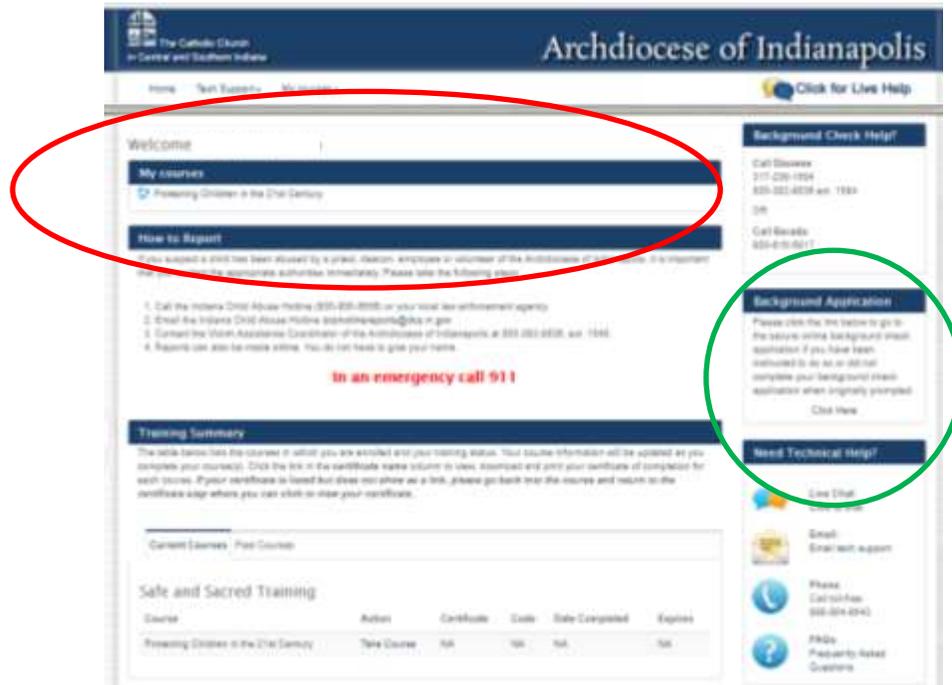
The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is sending out reminders to people that need to take or update training and/or their background check. Your certification will expire every three (3) years. You can either click on the link in the email you receive or you can go to www.safeandsacred-archindy.org. Please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