

The Bulldog Barks

February 16, 2018

School will be in session on Monday, February 19th, Presidents' Day. It is a make-up day for one of our previous snow days.

ISTEP/IREAD

February 26th - March 9th and April 16th - May 4th are the ISTEP windows for this school year. Please do not schedule any appointments or vacations on these dates.

IREAD for 3rd graders will be from March 12 - March 16th. If you have a 3rd grade student, please do not schedule any appointments or vacations on these dates or the ISTEP dates. I apologize for any inconvenience. All of this testing is state mandated and does impact our schools rating.

Young Author and Illustrator Contest

Students have one more week to write and illustrate their books! Remember that you have to turn a book in for the contest in order to come to the ice cream party. The ice cream party will be scheduled after Spring Break since Lent has already begun.

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 22nd**

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. See attached flyer!

PTO – Lenten Fish Fry

Thank you to everyone who has signed up already for the Fish Frys! I want remind everyone to click the link and go to the online signups. We still have quite a few spots open over the next few weeks.

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

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](tel: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. Denningamy.denning@mystmarys.com

We have made it through the 26 letters of the alphabet, and are focusing on our last letter- Qq -**combination qu** (kw)- keyword- **quilt**. (A combination is 2 letters that come together to make an unexpected sound.) We will code it with an arc under the **qu**. We will also be working with alphabetizing and compound words.

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

Show-n-Tell for the week of February 19 is Bb.

Have a super week!

Grade 1 – Ms. McPhersonmcperson.1@mystmarys.com

In Phonics we will be coding and reading words that have the v'/cv syllable division pattern. We will also be learning that the letter Aa can make a short /u/ sound (as in banana).

We will be reading *Yasmin's Ducks* from our Yellow Readers. Reading Word List #17 will be going home. Our test on the story and words will be on Friday!

In Math we are continuing to practice how to add 2 digit numbers together (without regrouping) and how to count and draw tally marks.

We now have 3 sentences that the students need to spell on our spelling tests! Please help your child study his/her words and sentences throughout the week!

Grade 2 – Mrs. Groveannmarie.grove@mystmarys.com

We are writing and illustrating Trickster Tales. Mrs. Grove has been reading aloud a book by the author/illustrator, Troy Cummings. It was so cool to meet him and hear him talk about his work at St. John's Friday. Hope to see everyone at the Fish Fry Friday!

Grade 3 – Mrs. Rectorkim.rector@mystmarys.com

We had a great week with all of our activities. Third graders have been enjoying reading The Notebook of Doom series by the author Troy Cummings. Meeting a published author and illustrator is cool, especially when we have read his books.

Next week we will be reviewing in order to prepare for the ISTEP test. Practicing math flashcards at home would be helpful. I have extras at school if you need a set. We will have the practice test on Monday, February 26, and will begin the real test the following day. We should finish that week as long as everything goes well. The third graders also have to take the IREAD test the week of March 12. Please do not schedule any appointments on March 13, since that is the day we plan to take the actual test. I will try to keep the actual schedule as normal as possible during testing time. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Don't forget that Young Author books are due next Friday! Have a great week!

Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyeramanda.meyer@mystmarys.com

In reading we will be taking a break from our reading textbook stories for a few weeks. Students will be reading the novel *Stone Fox*. They will be responsible for reading, comprehension questions, vocabulary words, group discussions, and other activities.

In math this week, students will be finishing the first of two fraction chapters. They are doing great with fractions so far! Students will learn about mixed numbers and practice comparing and ordering fractions. Students will most likely see fractions on the ISTEP, which begins the week of February 26.

Speaking of ISTEP it is quickly approaching, so we will spend time this week reviewing and discussing good test taking skills. Fourth graders will be taking math, language arts, and science ISTEP+ tests this year. Have a great week!

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

Thank you to everyone for the Valentine gifts and treats! We had a great time celebrating this week.

We have started reviewing in vocabulary for our test over units 7-12. The test will be on Friday February 23rd. The unit pages in the book are also due on the same day. Making flashcards is a great way to study for this test. If your child needs some note cards, please let me know.

We will also be practicing for ISTEP this week. We will start testing Tuesday, February 27th. Have a great week!

5th/6th Grade Academic Team:

We have started practices for the academic team this past week. The meet is Saturday, March 3rd, at Oldenburg Academy. Please mark your calendars!

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

The 6th-8th graders will be starting robotics on the 26th. Bring in \$5.00 for robotics, if you haven't already. Give it to Miss Ann or Mrs. Rice. ISTEP begins on the 27th. Rest and nutrition are important every day, but students can't do their best if they are tired!

Some 6th graders haven't been doing their best turning in work and doing it well. To help lead them in the right direction, I will be looking at their assignment book every day to see if they filled it in. I will initial it that I have looked at it. Parents, feel free to write a note in the assignment book or initial it.

