

The Bulldog Barks

April 27, 2018

School Days!

We received notification this week that our last student day will be Tuesday, May 29th! Please look at the Calendar of Events at the end of the Bulldog for revised dates for the various celebrations.

2018 Confirmation Class

Congratulations to all the newly confirmed and their families. The Confirmation Rite ceremony was indeed a special and spiritual experience. Everyone looked great with smiles everywhere; we wish you all the best as you continue to grow in the faith. We were extremely proud of all Confirmadi, sponsors and parents.

We extend a sincere thank you to our Faith Formation Team, Catechists and parents for their hard work, dedication, patience and commitment to the program. We all enjoyed being part of your student's growth in the 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

We are looking forward to a fun night out and seeing many parishioners, parents and friends on Saturday! If you have not purchased tickets, you may purchase them at the door. If you have a chance, please email Ann Hutchinson at ann.hutchinson@mystmarys.com, so that she can make seating arrangements prior to your arrival.

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

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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In Phonics this week we will begin learning the rule- **vc'/cv**; in words with two vowel sounds, we must separate the vowels into syllables before we code them. (Syllable division rule). We will also review combinations (ar, or, er) and get reader # 15, "Eight is the Best Number".

In math we will review cylinders and spheres and work with cones, (one end a circle, one end a point), count by 2's to 100, identify even and odd numbers to 20, and draw pictures to go with story problems.

Midterm letters will be sent home Thursday, May 3. Please sign and return them to school. The letter lists all the skills that the children need to know for final evaluations. It would be helpful for your child if you would copy the "pop-up" (high-frequency) words to practice at home.

Celebrate St. Mary's is Saturday, April 28, at the Country Club. Hope to see you there.

Have a great week!

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson

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In Phonics we are reading and spelling words containing **trigraph tch** (as in patch), **trigraph dge** (as in bridge) and the two sounds of **digraph ie** (as in pie and shield).

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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We are so excited! Our chicks are hatching. It has been a long 21 days waiting. Thank you to the Wismanns for supplying us with the 24 eggs. The Purdue Extension Office lent us the incubator.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the First Communion Retreat on Tuesday evening. Thank you to Mrs. Powers and Mrs. Vincent for presenting it.

A huge thank you to all who worked so hard on our Celebrate St. Mary's Fundraiser. What a big job!

Grade 3 – Mrs. Rector

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Despite the rain, we had a terrific field trip to Ag Day on Tuesday. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Gerke, and Mrs. Hollander for going with us. The third graders really enjoyed participating in the many activities and seeing the animals up close.

It is hard to believe that we are starting the final month of the school year. Midterms will be sent home next week. Please continue to practice multiplication flash cards at home. Students who have mastered their facts are having a much easier time with math. This will continue to be true in the future!

We are beginning the first chapter in our Physical Science book, so we will learn about states of matter and their properties next week. Everyone did a terrific job on their Earth Day creations! Keep checking the assignment book because there is a lot to learn before the end of the year. Have a fabulous week!

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

Yay! ISTEP is over! Now we can get back to a normal schedule. To finish out the year in reading, students will be reading a novel in a small group. There will be three groups of five students. Students will be reading *Dear Mr. Henshaw*, *Among the Hidden*, or *The Secret School*. We will finish our electricity chapter in science and be ready for a test on Thursday. In math students are practicing some beginning algebra skills. They have been writing equations, finding missing numbers, and solving functions. This week they will graph equations and solve problems with parentheses.

Have a great week!

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

Fifth graders will return to their regular schedule this week with spelling and vocabulary. Our vocab test over Unit 16 will be Friday, as well as the final spelling test. We have also finished our chapter in religion over Baptism and Confirmation. Our test over this chapter is planned for Thursday. We will review together in class on Wednesday. We only have a few weeks of school left, it is important for fifth graders to study for these tests.

Midterms go home on Thursday. Please sign and return these as soon as possible. Students should be halfway to their AR goal as well. Please check their AR log, in their VIP folders, to see how many points they have earned so far. Keep reading 20 minutes each night to help reach this goal. Have a great week!

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

CYO permission slips should be turned in. Payment is due May 8th. Camp is May 14 and 15, only 2 weeks away. 6th graders' book projects are due May 2nd. They are working on their Main Street Aurora Essays. Their unit 14 in the orange vocab book is due May 7th. ISTEP testing is complete for the 6th grade! They had perfect attendance during testing.

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

ISTEP testing is over and we can finally get back to our regular daily schedule.

6th Grade - We are studying Western Europe and the impact that Greece and Rome had on our society.

7th Grade - In class we are working on a project examining the cultural elements of Japan, North Korea, and South Korea.

8th Grade - We have finished our focus on western expansion and will now be discussing the lead up to the Civil War.

On May 7th all three grades will have a Unit 14 vocab test.

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

The sixth, seventh, and eighth graders are all working on Argumentative writing. Book reports are due this upcoming Wednesday, May 2, 2018.

In reading sixth grade finished up *Crossover* and is working on writing their own free-verse poetry. Seventh grade finished up *Hidden Figures* and will be watching the movie this week and next week. Eighth graders presented their research and led class this past week. They did very well. Next week they will be finishing up their essays and moving on to their final project.

****8th Grade Class Trip**** Ms. Ann sent home reminders on 04/03/2018 for parents that have not taken, have expired or pending status on their Safe and Sacred or Background checks. If you have not completed the training and have a "completed" status on your background check, you will *not* be allowed to go on the trip with us. This is a mandate by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. So, please look at the instructions at the end of the Bulldog on how to complete this training and background check! Thank you!

