

The Bulldog Barks **January 26, 2018**



Catholic Schools Week

We take this time to thank those that have helped support Catholic Education. As a school, we would like to thank our Bishop, priests, community, volunteers, parents and families. Come join us to celebrate our Catholic School, the Teachers, the students and the well rounded catholic education here at St. Mary's of the Immaculate Conception. We start off with open classrooms for current students, this Sunday from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Thank you for choosing to send your child(ren) to St. Mary's!

MISSION FESTIVAL!!!

Our annual Mission Festival will be held on Friday afternoon, February 2nd, from 12:30 until 2:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. Help the 7th and 8th graders raise money for several charities and mission causes! If you have white elephant items which we could use for prizes, we would gratefully accept them. (Please, no prizes which were won in previous years.) We will be selling chances for our prizes and our Grand Prize of \$50 during the coming school days and during the festival. Chances are a quarter each. We plan to have face painting, ring toss, free throw, cake walks, refreshments, a jail, lots of prizes, and lots of fun. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

10th Annual Young Author and Illustrator Contest

We will kick off the 10th Annual Young Author and Illustrator Contest next week. Students in grades 1-8 will receive information on Monday. Books are due on Friday, February 23rd, for students who wish to participate in the contest. All participants will be invited to an ice cream party to celebrate their hard work. Randi McGraw will be working with Mrs. Denning and the kindergarten students to create one book with the whole class. We can't wait to read your stories!

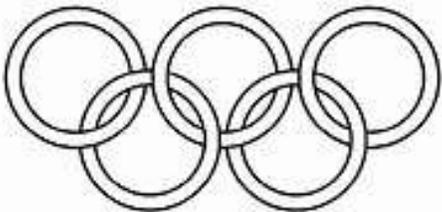
Snow days: We have now had 4 snow days – January 8th, January 12th, January 16th and January 24th. They will be made up as follows (weather permitting):

- **Monday, February 19th**
- **Monday, March 19th**
- **Tuesday, March 20th**
- **Wednesday, March 21st**

St. Mary's Olympics!

The Olympics are coming to St. Mary's! We will host Opening Ceremonies on Friday, February 9th, in the Activity Center at 9:30 a.m. It will only take 15-20 minutes. The Olympic events will be on Monday, February 12th. Each homeroom will represent a country. We will host several events, throughout the day!

Each class will be asked to make a flag to carry in the opening ceremonies. Each class will also pick a color to wear for the opening ceremonies.



St. Mary's Open House

We will host an Open House for the 2018/2019 school year, on Wednesday, March 7th from 6 – 6:30 p.m. This event is for any incoming Kindergarten or future students. If the incoming student, will be in 6-8 grade, you will need to schedule a meeting with Mr. Tush. If you or someone you know would be interested in a tour of the school, please have them call the school office at 812-926-1558. We will be sending out more information in the near future!

K of C Free Throw Contest

The contest is this Sunday, January 28th at 1 p.m. in our Activity Center, following our Open House. This contest is for boys and girls, ages 9-14. You may sign up at the door on Sunday.

PTO – Lenten Fish Fry

The fish fry dates for this year are: February 16th, March 2nd, March 9th, March 16th and March 30th. We will be sending out more information soon!

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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It's Catholic Schools Week! Thank you for sending your children to St. Mary's! We're looking forward to our special "dress days" this week. Please refer to the note that was sent home.

Our new letter this week is Jj- keyword- jar. The children will bring home reader # 9, *Pig's Jet*. We will be working with accented syllables in words, and we will be reading and writing sentences using the 8 basic color words.

In math we will be working with cup and quart containers, and identify if they are full, half-full, or empty. We will also follow a simple recipe.

The Mission Festival will be Friday afternoon, February 2nd. It will be an enjoyable afternoon for all. The children will need to bring money to take part in the activities. Parents and siblings are welcome to join us.

Show-n-Tell for the week of January 29th will be Ss.

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson

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In Phonics the 1st graders will be reading and spelling words that contain combination ar (as in star), digraph ch (as in cheese), and combination or (as in horse).

Spelling test #12 will be on Friday. Parents, please remember to help you child study his/her words throughout the week. The words are becoming tricky since we are learning that we can spelling certain sounds many different ways.

Catholic School's Week begins this Sunday! We will have a variety of different activities to do throughout the school week. A letter was sent home letting you know some special out of uniform days! On Friday the students get to wear their teacher's favorite color! My Favorite color is GREEN!

Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove

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The second grade is practicing the prayers we say at Mass. We are also writing fairy tales.

