

The Bulldog Barks **April 13, 2018**

ISTEP

This week, April 16th - May 4th are the ISTEP windows for this school year. Please do not schedule any appointments or vacations on these dates. I apologize for any inconvenience. All of this testing is state mandated and does impact our schools rating.

Early Release

St. Mary's will have an early release on Wednesday, April 18th. Students will be released at 12:40 p.m. There will be NO After School Care.

Safe and Sacred

We have several upcoming school events (8th grade class trip, CYO camp, field trips, etc.) that parents would like to attend or chaperone. We cannot allow parents to attend that have not taken the Safe and Sacred training and requested a background check. The last page of the Bulldog has detailed instructions. Please complete the training ASAP, it may take 7 – 10 days for us to receive confirmation of your training from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 812-926-1558.

Registration Packets

Registration Packet were sent home on Monday, April 2, 2018. Please review, update and complete paperwork and return to school ASAP! The registration fee of \$30.00 is due by April 27, 2018.

Kindergarten enrollment numbers are looking good for next year. If you know of any families that would be interested in sending their child(ren) to St. Mary's, have them call the office and schedule an appointment with Mr. Tush.

Voucher Program

Just a reminder that we need a copy of your most recent tax returns to submit your financial information for the voucher program. If you are not sure if you qualify, please contact Mr. Tush at 812-926-1558.

Also, any previous voucher recipients should not pay any registration, book or tuition fees until we determine your final award amount. This saves time and work in the office, by avoiding the extra work to reissue checks for overpayment of fees.

8th Grade Spaghetti Dinner – April 14th

The 8th grade class will have a Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. Proceeds benefit the 8th grade class trip to Charleston, SC. Free will donation.

Celebrate St. Mary's – April 28th

A letter and dinner tickets were sent home on Monday, April 2nd, with the youngest child of each family. Please send in any sold dinner tickets and money to the school office. We also have raffle tickets for sale in the school office!

- Dinner tickets are \$25.00/each
- Raffle tickets are \$10.00/each. Grand Prize is \$500.00 and Second Place is \$250.00.

Young Author and Illustrator Contest

Congratulations to our overall winners- Gwen Collins, Rebekah Zigan, Eleanor Eaglin, Ellie Holt, Bernadette Wismann, and Ellie Ryan! They will have their published books placed in the Aurora Public Library as well as our school library.

Thanks to Mrs. Wismann, Mrs. Ryan, and Mrs. Hollander for helping out at the ice cream party this week. The participants really enjoyed it!

One more thing - you can vote for the best cover after Masses this weekend. Stop by the cafeteria to see the great artwork on the covers and cast your vote.

St. Mary's Night at the Races – Lawrenceburg Speedway – May 5th

St. Mary's has been offered the opportunity to sell tickets to Lawrenceburg Speedway on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Racing will feature: Kelsey Chevrolet Sprints, Budweiser UMP Modifieds, Impact Sports Pure Stocks, Bessler's U Pull and Save Hornets. Tickets will be \$10.00 if purchased in advance at our school, instead of the regular price of \$15.00. This is also a fundraiser because we are awarded \$5.00 for every ticket sale. Our fifth through eighth grade students will be given the opportunity to sing the National Anthem before the race and are granted free admission, if they sing. You may start purchasing tickets immediately from our school office. You may send in cash or checks to the school office; checks should be written payable to: St. Mary's School. You can also pay online at www.mystmarys.com and indicated in the "Notes" section that your payment is for race tickets. Thank you for your support!

Permission slips for grade 5 – 8 were sent home on Monday, April 9th. We need to have signed permission slips returned to school by Friday, April 27th.

Young Rembrandt Class

The next class will begin on April 26, 2017. This is a four week session. Cost is \$52.00. You can enroll online at <https://www.facebook.com/YRKentuckyOhio> or call their office at 513-283-6169. Classes are held in the school cafeteria from 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. See flyer attached.

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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We will have an early dismissal day on Wednesday.

In phonics this week, we will be working with 2 new digraphs, **-ch-** keyword-cheese, and **-ee-** keyword-sheep. We will also review all digraphs learned, review long vowels, work with blends, read and write sentences, and get reader #14, "*Three Rich Sheep*". We will get our last "pop-up" word-**where**.

In math we will be working with numbers up to 30, identifying even and odd numbers to 20, count by 2's to 100, and work with our tangrams.

If you haven't already done so, please sign and return report cards.

Have a great week!

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson

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Report cards were sent home on Tuesday. Please have them signed and returned by April 20th. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress.

In Phonics we are reading and spelling words containing **digraph ey** (as in key) and **digraph ph** (as in phone).