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

The eighth grade I-Step testing ended on Wednesday, (4/25). The testing went well, and the eighth grade enjoyed the experience immensely! Eighth will start dissection of cow eyes on Friday. We took a vote on Wednesday concerning the starting date of the lab and the eyes were the majority! The seventh grade is completing the "path of blood" section with a quiz on Thursday. Seventh grade intellectuals will begin a section on Chemistry beginning Friday.

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:

04/30 – Pat Scharf, 05/01 – Marge Beinkemper, 05/02 Marge Waldon, 05/03 – Barb Maness, 05/04 – Patty Kent, 04/07 – Pat Scharf, 05/08 – Barb Langdon, 05/09 – Marge Waldon, 05/10 – Barb Maness, 05/11 – Patty Kent, **05/14 – HELP NEEDED**, 05/15 – Marge Beinkemper, 05/16 – Marge Waldon, 05/17 – Barb Maness, 05/18 – Patty Kent, 05/21 – Pat Scharf, 05/22 – Barb Langdon, 05/23 – Marge Waldon, 05/24 – Barb Maness, 05/25 – Patty Kent, **05/29 – HELP NEEDED**

Playground Volunteers:

04/30 – Bernadine/Carolyn, 05/01 – Meghan Oatman, 05/02 – Monica Ramsey, 05/03 – Chris Strzok, 05/04 – Chris Strzok, 05/07 - Bernadine/Carolyn, 05/08 – Meghan Oatman, 05/09 – Monica Ramsey, 05/10 – Chris Strzok, 05/11 – Chris Strzok, 05/14 - Bernadine/Carolyn, 05/15 – Meghan Oatman, 05/16 – Monica Ramsey, 05/17 – Chris Strzok, 05/18 – Chris Strzok, 05/21 - Bernadine/Carolyn, 05/22 – Meghan Oatman, 05/23 – Monica Ramsey, 05/24 – Chris Strzok, 05/25 – Chris Strzok, **05/29 – HELP NEEDED**

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 |
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| 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Rotini & Meat Sauce Tossed Salad Green Beans Bread Stick Fruit Milk | Chicken Patty with Bun Buttered Noodles Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk | Pizza (pepperoni or cheese) Veggie Sticks with Dip Tossed Salad Fruit Milk | Cheese Coney Veggie Sticks w/ Dip Fruit Milk | Sliced Turkey Mashed Potatoes Carrots Bread Fruit Milk |

Calendar of Events:

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| 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 |
| 05/24 | 8th Grade Graduation – 6 p.m. |
| 05/25 | Kindergarten End of Year Celebration – 1 p.m. |
| 05/29 | Last Student Day - Student mass at 8:30 a.m. - Awards Ceremony at 1 p.m. |

Next Year!

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| 07/31 | PTO Open House - 5:30 p.m. – Activity Center doors open - 6:00 p.m. – PTO Meeting - 6:30 p.m. – Classrooms open to drop off supplies |
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Safe and Sacred

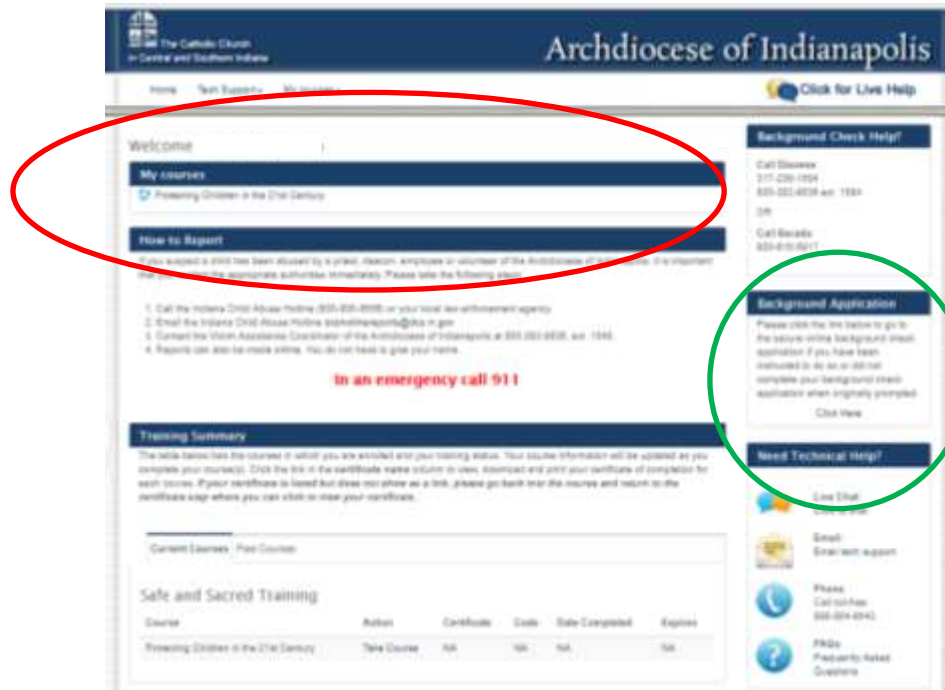
The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is sending out reminders to people that need to take or update training and/or their background check. Your certification will expire every three (3) years. You can either click on the link in the email you receive or you can go to www.safeandsacred-archindy.org. Please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