

The Bulldog Barks February 2, 2018

After School Care

There will be NO After School Care on Friday, February 16th. Sorry for any inconveniences.

10th Annual Young Author and Illustrator Contest

Students in grades 1-8 have received the rules for our 10th annual contest. Books should be turned in to the teachers by Friday, February 23.

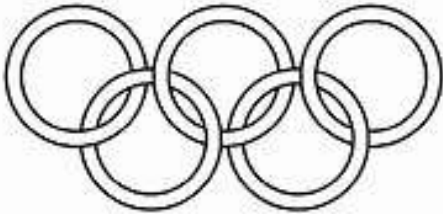
Snow days: We have now had 4 snow days – January 8th, January 12th, January 16th and January 24th. They will be made up as follows (weather permitting):

- 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 a new student 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!

PTO – Lenten Fish Fry

We are fast approaching our Fish Fry Season!! January did not go as planned, between Snow Days and Basketball there was no time to get together. After talking with the other Fish Fry Committee members we have decided to go forward with everything the same as last year:

- We will continue to serve the carry out customers in the school cafeteria as well as have a Drive Thru.
- Our hours will be 4:30-7:30 with everyone staying for 30 minutes of clean up at the end of the night.
- Minnows should be in the 6-8th grades and work the same night that they have a parent working.
- Children younger than 6th grade should not be coming to help, as it becomes a safety issue with younger kids and the large crowds that we draw.
- Pricing will stay the same for this year. \$9 Senior, \$10 Adult, \$5 Kid age 5-10 & Under 5 free
- Thursday Food Prep from 12pm-2ish. *If you have helped in the past and will be willing to help this year, or I have asked you to help this year, please email me and let me know what weeks you can help.* It is not on the online sign ups.

- We are looking for a Dessert Lead person who could come in from 2 pm - 5ish EVERY WEEK and start cutting/prepping the desserts and get that area ready. You could leave once the workers get there and they are prepped for the night. Please contact me if you could help with this position.
- Please send in at least 2 dozen servings of dessert on weeks your student is assigned to desserts. Extra desserts are always welcome.
 - February 16th: 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 7th
 - March 2: K, 3rd, 5th, & 7th
 - March 9: 1st, 2nd, 6th & 8th
 - March 16th: K, 4th, 5th & 7th
 - March 30th: 1st, 4th, 6th & 8th
- Desserts can be dropped off at school first thing in the morning, or later in the day directly to the Activity Center. Refrigerated items are welcome, just mark it accordingly so it gets to the refrigerator in the Activity Center
- The best desserts are pies (fruit or cream), cakes and specialty desserts. Cookies and breads do not seem to go over as well.
- Label your dessert dishes, so that they can be washed and get back to you in a timely fashion. Dishes are washed and left outside of the school office to be picked up at your convenience.

Here is the online link to sign up for your preferred spot: <http://signup.com/go/sLBJeTE>

Signing up for more than one week is always welcome! We need many hands to make our Fish Fry's successful and continue to raise money for our school and all of our students. If you are new to our Fish Fry's and have any questions, please email, call or text me. Every family should be volunteering for at least one of the 5 dates. If you have a work schedule that conflicts with the shift times, please let me know and we can work something out with times.

Thanks for volunteering,
Michelle Ryan
PTO President
[859-240-9390](tel:859-240-9390)

Cod With God shirts

Please contact Ann Hutchinson in the school office, if you would like to order a Cod with God tshirt. We will be placing an order on February 9th. Shirt are \$10.00 each.

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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This week in phonics we are focusing on letter **Xx(ks sound)**- keyword- fox (ending sound). Our new “pop-up” words are-we, want. We will be doing a lot of sentence reading and writing. We are also listening for initial, medial, and final sounds to spell our caterpillar words. You could practice at home by using the word lists that have been sent home.

In math, we will measure items using non-standard units, and be doing addition and subtraction story problems.

Midterm letters will be coming home on Thursday, Feb. 8. Please sign and return them to school as soon as possible.

Thank you to our P.T.O. for all of the treats during Catholic Schools’ Week. We all had a fun week.

