

## **The Bulldog Barks December 15, 2017**

The After School Program will **not** be open on **Wednesday, December 20th**. Sorry for any inconveniences.

We will be off school from Thursday, December 21st through Wednesday, January 3rd; returning to school on Thursday, January 4th. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Thank you to Mr. Vincent and Mrs. Ryan for planning our Christmas Breakfast. Additional thanks to Mr. Vincent and Mrs. Brothers for fixing homemade cinnamon coffee cake, pancakes and sausages. It was a fun morning! Merry Christmas

### **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 working on our 5th and final short vowel- short Ee- keyword elephant. This can sometimes be a tricky vowel sound. Please make sure your child is giving the true sound for short e, as in elephant. We will also be working with blends, and alphabetizing. We will add- like, one, said to our list of "pop-up" words. We will be reading and writing sentences using these words, and will discuss the use of quotation marks. We will get another new reader, "*Ben is Ten*".

Our Christmas party will be Tuesday, December 19th.

Blankets and cups will come home for cleaning. Please remember to return them to school on January 4th.

We will not have Show-n-Tell until the week of January 8th. It will be letter Nn.

Have a Blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year! Enjoy your 2 weeks off!

### **Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson**

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Our Christmas party is on Wednesday, December 20th. Please check the party list that was sent home last week to see if your child needs to bring in any goodies to the party. A big thanks to Mrs. Hollander and Mrs. Ryan for organizing our party activities again!

Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### **Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove**

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Thank you PTO for the delicious pancake breakfast Tuesday morning. The second graders think we should do this more often!

We will not have homework Monday night, in case a second grader would like to go to the Advent Penance Service in church at 7:00.

We have been studying maps lately. The kids really love it. Large maps and globes make great Christmas presents. Merry Christmas everyone!

### **Grade 3 – Mrs. Rector**

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We will have our math test over Chapter 4 on Tuesday. The third graders have been doing well with multiplication so far. Continue to practice with the flashcards they made, or others you have, until they can do them with ease. We will be moving on to division after Christmas break.

Our Christmas party will be on Wednesday. As a reminder, Jack is bringing in something sweet, Rachel is bringing something salty, Garrett is bringing something healthy, and Audrey will be responsible for the drinks. Don't forget to send in an unwrapped book for the book exchange. I hope you have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Thanks for all of your support throughout the year!

**Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer**[amanda.meyer@mystmarys.com](mailto:amanda.meyer@mystmarys.com)

It is hard to believe the semester is coming to an end! I appreciate all the hard work from the students. We will have a busy three days as we finish and share our persuasive letters, present book report projects, take the STAR reading test, share novel accordion book projects, and celebrate at our classroom Christmas party!

Merry Christmas! See you next year!

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

The 2nd quarter ends Wednesday, which is the last day to take an AR test. There are a few students who still need to meet their AR goal. Please keep reading!

Our Christmas party will be Wednesday. Each student is responsible for bringing their own drink. Please read my letter that was sent home for more details. I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year! Enjoy this season with your families!

**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](mailto: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](mailto:suzy.rice@mystmarys.com)

Grades 6 - 8 had math tests this week. The end of 2nd quarter is Wednesday, December 20. Report cards will go home after break. On Wednesday 6th graders will have a Christmas celebration beginning around 10:30 a.m. Students signed up to bring in snacks, drinks and a movie.

**Grade 7 – Mr. Johnson**[brady.johnson@mystmarys.com](mailto:brady.johnson@mystmarys.com)

8th Grade History - We will be viewing *The Patriot* in class on Monday and Tuesday, then discuss living in America during the Revolutionary War.

7th Grade Geography - We are examine the geography of Central Africa. Topics discussed will be the landscape, climate, culture, history, government, religion, and economy of the various countries found in that region.

6th Grade Geography - Canada is our current focus in class. We have discussed the population patterns, land forms, and governmental systems that our neighbors to the north have.

It has been a fantastic first semester. I wish you all a Merry Christmas, and look forward to a great New Year.

**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**[stemler.8@mystmarys.com](mailto:stemler.8@mystmarys.com)

It's been a wonderful first week back at St. Mary's. The students and staff here have welcomed me back with open arms, and I couldn't be more grateful to work in such a remarkable parish.