Next week should be fun with Catholic Schools week. We are supposed to try to all wear red on Friday, since that is Mrs. Grove's favorite color. Friday will be super cool because we can go to the Mission Festival. Thank you eighth grade for hosting it for us!

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

National Catholic Schools Week is here! Be sure to read the calendar with information about the special things we are doing each day, especially the dress up days. My favorite color is blue, so third graders can wear that color on Friday.

We are trying to get back on track due to all of the snow days and delays. We wrapped up our chapter in Science and worked on the quiz together in class. Students are also working on a research project about an animal and its habitat. All of this will be completed at school. They should be bringing home a study guide for chapter 4 in Social Studies. The test will be on Wednesday.

The Young Authors and Illustrators Contest will begin next week, with final entries due on February 23. We will also begin a four week program called Captain Cash. Mrs. Parcell from the Purdue Extension Office will be coming on Thursdays to share it with us.

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

Happy Catholic School's Week! I am so happy to be part of St. Mary's and able to celebrate Catholic schools with you again! I hope students will appreciate how lucky they are to attend a Catholic school. Be sure to check out the list of dress up days and special activities for the week. Friday's dress up is teachers' favorite colors. Mine is yellow!

Although we do have some changes in the schedule, for the most part, our schedule will be normal. Students will practice using adjectives this week, begin their information writing project, and have a reading test on Thursday.

Don't forget to help support those in need by bringing in money for the Mission Festival on Friday! Have a great week!

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

We are excited to celebrate Catholic Schools Week next week! We are looking forward to some fun dress up days, activities, and celebrating our great school! On Friday February 2nd, students are to wear their teacher's favorite color. Fifth graders should wear pink! :)

Fifth graders are starting our unit over fractions in math. We will be learning about equal fractions, simplifying fractions, adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing fractions. This is an important unit for fifth graders covering a lot of our standards. Students keep a notebook of all of the examples we do in class each day. It is a great reference when they complete their homework. Have a great week!

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

Catholic Schools week starts this Sunday. Look for the notice of the special things going on this week. This special week concludes with the Mission Festival on Friday afternoon. 6th graders are to wear an ORANGE shirt on Friday. Then the Olympics are coming to St. Mary's. We will have a small opening ceremony on Friday, February 9th, and classes will participate in Mini Olympic events on Monday, February 12th.

Grades 6, 7, and 8 will be doing Lego Robotics in February/March. I will send home a letter with grades 6-8 about it soon. It costs to keep the equipment/computers up to date that we borrow from the Dearborn County Extension Service, so we need each student in grades 6-8 to contribute \$5.00 for this.

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

Reminder 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade will have Unit 8 Vocab tests on Monday.

Along with the Vocabulary tests all three grades will be having Chapter tests next week as well.

6th Grade-Chapter 6 Geography Test will be on Monday 1/29

7th Grade-Chapter 21 Geography Test will be Monday 1/29

8th Grade-Chapter 6 U.S. History Test will be Tuesday 1/30

As part of Catholic Schools week, next Friday, I ask that my 7th grade students wear Green to school.

Grade 8 – Ms. Stemler

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6th grade: The students have been working on reading *Hidden Figures* chapters 1-9. There will be a vocabulary quiz next Wednesday. In English, students have been writing expository essays on their choice of *Hidden Figures* character.

7th grade: The seventh graders will be finishing up *Fish in a Tree* next week. They will continue working on their expository essays on the different methods people with dyslexia learn to read.

8th grade: The eighth grade finished up *Fish in a Tree* this week. Their book test will be on Monday. Next week students will continue working on their informative essays.

Nice job to all the students on their book reports and projects! The effort and creativity put into each of them was phenomenal.

7th & 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank

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The inclement weather has ruined academic planning. We are ending our section on Darwinism & Natural Selection on Friday, 1/26. We have concentrated on the Galapagos Islands and the different variations of life on each island. Survival of the Fittest has been discussed, with input concerning human effects. The Eighth grade has been working on essay writing skills. This will continue into next week and be revisited at different times this semester. The purpose is to improve skills needed to raise scores on the ISTEP and other state tests. Essay writing has become popular in job interviews during the later stages. High schools administrators are pushing teachers to use essay questions on their tests. I realize your eighth grade child may be frustrated, but we are taking baby steps and skills will be improved. My favorite color is gold. The hue that the Green Bay Packers have in their uniforms. I am not a Packer fan. I was going to use that professional team in Pennsylvania, but I do not mention them by name.

