

## **The Bulldog Barks**

### **February 9, 2018**

#### **ISTEP Testing**

ISTEP testing will be February 26th – March 9th. Please do not schedule any appointments or trips for these days.

#### **Early Release**

St. Mary's will have an early release on Wednesday, February 14th. Students will be released at 12:40 p.m.

#### **After School Care**

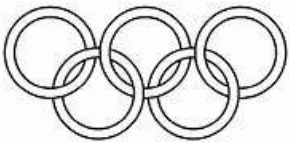
There will be NO After School Care on Friday, February 16th. Sorry for any inconveniences.

#### **Young Author and Illustrator Contest**

Students still have two weeks to complete their entry for the Young Author and Illustrator Contest. If you have any questions about the rules, please ask your teacher or Mrs. Rector. All these snow days and delays are giving you extra time at home to work on your book!

**Snow days: We have now had 5 snow days – January 8th, January 12th, January 16th, January 24th and February 7th. They will be made up as follows (weather permitting):**

- **Monday, February 19th**
- **Monday, March 19th**
- **Tuesday, March 20th**
- **Wednesday, March 21st**
- **Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**



#### **St. Mary's Olympics!**

The Olympics are coming to St. Mary's! We had our Opening Ceremonies on Friday, February 9th. The Olympic events will be on Monday, February 12th. Each homeroom will represent a country. We will host several events, throughout the day!

#### **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**

Thank you to everyone who has signed up already for the Fish Frys! As we are very close to the first Fish Fry of February 16th, I want remind everyone to click the link and go to the online signups. We still have quite a few spots open for next week.

Click link: <http://signup.com/go/sLBJeTE>

For February 16th we are still needing:

Carry Out-3

Carry Out Cashier-1

Drive Thru-3

Fryers-5  
Floater-1  
Food Monitor-1

We need to fill as many of these spots as possible to ensure that we can efficiently serve the 600-800 dinners we typically serve every week.

Students in the following grades need to provide desserts for February 16th:

\*2nd Grade  
\*3rd Grade  
\*4th Grade  
\*7th Grade

Pies, cakes and specialty desserts are the best things to bring. Please provide at least 24 servings per student.

Still looking for a Dessert Person. Come around 2 and start getting the desserts cut and plated. You can leave around 5 or when the dessert table workers are here and are ready to take over.

Please call, email or text me if you have any questions. If you have not volunteered in the past or are new to St. Mary's, I will be happy to go into more detail about anything so you are sure about what is expected from all of our families.

Thanks for volunteering,  
Michelle Ryan  
PTO President  
859-240-9390

### **Cod With God shirts**

We will have Cod With God t-shirts for sale at each fish fry. Shirts are \$10.00 each.

### **Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning**

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In phonics this week we will focus on letter **Ww**- keyword-wagon. We only have one more letter to go to finish the 26 letters of the alphabet! We will work with accented syllables, and get reader #10, Spin to Win. We will also be working with 4 new "pop-up" words.

In Religion we will be talking about Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season.

Our Valentine celebration will be Tuesday, February 13th. We will have a Valentine exchange.

Show-n-Tell for the week of February 12th, will be letter Rr.

The first fish fry of the Lenten season is this Friday. The food is delicious. Hope to see you there.

Have a super week!

### **Kindergarten Computer**

The Kindergartners have started typing their names in Microsoft Word for computer class. Once they have mastered their names we will move on to typing color words and number words. We use laptops with a mouse attached, because the touchpads on the laptops can be very tricky. Some students are still trying to touch the screen like a tablet and very unsure about pressing keys. If you have a laptop or desktop to allow them practice at home, just by opening a blank document in Word or a notepad type app and letting them get used to a regular keyboard would be helpful.