In Math we are continuing to position numbers on a place value chart and we are practicing how to add three single-digit numbers together. We are also identifying geometric solids and using comparison symbols (>, <, =).

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

We learned all about worm composting from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. This was in honor of Earth Day.

The second grade will be taking the Terra Nova California Achievement test all week, starting this Monday, April 16. Please send #2 pencils, eat breakfast, and get plenty of rest. We will not have homework.

Hope to see you at the 8th grade Spaghetti Dinner this Saturday, April 14th in the Activity Center from 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Thank you to Mrs. Wismann, Mrs. Hollander, Mrs. Ryan, and Mrs. Rector for the delicious ice cream and Young Authors and Illustrators awards party.

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

ISTEP week is here again! We will be testing every day except Friday next week. Please make sure your child has a good night's sleep and breakfast in the morning. We will have a break for snack time in between tests, so they should be sure to bring in a snack. They will not have written homework, so this is a good week to get a book read for their next AR project. The information for their book is due on April 25.

We will now be riding the Lollipops bus to Ag Day at the fairgrounds. I will let you know if there is room for any parents on the bus, or you can just plan on meeting us there if you have signed up as a chaperone. Remember that students need to pack a lunch and dress for the weather. Have a great week!

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

ISTEP Part 2 begins this week! Fourth graders will be testing Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday this week and next week. There are more sections of math, English/Language Arts, and science than Part 1. Students will have one or two ISTEP tests on each of those days. Good luck to the students! I hope they do their best!

The first book report project of the quarter is due Wednesday, April 18. I can't wait to hear about the books students have read. Students will also participate in a conductor and insulator inquiry for science. The students have loved learning about electricity and making circuits! Have a great week!

Grade 5 – Mrs. Bakerleslie.baker@mystmarys.com

Fifth graders will be ISTEP testing this week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. Students need to have plenty of #2 pencils, a snack, and get plenty of rest. We will not have spelling or vocabulary this week.

We will continue to learn about the establishment of the thirteen colonies in social studies this week. And in science, we are currently working on an environmentally friendly roof plan for our school. We will continue to work on this project at school and will be sharing them when we are finished. Thanks to everyone that ordered from scholastic this week. Our books should be coming soon! Have a great week!

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

Report cards should be signed and returned ASAP. The 6th grade permission slips for CYO camp are due 4/24 and the Lawrenceburg Speedway permission slips are due by 4/27. The students sounded great singing the National Anthem at their first practice. It gave me goose bumps. You don't want to miss them singing at the Speedway on May 5.

Round two of ISTEP begins on 4/17. 6th grade will test on 4/17 - 4/19 and 4/24. There is an early dismissal next Wednesday, 4/18.

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

6th - We have finally made it to our last Unit of the year. For the remainder of the school year, we will focus on Europe.

7th - Next week we will prepping for ISTEP and then begin a new Chapter discussing Japan and Korea.

8th - The last few days we have discussed Westward Expansion and the Indiana Removal. Going forward we will discuss the build up to the Civil War.

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

All three grades have been working on poetry since it is National Poetry Month. We've continued reading Crossover and will do so until the end of April. The students love it and have even began writing some of their own free verse poetry.

6th Grade: The sixth graders finished up their essays this week which were very well done. We are now beginning our argumentative unit.

7th grade: The seventh graders spent a grueling week finishing up their essays and learning how to cite. All in all, their hard work paid off and I'm very happy with the end results. We will continue reading Hidden Figures in reading and began argumentative writing in English.

8th grade: The eighth graders this week have been working on their argumentative writing projects. They have been stating claims, recording speeches, and coming up with presentations for the class on their topics. Projects are due next week. Can't wait to see and debate them!

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

CHOIRS TO RING AND SING: Our school choirs will ring and sing on Saturday, April 14th at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. All ringers and singers need to be in the 8th grade room for warm-up by 4:30.

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

The seventh grade completed lessons on lightening & tornadoes. The students understand the causes of each and the different ways we attempt to protect ourselves from their damage. We discussed economic problems associated with each event.

The eighth grade completed the dissection of a cow heart on Thursday. A three page lab manual was completed, and the students successfully completed all steps of the lab manual. Special thanks to Wayne's Meats in Milan for donating the hearts. We will begin a lab on cow eyes next week. In retrospect, I think I intimidated the eighth graders the first day of the lab! I should not have used my small chainsaw to demonstrate the correct way to dissect the cow heart. ☺ However, they recovered and did an excellent job finding all the arteries, veins, and chambers of the heart.