6th Grade: The sixth graders this week have been reading informational text about Christmas around the world. Each day we read about a new country, discuss their traditions, answer reading comprehension questions, then the students research and do mini presentations the next day. Next week students will do research on a country of their choice, write a short paper, and do a presentation on that country's Christmas traditions.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: The seventh graders started a new novel this week called *Fish in a Tree*. We spent the first part of the week discussing dyslexia, which is what the main character of the novel struggles with on a daily basis. Students got to experience what dyslexia might be like first hand through an online simulation. This week we

covered chapters 1-5 in the novel. Next week we will continue reading and discussing chapters 5-8. Be ready for your quiz on Monday!

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: The eighth graders started a new novel this week called *Fish in a Tree*. We spent the first part of the week discussing dyslexia and researching learning disabilities. This week we covered chapters 1-5 in the novel. Students completed T-charts and worked on citing quotes from the text. Next week we will continue reading and discussing chapters 5-12. Be prepared for you quiz on literary terms Monday!

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

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We completed phase two of reading a Karyotype using our genetic skills. I introduced Mitosis & Meiosis to both classes. Video homework was assigned on Thursday, and a quiz will be given on Friday. The knowledge of Mitosis & Meiosis is vital to understanding the reproduction of body cells & gametes. The Punnett Square has been introduced and we are completing problems attempting to understand the probability of our Genetic traits.

**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:**

12/18 – Pat Scharf, 12/19 – Marge Beinkemper, 12/20 – Marge Waldon

**Playground Volunteers:**

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**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
18	19	20	21	22
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	NO SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS BREAK	NO SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS BREAK

# Calendar of Events:

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

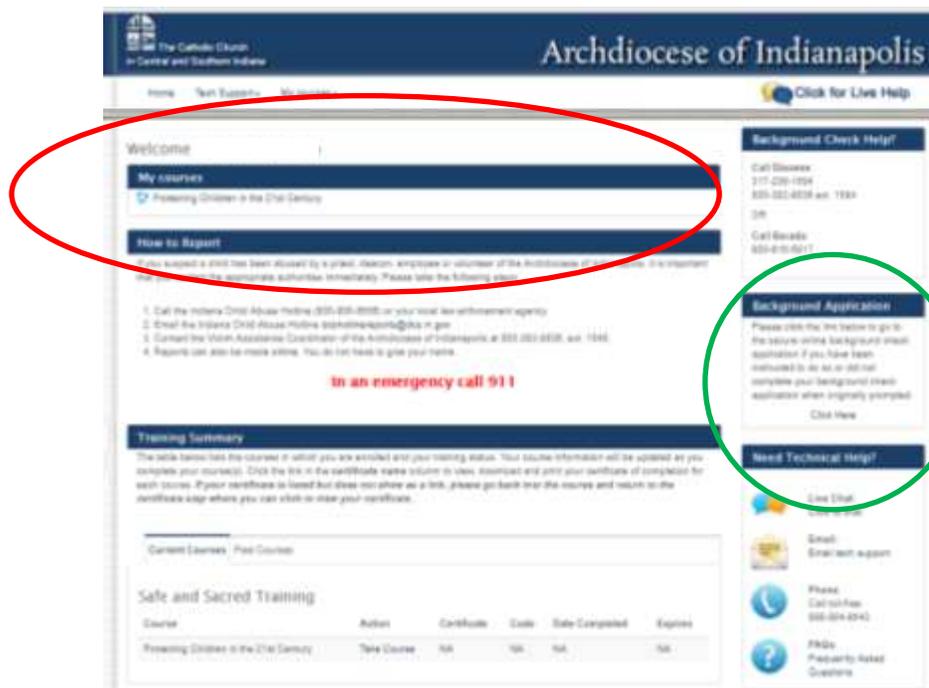
The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is sending out reminders to people that need to take or update training and/or their background check. Your certification will expire every three (3) years. You can either click on the link in the email you receive or you can go to [www.safeandsacred-archindy.org](http://www.safeandsacred-archindy.org).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