Michelle Ryan  
Computer

**Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson****[mcperson.1@mystmarys.com](mailto:mcperson.1@mystmarys.com)**

The 1st graders will be representing Switzerland in the St. Mary's Winter Olympics. Opening Ceremonies were held on Friday and the 1st graders will be participating in a variety of Olympics events on Monday. Our Valentine Party will be on Monday, February 12th. The 1st graders may be out of uniform for their party! Don't forget to bring your Valentines!

In Phonics we will be spelling and reading words containing combination ur (as in turtle). We will also be learning the /s/ sound of consonant c (as in circle) and digraph ow (as in bow).

In Math we are continuing to work on our doubles +1 math facts and telling time by the hour and half hour.

**Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove****[annmarie.grove@mystmarys.com](mailto:annmarie.grove@mystmarys.com)**

Don't forget to bring your Valentines on Monday, February 12th, for our early Valentine party. Mrs. Wismann has generously offered to plan the party for us. Gwen has volunteered to bring veggies, Mathew will bring sweets, Rebekah will bring fruit, and Mrs. Grove will bring drinks. It will be a fun day because we get to go to the 6th grade Olympics in the morning and party in the afternoon!

**Grade 3 – Mrs. Rector****[kim.rector@mystmarys.com](mailto:kim.rector@mystmarys.com)**

Next week will be a busy week with our regular work and several special events. Monday morning brings our competition in the Olympic Games. We would like to thank Mrs. Rice and the sixth graders for planning these fun events. We are having our Valentine's Day Party on Tuesday afternoon. Third Graders may be out of uniform on Tuesday if they wear red or pink. On Thursday we will participate in the third Captain Cash class. Our author visit with Troy Cummings has been rescheduled from a snow day to Friday. We will walk down to St. John's to learn about this Indiana author's writing and illustrating process. Friday is also the first Lenten fish fry! Stay healthy and have a great week!

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

Students will continue their reading work this week with our story, *Akiak*, which is about the Iditarod dogsled race. Our next novel will also be about dogsled racing. We will follow parts of the Iditarod once it begins on March 3!

Students are very excited about their informative writing assignment. They are researching an animal of their choice and creating a PowerPoint to display their information. They will present their PowerPoints to the class once they are finished.

Don't forget the fourth grade Valentine's Day party will be Tuesday, and we have an early release day on Wednesday! Happy Valentine's Day! Have a great week!

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

Fifth graders are representing Denmark in our Winter Olympics at school! Thank you to the 6th grade for hosting such a fun event. We learned about the country of Denmark in one of our novels we read earlier this year.

Midterms were sent home Thursday. Please sign and return these as soon as possible. Since we are halfway through the quarter, students should be halfway to their AR goal. We even have some students who have met their goals! Keep reading 20 minutes each night to help you reach your goal.

Valentine party letters were sent home this week. Our party will be on Tuesday, February 13th. Students are responsible for bringing their own drink for the party. Have a great week!

**Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice****[suzy.rice@mystmarys.com](mailto:suzy.rice@mystmarys.com)**

The Olympic Opening Ceremony was Friday, 2/9. Monday, 2/12 are the Olympic events throughout the morning. Events are Hula Hoop, Opposite Hand Marble Grab, Color Bean Bag Toss, Jump Rope, and Paper Football Flick. The 6th grade is the host of the games.

Midterms were sent home on Thursday. Please sign one copy and return it to school. Students need to make improvements where needed to improve scores before the end of the quarter.

Robotics will begin soon for 6th-8th grade. If you have not already brought in \$5.00 to pay for borrowing the robotic equipment, bring it in ASAP. You may give it to Mrs. Rice or Miss Ann.

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

6th Grade - Next week we wrap up our focus on Central America, we should test on Thursday 2/15. That may change if I feel we need to adjust due to weather events.

7th Grade - The next few days we are going to focus on Egypt and the Nile River. We will discuss the Old, Middle, and New Kingdoms, and the differences between each of those time periods.

8th Grade - Next week will wrap up chapter 7, and then we will spend some time analyzing the Constitution of the United States and the different sections that make up that document.

