

The Bulldog Barks **April 20, 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.

2018 Confirmation Class

Please keep our 2018 Confirmation Class in your prayers. Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday, April 21st at St. Louis (Batesville) during the 11:00 a.m. mass. Confirmation is a big step in the faith journey of these youth during which they profess their faith in Christ openly, commit themselves to be responsible disciples, and are recognized as adult members of the church. The church also makes a commitment to continue to walk beside these youth, nurturing and guiding them in their faith.

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.

Ms. Ann will begin calling families the week of April 30th, for families that have not turned in their Registration Packets.

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.

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.

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 Authors Contest - Best Cover Contest

Congratulations to Bernadette Wismann! Out of 88 votes after Mass this past weekend, her book was chosen to have the best cover! Lakota Vincent and Will Holt tied for the second most votes, earning an honorable mention. All students except the first place winners should have their books back now. The first place books are on their way to be published.

Mission Boxes

Thank you to all who participated in saving money in their Lenten mission boxes. We were able to send a check for \$314.50 to Sr. Loretto at the Archdiocese Mission Office. A special thank you to Mrs. Rice and the 6th grade for counting and rolling all the coins!

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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In Phonics this week we will be working with combinations **ar, or, er**- keywords- star, horse, butter. (A combination is two letters that come together and make an unexpected sound.) We code them with an arc under the combination. We will also work with compound words. Please continue to read the "pop-up" words on a regular basis.

In math we will be identifying and giving the value for quarters and dollars. We will also work with numbers up to 30, identify equivalent sets, and will continue our work with addition and subtraction story problems.

Have a wonderful week!

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson

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In Phonics we are reading and spelling words containing the soft sound of the **letter g** (as in giraffe). We will also be learning "**Ghost Letter**" **digraphs kn** (as in knot), **gn** (as in gnat), and **wr** (as in wreath).

In Science we will be studying the parts of a plant and learning what plants need to grow.

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. Grove

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The second graders enjoyed taking their achievement tests all week. I guess new experiences are fun! The results will be back before the end of the year.

In honor of Earth Day we learned all about worm composting from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. We also picked up litter at Lesko Park.

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

Please remember to mark your calendar for the First Communion Retreat next Tuesday, April 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

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

We are happy to be finished with ISTEP testing in the third grade, and are looking forward to our field trip on Tuesday! Third graders are permitted to be out of uniform for the field trip. Please dress for the weather! It has been quite chilly in the mornings, even on the days that it warms up in the afternoon. All students and adult chaperones going on the trip need to pack a lunch and a drink. Mrs. Hollander is going to meet us at school at 8:30 a.m. and ride the Lollipops bus with us, while Mr. Cady, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerke are meeting us at the fairgrounds by 9:00 a.m. We will return to school by 2:20 p.m. Students always love this field trip and I'm sure this year's class will be no different!

Book report information was sent home last week. Those reports need to be turned in by April 25. We are going to use them to create power points in computer class. Third graders also received information about an Earth Day creation. Those are due on April 27.

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

Fourth graders are taking their time and staying focused on their ISTEP tests so far. We still have four more tests to complete this week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Keep up the good work!

Students are excited to begin our final large writing project of the year- famous Hoosier research report. They are even more excited about the Famous Hoosier Wax Museum that accompanies their report. They will first complete their research and report and then prepare for the wax museum. All students have chosen their famous Hoosier!

Have a great week!

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

Fifth graders will continue ISTEP testing this week. We will test on Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Because of testing we will not have spelling or vocabulary again this week. We will finish our chapter in social studies over the settlement of North America. The test is scheduled for Friday. All students have a study guide in their VIP folders to help them study for this test. Have a great week!

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

Midterms go home on May 3rd. CYO permission slips are due by April 24th. The CYO payment is due by May 8th. Please direct any questions or concerns to Mr. Tush, Mrs. Rice, or Mr. Johnson. Camp is May 14th and 15th.

Lawrenceburg Speedway permission slips are due by May 27th. Students sing the National Anthem at the Lawrenceburg Speedway on Sat., May 5th.

Celebrate St. Mary's is Saturday, April 28th. Hope to see you there!

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

6th Grade - Western Europe is our focus in Geography. We are examining the culture, history, and economy of the U.K., Ireland, France, and Germany. At the end of April, we will transition to Southern Europe and the Mediterranean Sea nations.

7th Grade - Next week we will take our final ISTEP tests. We will have one English test remaining and two Social Studies tests. For Geography we wrapped our chapter discussing China and will now start studying Japan and the Korean Peninsula.

8th Grade - In U.S. History we have been discuss the concept of Manifest Destiny and Westward Expansion that led to America occupying the continent from sea to sea. We will then begin to examine the geographic difference between Northern States and Southern States.

All 3 Grades will turn in Unit 13 vocab worksheets and take a test on Monday, April 23rd.

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

6th grade: The sixth graders presented their stance on whether or not homework should be banned for our argumentative unit. Unfortunately, due to ISTEP testing, I have only seen the sixth graders once this week. We will pick up the debate next week and begin practicing writing claims and counterclaims.