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:

04/16 – Pat Scharf, 04/17 – Marge Beinkemper, 04/18 – Marge Waldon, 04/19 – Barb Maness, 04/20 – Patty Kent, **04/23 – HELP NEEDED**, 04/24 – Barb Langdon, 04/25 – Marge Waldon, 04/26 – Barb Maness, 04/27 – Patty Kent, 04/30 – Pat Scharf

Playground Volunteers:

04/16 – Bernadine/Carolyn, 04/17 – Meghan Oatman, 04/18 – Monica Ramsey, 04/19 – Chris Strzok, 04/20 – Chris Strzok, 04/23 – Bernadine/Carolyn, 04/24 – Megan Oatman, 04/25 – Monica Ramsey, 04/26 – Chris Strzok, 04/27 – Chris Strzok, 04/30 – Bernadine/Carolyn

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
16	17	18	19	20
Rotini & Meat Sauce Tossed Salad Green Beans Bread Stick Fruit Milk	Petite Chicken Strips Corn Green Beans Buttered Noodles Fruit Milk	Pizza (pepperoni or cheese) Veggie Sticks with Dip Tossed Salad Fruit Milk	Taco (Beef or Chicken) Refried Beans Corn Fruit Milk	Corn Dog Corn Mixed Vegetables Graham Crackers Fruit Milk

Calendar of Events:

- 04/14 Choir and Bell Choir – 5 p.m. Mass
Be in the 8th grade room by 4:30 p.m.
- 04/14 8th Grade Spaghetti Dinner in Activity Center from 5 – 7:30 p.m.
- 04/18 Early Dismissal at 12:40 p.m. – No After School Care
- 04/21 Confirmation Mass at St. Louis (Batesville) at 11 a.m.
- 04/24 First Communion Retreat at 6 p.m. in cafeteria
- 04/28 Celebrate St. Mary’s at Dearborn County Club**
- 05/05 St. Mary’s Night at the Races – Lawrenceburg Speedway
- 05/06 First Communion Mass – 11 a.m.
- 05/07 – 05/11 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 05/14 – 05/15 CYO Camp (6th & 7th Grade)
- 05/14 – 05/18 8th Grade Class Trip
- 05/23 Kindergarten End of Year Celebration – 1 p.m.
- 05/24 8th Grade Graduation – 6 p.m.
- 05/25 Last Student Day
 - Last student mass for the 2017/2018 school year at 8:30 a.m.
 - Awards Ceremony at 1 p.m.

Safe and Sacred

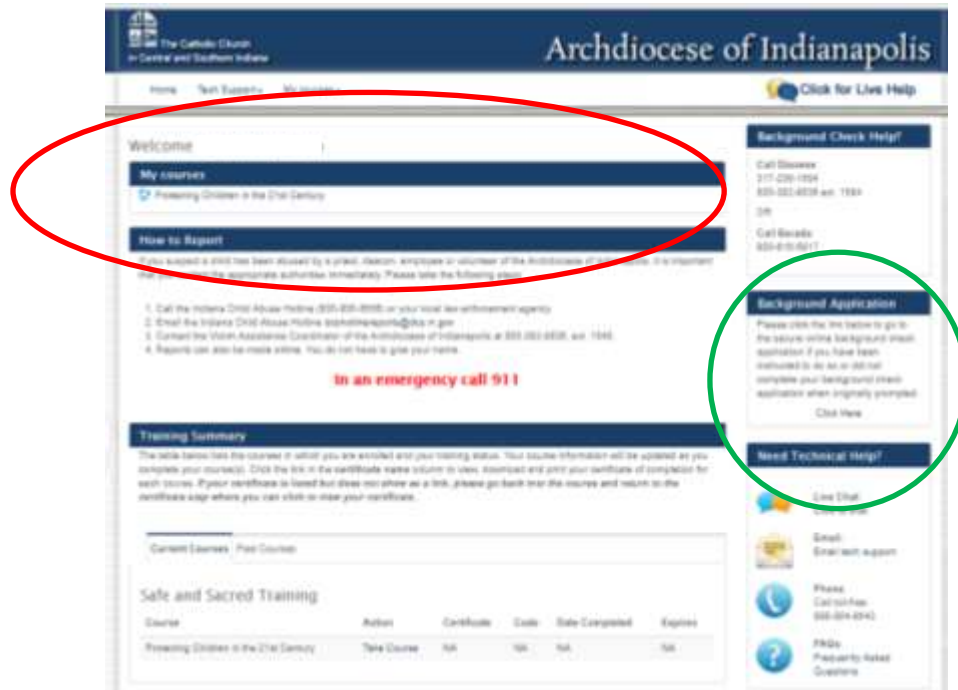
The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is sending out reminders to people that need to take or update training and/or their background check. Your certification will expire every three (3) years. You can either click on the link in the email you receive or you can go to www.safeandsacred-archindy.org. Please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