All three grades will have Vocab Unit 9 tests on Monday 2/12.

Just a reminder, the 7th grade class is assigned to bring in desserts for the February 16th Fish Fry!

**Grade 8 – Ms. Stemler****[stemler.8@mystmarys.com](mailto:stemler.8@mystmarys.com)**

6th grade: This week we continued working on writing body paragraphs. We will type them next week, along with the conclusion paragraph. In Reading we read chapters 10-14 in Hidden Figures. We will read chapters 14-18 next week. Keep studying your vocabulary terms!

7th grade: This week the 7th graders finished up their rough drafts of their body paragraphs. We'll continue working on them as we work through how to properly research and cite evidence. Next week we will also begin reading the novel Hidden Figures.

8th grade: The 8th graders have been working on conducting research, MLA formatting, and finishing up their expository essays. Next week we will continue working in-depth with MLA, signal phrases, and in-text citations.

**South Dearborn - Freshman Registration/Orientation**

South Dearborn High School invites all eighth grade students and their parents to an informative freshman orientation program on, Tuesday, February 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The administration, guidance department, and instructional leaders will be available to answer any questions and to welcome the Class of 2022.

Members of the incoming freshman class will receive information about the comprehensive academic and extracurricular programs offered at South Dearborn High School. Students and parents will learn more about the class scheduling process, graduation requirements, and any other information that will ensure a smooth and successful transition to student life at South Dearborn High School.

Tours of the building will also be available.

**Jim Waldon****[jim.waldon@mystmarys.com](mailto:jim.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. Brookbank****brookbank.science@mystmarys.com**

Due to delays and closure, we met on Thursday and prepared for the blood transfusion lab. This lab will enable students to understand the safe transfusions of human blood and why you cannot mix the different types of blood. We will begin on Monday to breakdown the important points of the circulatory system and the mechanics of the human heart.

**Connie Powers, CRE****(connie.powers@mystmarys.com)**

Confirmation Prep starts on Sunday, February 11th 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:**

**02/12 – 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:**

02/12 – 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**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
3-Way Tossed Salad Green Beans Crackers Fruit Milk	Petite Chicken Strips Corn Green Beans Buttered Noodles Fruit Milk	<b>* Ash Wednesday *</b>  Cheese Pizza Veggie Sticks with Dip Tossed Salad Fruit Milk	Taco (Beef or Chicken) Refried Beans Corn Fruit Milk	Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Carrots Fruit Milk

# Calendar of Events:

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
02/23	St. John's Fish Fry
03/02	Fish Fry (2 of 5)
03/07	Open House for 2018/2019 School Year from 6 - 6:30 p.m.
03/09	Fish Fry (3 of 5)
03/16	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter
03/16	Fish Fry (4 of 5)
03/19	School will be in session to make up the snow day from 01/12
03/20	School will be in session to make up the snow day from 01/16
03/21	School will be in session to make up the snow day from 01/24
03/22	School will be in session to make up the snow day from 02/07
03/23	Provisional Spring Break Day (possible snow make up day)
03/23	Aurora Fire Department Fish Fry
03/26 – 03/30	Spring Break
03/30	Fish Fry (5 of 5)
04/02	School Resumes

## 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

The screenshot shows the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Safe and Sacred website. The header includes the logo and name. The main content area is divided into several sections. A red oval highlights the 'My courses' section on the left, which lists 'Preserving Children in the 21st Century'. A green oval highlights the 'Background Application' link on the right, which is part of a 'Background Check Help?' section. Below the 'Background Application' link, there is a 'Click Here' button. The 'Background Check Help?' section also includes contact information for Call Center, Call Center, and Call Center. The 'Background Application' section includes a 'Click Here' button. The 'Background Check Help?' section also includes a 'Click Here' button. The 'Background Application' section includes a 'Click Here' button. The 'Background Check Help?' section also includes a 'Click Here' button.

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