7th grade: The sixth graders are finishing up *Hidden Figures*. Next week they will begin their STEM project. We will also hopefully start the movie next week—make sure permission slips are signed and returned!

8th grade: Eighth grade finished up their argumentative writing projects this week. They will begin presenting and teaching the class on Monday. I look forward to hearing about their topics and debating their claims.

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

CHOIR NEWS: Thanks to all of our ringers and singers for helping inspire at so many Masses during the school year! This past Saturday evening the young musicians were at their best! Our Mass intention on Wednesday, May 9th, will be for all St. Mary's musicians, and our bell choir will ring at that Mass. We are so blessed to have so many young people willing to give their talents to improve our worship. Thanks, too, to the parents for supporting our choirs.

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

Due to I-STEP testing scientific progress was limited. We will review the dissection of the cow heart on Friday and test on Monday in grade eight. Seventh grade will quiz over the "path of blood" on Monday. The I-STEP testing will continue on Tuesday and Wednesday for the eighth grade. The topics are English and Math. Speaking with the students in the eighth grade, they felt the test was "fair" concerning the topics covered.

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:

04/23 – HELP NEEDED, 04/24 – Barb Langdon, 04/25 – Marge Waldon, 04/26 – Barb Maness, 04/27 – Patty Kent, 04/30 – Pat Scharf

Playground Volunteers:

04/23 – 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
23	24	25	26	27
Spaghetti Lasagna Tossed Salad Bread Sticks Green Beans Fruit Milk	Chicken Nuggets Buttered Noodles Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	Hamburger or Pizza Burger French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Ravioli Bread Carrots Peas Fruit Milk	Cheese Stuffed Bread Stick with Pizza Sauce Tossed Salad Carrots Fruit Milk

Calendar of Events:

04/21	Confirmation Mass at St. Louis (Batesville) at 11 a.m.
04/24	First Communion Retreat at 6 p.m. in school cafeteria
04/28	Celebrate St. Mary's at Dearborn County Club – 6 p.m.
05/05	St. Mary's Night at the Races – Lawrenceburg Speedway
05/06	First Communion Mass at St. Mary's at 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

******We are still waiting to hear if we received a waiver for the last day we missed. If we do not receive the waiver, we will have to move the three events listed below, to the alternate date! As soon as we know, we will send out a separate email with this information.**

05/23	Kindergarten End of Year Celebration – 1 p.m.	(alternate date 05/24/2018)
05/24	8th Grade Graduation – 6 p.m.	(alternate date 05/25/2018)
05/25	Last Student Day	(alternate date 05/29/2018)
	- Last student mass for the 2017/2018 school year at 8:30 a.m.	
	- Awards Ceremony at 1 p.m.	

Safe and Sacred

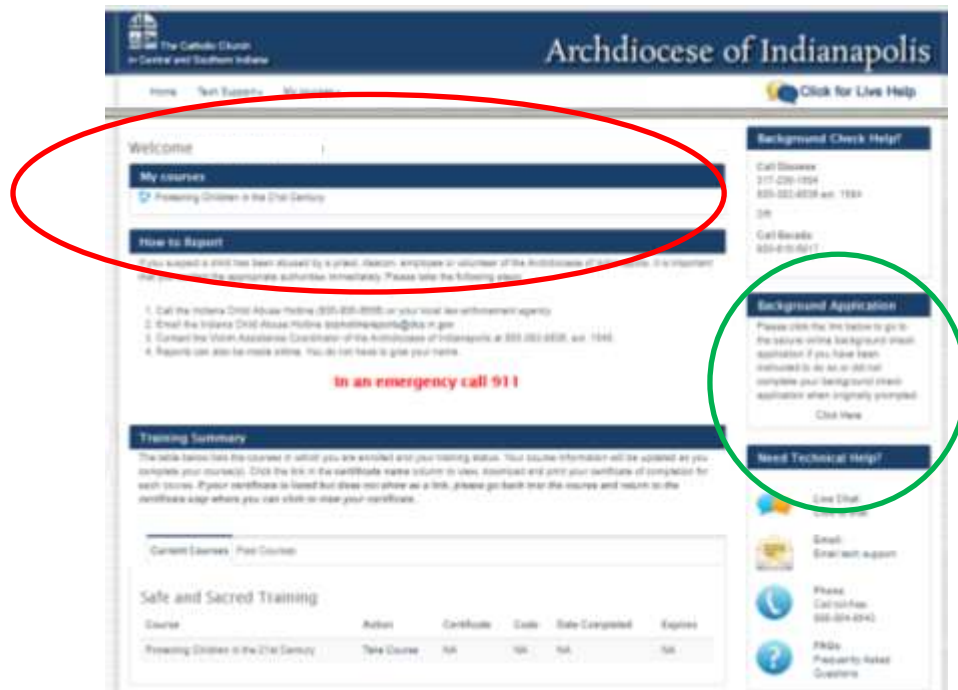
The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is sending out reminders to people that need to take or update training and/or their background check. Your certification will expire every three (3) years. You can either click on the link in the email you receive or you can go to www.safeandsacred-archindy.org. Please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