

The Bulldog Barks

December 8, 2017

Congratulations to all our students! They did a fabulous job with the Primary Christmas Program and Lessons & Carols. Please join me in thanking Mrs. Vincent and Mr. Waldon for their hard work.

Thank you to Mrs. Ryan for planning and gathering materials for each class to make an ornament for our school Christmas tree. Thank you to our teachers for taking time out of their day to help assemble ornaments with their students.

St. Mary's Tumblers

We still have a few St. Mary's drink tumblers for sale in the office. These are the tumblers we sold last year during the magazine sale. Ms. Ann has one on her desk if you would like to see one. Tumblers are \$20.00/each.

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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We will be doing individual evaluations for report cards next week. Please make sure to practice reading sight words, blending, and all other skills that were listed on the midterm letter.

In phonics we will be working with letter Cc-keyword-cat ("hard" sound of Cc). We will be learning the "K/C rule": The /k/ sound is spelled with "k" if it is followed by an **e, i, or y**; the /k/ sound is spelled with "c" if it is followed by an **a, o, u, or any consonant**. Reviewing this rule at home would be greatly appreciated.

Show-n-Tell next week is letter Pp.

Have a great week!

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson

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The students did a great job during our Christmas Program on Wednesday! I huge thanks to Mrs. Vincent for spending so much time teaching the children their songs!

In Phonics we will be reading and spelling new words that include final, stable syllables –tle (as in bottle) and final, stable syllable –gle (as in bugle).

In Math we are continuing to tell time by the hour and practicing our +2 math facts.

Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove

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We loved the Primary Christmas program. Thank you to Mrs. Vincent for teaching us the songs and directing us.

We are learning the difference between a.m. and p.m. Remember that midnight is a.m. and noon is p.m.

We've made birthday cards for Mrs. Mary Mattingly, a parishioner, turning 100 years old this month.

Grade 3 – Mrs. Rector

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The students enjoyed performing for everyone at the Christmas program. It's always fun to see them all dressed up. Join us in thanking Mrs. Vincent for planning the program and practicing with the students. As always, Lessons and Carols was beautiful as well.

We had fun doing the Hour of Code in our classroom. We also learned more about coding from our fourth grade friends. Thanks to Mrs. Meyer for planning the lesson with them. We will continue to work on coding throughout the year.

We will celebrate Christmas in the classroom on Wednesday, December 20th. A note was sent home with details. Don't forget to send in a book for the book exchange bingo! Have a great week!

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

Students did an awesome job last week with Hour of Code! We invited other classrooms to participate in a graph paper programming activity with us. They realized how long of a process it is to program machines.

Students will be finishing their novel for reading groups this week. I know they are looking forward to learning how their books end. As a final assessment, groups will be completing a couple small group projects in class.

Remember book report projects are due Tuesday, December 19th! Have a great week!

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

It's hard to believe that we have less than 2 weeks left in the quarter! The last day to take an AR test is Wednesday, December 20th. Fifth graders should be reading 20 minutes every night to help them reach their goal. In math we are working on division. Knowing basic division facts will help make long division easier. Please practice at home. If you need flashcards please let me know.

Our Christmas party will be on Wednesday, December 20th. Please look for a letter in your child's binder about our party. Have a great week!

5th & 6th Grade Families - 3D Club Coming Soon!

Are you in grades 5-6? Are you creative? A problem solver? Please join the 4-H 3D printer Spark Club. 10 two-hour sessions of "Heads on, Hands on" fun. January – March, 2018. Limited seats available – call 812-926-1189 or email ebeiers@purdue.edu to register. Deadline is December 20, 2017. Seeking excited volunteers to mentor participants! Made possible by the Greater Cincinnati STEM Collaborative.

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

Students did great at Lessons and Carols!

6th, 7th, and 8th grade will all have math tests this next week.

The last day of school before Christmas break, the 6th grade will celebrate Christmas after mass. We will do some activities, eat snacks, and watch a movie. Students may bring in a snack to share. We will have a sign-up sheet for snacks. Merry Christmas!

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

6th Grade - We have wrapped up the chapter over the United States and will be taking a test over the chapter on Tuesday. After that, we will begin to discuss Canada.

7th Grade - We have finished our chapter over West Africa, Tuesday will be our test over that chapter.

8th Grade - We are concluding Chapter 5 which covers the events that led to the Revolutionary War. Friday, 12/15/17 we will have a test. We will also begin watch the historical movie, "The Patriot", the week prior to Christmas Break. I will be sending a permission slip home for parents to consent to their student watching the film.

All three grades will be taking the Unit 7 Vocabulary test on Monday, 12/11/17. Please make sure they are reviewing the terms for the test.