We will be having the Opening Day Ceremony for the St. Mary’s Olympics on Friday, February 9th. Kindergarten will be representing the USA. The children should wear red, white, and blue for the ceremony. Thank you to Mrs. Rice, and her classes, for organizing the Olympics. We are all looking forward to the games.

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson**mcperson.1@mystmarys.com**

A big thanks to everyone who helped with Catholic's Schools week! The students had a blast! Our Valentine's Day Party will be on Monday, February 12th! Please have your child bring his/her Valentines to the party!

In Phonics the 1st graders will be reading and spelling words that contain combination qu (as in quilt), combination ir (as in bird), and combination ur (as in turtle).

In Math we are continuing to work on our facts. We are also learning to identify congruent shapes.

Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove**annmarie.grove@mystmarys.com**

Thank you to the PTO for all the great Catholic Schools Week activities. We especially liked the dance party Mrs. Hollander and Mr. Tush hosted.

We practiced demonstrating the lunar eclipse vs. the solar eclipse. Sadly we could not see the partial lunar eclipse by the time we arrived at school Wednesday morning.

Our class is representing Mexico in the upcoming Olympics hosted by the 6th grade. We are looking forward to the Opening Ceremony, Friday the 9. We plan to wear either green or red, like the Mexican flag.

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

We had a great time celebrating St. Mary's during Catholic Schools Week! Thanks to the PTO, staff, and all of the volunteers for their dedication to help make our school a special place.

Next Thursday we will have our second presentation of the Captain Cash program. This is a fun way to learn about economics as a part of our social studies curriculum. On Friday, we will take part in the opening ceremony of the Olympics at St. Mary's School. The third graders will represent our neighbors to the north, Canada. We will participate in games the following week. Thanks to Mrs. Rice for organizing this.

Our second AR project is due on February 9th. Our Valentine's Day party will be on Tuesday, February 13th at 1:35 p.m., since the holiday falls on Ash Wednesday. Have a great week!

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

Fourth graders have done a great job on our division chapter the past month. We started with simple division facts and ended with four digit divided by one digit long division. They also practiced order of operations and finding the mean, or average, of a set of numbers. The chapter 5 math test will be Tuesday, February 6th. Next, we move to fractions!

Students will continue working on their informational PowerPoint this week for their third quarter large writing assignment. They will also get to write to their penpals!

Have a great week!

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

We had a great time celebrating Catholic Schools Week! Thank you to everyone who made this week special for our students.

We are taking a break from our reading textbook and starting a new novel in reading this week. We are reading *The Indian in the Cupboard*. The main character in our book is an Iroquois Native American, which we recently learned about in social studies. Students have a journal to work on throughout this book. It should be kept in their VIP folder.

In social studies, we will be finishing our study of explorers and preparing for our test next week. Please check your child's assignment book for updates on the test date. Each student has a note guide to study throughout this chapter. It can be found in their VIP folder.

Grade 6 – Mrs. Ricesuzy.rice@mystmarys.com

We are already half way through the third quarter. Midterms will be sent home next Thursday, 2/8. The Olympics are coming. The 6th grade will host the 2018 Olympics. Friday, 2/9, will be our opening ceremonies at 9:30 a.m. It will only last about 20 minutes. Each class should wear the color their teacher designates for their country. The Olympic events will take place on Monday, 2/12, throughout the morning. Each class comes at a different time.

The 6th, 7th and 8th grade will participate in Lego Robotics during the next month. Please send in \$5.00 to cover the cost of borrowing and keeping the equipment up to date.

Grade 7 – Mr. Johnsonbrady.johnson@mystmarys.com

Thank you to all the parents who assisted in Catholic Schools Week, it really is a joy to be a part of such a close knit educational community.

6th Grade- We have wrapped up our chapter on Mexico, and have moved our studies a little more south to Central America and the West Indies.

7th Grade- Our unit over Africa South of the Sahara has been completed. Starting Monday February 5th, we will begin a new unit over the Middle East and Arab Nations.

8th Grade- We just completed our chapter over the American Revolutionary War, the next few weeks we are examining the Articles of Confederation and its shortcomings that led to the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Grade 8 – Ms. Stemlerstemler.8@mystmarys.com

What a fun and faith-filled Catholic School Week!