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Confirmation Update:

For the 8th grade group, retreat registrations went home on last week. 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 10th 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:

01/29 – HELP NEEDED, 01/30 – Barb Langdon, 01/31 – Marge Waldon, 02/01 – Barb Maness, 02/02 – Patty Kent, 02/05 – Pat Scharf, 02/06 – Marge Beinkemper, 02/07 – Marge Waldon, 02/08 – Barb Maness, 02/09 – Patty Kent, **02/12 – HELP NEEDED**, 02/13 – Barb Langdon, 02/14 – Marge Waldon, 02/15 – Barb Maness, 02/16 – Patty Kent, 02/19 – Pat Scharf, 02/20 – Marge Beinkemper, 02/21 – Marge Waldon, 02/22 – Barb Maness, 02/23 – Patty Kent, **02/26 – HELP NEEDED**, 02/27 – Barb Langdon, 02/28 – Marge Waldon

Playground Volunteers:

01/29 – Carolyn/Bernadine, 01/30 – Meghan Oatman, 01/30 – Monica Ramsey, 02/01 – Chris Strzok,
02/02 – HELP NEEDED, 02/05 – Carolyn/Bernadine, 02/06 – Meghan Oatman, 02/07 – Monica Ramsey,
 02/08 – Chris Strzok **02/09 – HELP NEEDED**, 02/12 – Carolyn/Bernadine, 02/13 - Meghan Oatman,
 02/14 – Monica Ramsey, 02/15 – Chris Strzok, **02/16 – HELP NEEDED**, 02/19 – Carolyn/Bernadine,
 02/20 – Meghan Oatman, 02/21 – Monica Ramsey, 02/22 – Chris Strzok, **02/23 – HELP NEEDED**,
 02/26 – Carolyn/Bernadine, 02/27 – Meghan Oatman, 02/28 – 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
29	30	31	1	2
Cheese Stuffed Bread Stick with Pizza Sauce Tossed Salad 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	Sausage Gravy Biscuits Sausage Links Carrots Peas Fruit Milk

Calendar of Events:

01/27	Students will Ring and Sing at the 5 p.m. mass
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
02/14	Ash Wednesday
02/14	Early Release at 12:40 p.m.
02/16	Fish Fry (1 of 5)
02/19	School will be in session to make up the snow day from 01/08/2018
03/07	Open House for 2018/2019 School Year from 6 - 6:30 p.m.

Safe and Sacred

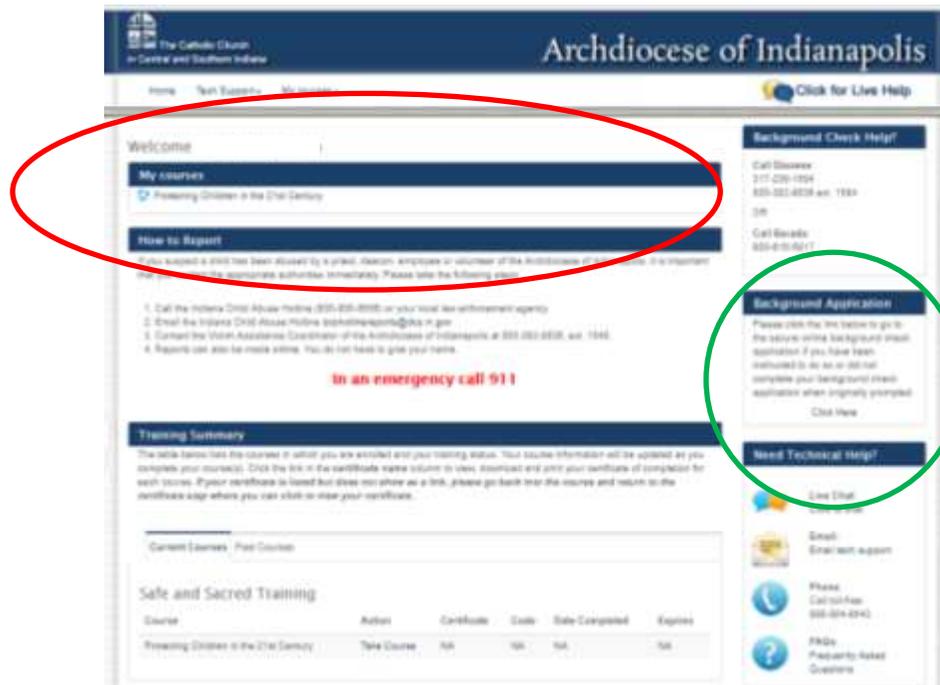
The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is sending out reminders to people that need to take or update training and/or their background check. Your certification will expire every three (3) years. You can either click on the link in the email you receive or you can go to www.safeandsacred-archindy.org. Please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