Connie Powers

7th grade parents: I mailed registrations to your homes for Confirmation. Please fill out and return ASAP if your child is planning on attending Confirmation Prep for Confirmation in 2019. Thank you.

Grade 8 – Ms. Stemler/Mr. Waldon**jim.waldon@mystmarys.com**

Thanks to all of the students who put their hearts and souls into praising God in Lessons and Carols on Wednesday evening! Many people have expressed that the service puts them in the Christmas spirit. We're also grateful that each year some of our past students are willing to participate with the choirs, and some just choose to come because they remember the days when they were involved in Lessons and Carols as St. Mary's students. Finally, thanks to the teachers, Mrs. B, Mrs. Ann, Mr. Tush, and Mr. Vincent for their help and support in putting it all together. Well done, everyone!

This is my last Bulldog, and I want to wish Miss Stemler and all of the students the best as they move forward through the year. I've had many enjoyable moments with the students since August and look forward to continuing as the 6th, 7th, and 8th religion teacher and director of the school choirs. I want to place all of the students and teachers under the patronage of Sister Blandina, the Cincinnati Sister of Charity whose sainthood cause is currently being considered in Rome. May Sister Blandina pray for all of us.

God bless.

7th & 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank**brookbank.science@mystmarys.com**

Karyotype #1 lab has been completed by all students. We began Karyotype lab #2 on December 7th. This lab is similar, however the students enter an area of more detail. They must be able to recognize traits diagrammed on chromosomes by gene location. At this point in the nine weeks we have nine grades recorded. By Wednesday of next week two more grades will be processed. We have been discussing in class topics such as fraternal twins, identical twins, conjoined twins, genetic farming of traits involving domesticated animals, environmental effects on human genetics, & cloning of organs for medical use only.

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:

12/11 – Barb Langdon, 12/12 – Barb Langdon, 12/13 – Marge Waldon, 12/14 – Barb Maness, 12/15 – Patty Kent, 12/18 – Pat Scharf, 12/19 – Marge Beinkemper, 12/20 – Marge Waldon

Playground Volunteers:

12/11 – Carolyn/Bernadine, 12/12 – Meghan Oatman, 12/13 – Monica Ramsey, 12/14 – Chris Strzok, 12/15 – HELP NEEDED, 12/18 – Carolyn/Bernadine, 12/19 – Meghan Oatman, 12/20 – 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
11	12	13	14	15
Rotini & Meat Sauce Tossed Salad Green Beans Bread Stick Fruit Milk	Chicken Patty with Bun Buttered Noodles Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	Hamburger or Pizza Burger French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Cheese Coney Veggie Sticks w/ Dip Fruit Milk	Sliced Turkey Mashed Potatoes Carrots Bread Fruit Milk

18 Cheese Stuffed Bread Stick with Pizza Sauce Tossed Salad Green Beans Fruit Milk	19 Petite Chicken Strips Corn Green Beans Buttered Noodles Fruit Milk	20 Pizza (pepperoni or cheese) Veggie Sticks with Dip Tossed Salad Fruit Milk	21 NO SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS BREAK	22 NO SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS BREAK
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Calendar of Events:

Saturday, 12/09	School choirs will ring and sing at the 5 p.m. mass. Please make sure you are in the 8 th grade room by 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 12/12	Student Christmas Breakfast – hosted by PTO
Friday, 12/15	Girls and Boys Basketball Picture Party (2:30 - 4 p.m.)
Wednesday, 12/20	2nd Quarter Ends
12/21/17 - 01/03/2018	No School – Christmas Break
Thursday, 01/04/2018	School Resumes
Tuesday, 01/09	2nd Quarter Report Cards go home

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

The screenshot shows the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Safe and Sacred website. The page is divided into several sections. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Safe & Sacred, and My Profile. Below this, there is a 'Welcome' message and a 'My Courses' section. The 'My Courses' section is highlighted with a red oval and lists 'Preserving Children in the 21st Century'. To the right of the 'My Courses' section, there is a 'Background Application' section, which is highlighted with a green oval. This section includes a 'Click Here' link. Below the 'Background Application' section, there is a 'Need Technical Help?' section with a 'Click Here' link. The page also features a 'Training Summary' section and a 'Current Courses' table. The 'Current Courses' table has columns for Course, Action, Certificate, Code, Date Completed, and Expires. The 'Safe and Sacred Training' section lists the course 'Preserving Children in the 21st Century' with a 'Take Course' button. The page footer contains contact information for the Archdiocese, including phone numbers and email addresses.

St. Mary's will receive notification that you have completed the training and in about 1 week, we will receive your background check.