6th Grade: The sixth graders read chapters 6-11 this week in *Hidden Figures*. We will continue the novel next week, along with our discussions of segregation, women in science, and civil rights. They will also be working on their body paragraphs for their essays on their choice of a *Hidden Figures* character.

7th Grade: This past week the seventh graders finished reading *Fish in a Tree*. Next week, they will continue using the novel to help them write their expository essays on the different ways people with dyslexia learn to read.

8th Grade: The eighth graders took their *Fish in a Tree* test this week and all did very well. They are currently working on the body paragraphs of their expository essays on the topic of their choice. Next week we will be discussing how to properly research and implement that research MLA style into their essays.

Jim Waldonjim.waldon@mystmarys.com

School Choirs: We will not sing or ring on Saturday, February 10th as previously scheduled. The choir is using this time to prepare for our trip to Indianapolis on February 22nd. The handbell choir will not be participating in the Indianapolis event ONLY BECAUSE the stage is too small, and our window for the performance would not allow us to get the bells and other equipment in place and then out of place in the time allotted. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Waldon.

7th & 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbankbrookbank.science@mystmarys.com

Both classes are beginning a lesson on the Circulatory System. This is important due to the health concern of heart disease. I will attempt to relate to the students how this affects their life now, and how it could affect their life as they age. The composition of blood, path of blood, & general blood facts will be covered.

Occupations that are in our work force will be introduced & the importance of these occupations. We will complete a lab on the correct blood typing procedures that must be followed.

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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:

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:

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
5	6	7	8	9
Spaghetti Lasagna Tossed Salad Bread Sticks Green Beans 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	J.T.M Chili with beans Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Carrots Fruit Milk

Calendar of Events:

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)
02/16	No After School Care today!
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

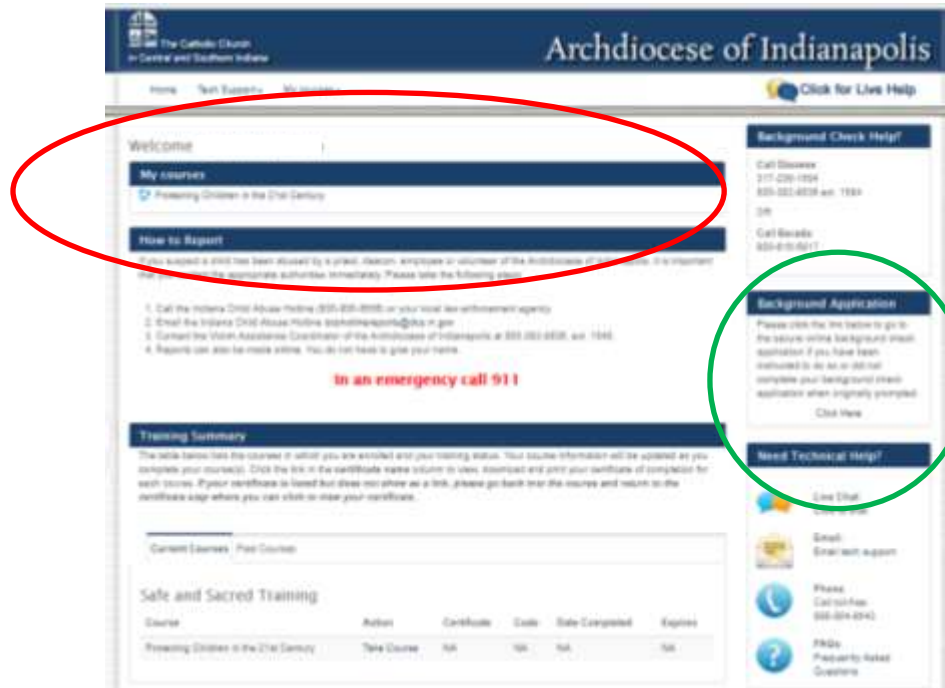
The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is sending out reminders to people that need to take or update training and/or their background check. Your certification will expire every three (3) years. You can either click on the link in the email you receive or you can go to www.safeandsacred-archindy.org. Please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