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

6th Grade - We have wrapped up our journey through Central America, and will head further south into the continent of South America. We will focus on the physical landscape including the Andes Mountains, the Atacama Desert, and the Amazon rain-forest.

7th Grade - The past week we have focused on Egypt and Mesopotamia and their roles as cultural hearths. From these regions came the 3 predominant world religions, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

8th Grade – We are finishing our chapter covering the roots of the American Constitution. Our next chapter we will focus on the 1st presidency and the precedents set by George Washington as our Commander and Chief.

Grade 8 – Ms. Stemler**stemler.8@mystmarys.com**

6th grade: This week the sixth graders read chapters 14-17 in *Hidden Figures*. It is my hopes that we will come close to finishing up the novel next week. Students are also currently learning about character traits and the different types of characters (static vs. dynamic). Remember to be studying for your weekly vocabulary quizzes!

In English the sixth graders finished up their body paragraphs and are now working on the conclusions for their expository essays.

7th grade: The seventh graders started reading *Hidden Figures*. They have been doing lots of bibliography readings on the main characters. Next week they will continue reading chapters 3-8.

In English the seventh graders are finishing up their conclusion paragraphs on three ways students with dyslexia learn to read.

8th grade: The eighth graders have worked hard all week on learning MLA formatting and how to conduct research. They learned how to create a work cited page, properly cite their sources, and how to use signal phrases. Next week they will finish up their expository essays and spend quality time learning how to peer review and edit their work.

Jim Waldon**jim.waldon@mystmarys.com**

The choir will be going 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**

In both classes we are concentrating on the path of blood through the body. We completed a lab on blood transfusions, concentrating correct transfusions based upon blood type. We are beginning a short lab on how blood types are used to settle parental issues & forensic studies. We will NOT view any Jerry Springer or Maury Povich shows.

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

Confirmation Preparation Sessions for 7th and 8th grades are on Sundays at 6 pm in the Parish Office. Dates are February 18 and 25th; and March 4, 11 and 18th.

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:

02/19 – 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:

02/19 – Carolyn/Bernadine, 02/20 – Meghan Oatman, 02/21 – Monica Ramsey, 02/22 – Chris Strzok, 02/23 – Chris Strzok, 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
19	20	21	22	23
Rotini & Meat Sauce Tossed Salad Green Beans Bread Stick Fruit Milk	Southern Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes Corn Fruit Milk	Hamburger or Pizza Burger French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Corn Dog Corn Mixed Vegetables Graham Crackers Fruit Milk	Cheese Stuffed Bread Stick with Pizza Sauce Tossed Salad Carrots Fruit Milk

Calendar of Events:

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 rd 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

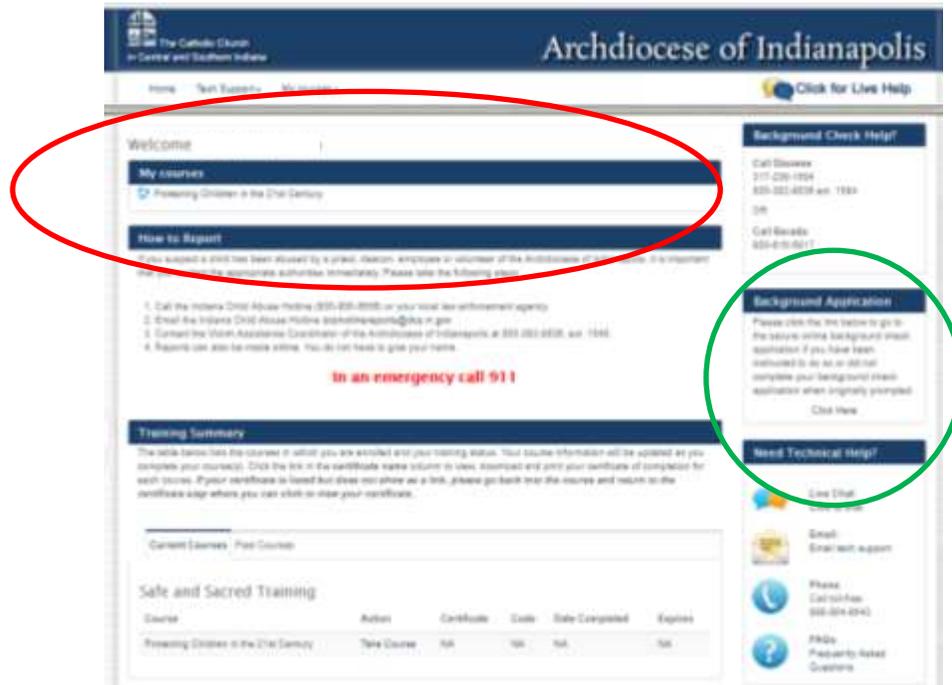
The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is sending out reminders to people that need to take or update training and/or their background check. Your certification will expire every three (3) years. You can either click on the link in the email you receive or you can go to www.safeandsacred-archindy.org. Please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