

The Bulldog Barks September 7, 2018

Mr. Brookbank – Principal

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South Dearborn will have a trial e-Learning day on November 7th and their students will not be in school. However, St. Mary's will be in school on November 7th, but there will be no bus service! If you need to make arrangements to drop off your child(ren) earlier than 7:25 a.m., please call the school office at 812-926-1558. Students will be released at 12:40 p.m. Teachers will have a Professional Development session, beginning at 1 p.m. There will be no After School Care.

Saint of the Month

St. Vincent de Paul

Farmer's Fair Parade

We will have a trailer for people to ride on, in the parade. We plan on using streamers and balloons to decorate, or something simple.

The parade is at 10 a.m. on **Saturday, October 6th**. **Everyone will need to be there by 9 a.m.**

It would be great if we could get a few parents to come a little early and help decorate and organize the students. We have about 40 people that said they will ride in the parade! Parents do not have to ride on the trailer, but it would be nice to have the extra people to help watch students. After the parade is over, any unattended students will be escorted to the parking lot behind the St. Mary's booth. This is the parking lot for U.S. Bank located on 2nd Street (go behind the bank)!

Farmer's Fair Sign Up

Hello All,

Thank You all for such a great response to my last email. There are still many spots on Friday and Saturday open, so please check your schedule and find a day/time that you can work. To make this work, we are going to need many families to work more than one spot, so please keep that in mind.

Here is the signup link:

<http://signup.com/go/siXyXmg>

As always, please call, text or email me with any questions.

Thanks for volunteering,
Michelle Ryan

After School Care

The After School Care Program will be supervised by Ms. McPherson in the 1st grade room from 2:35 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mondays - Thursdays and from 2:35 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. on Fridays! The cost is only \$2.25 per half hour! If you have any question about the After School Care, please call the office or email Ms. McPherson at mcperson.1@mystmarys.com.

School Payments

Don't forget that school lunch, book and technology fees, and tuition may be paid online at www.mystmarys.com.

Book Fair

The final total for the book fair is in! Our share of the profit was \$874.46 in Scholastic Dollars! We used \$397.44 to purchase new books for the school library. The remaining amount is in our Scholastic account for us to use in the future. Mr. Brookbank plans on using it for technology purchases. Thanks again to all of our volunteers and shoppers for helping to make this year's fair a success!

Magazine Sale

We will kick off our magazine sale on Friday, September 14th. The sale will run through Wednesday, September 26, 2018.

You can access the website – bit.ly/stmarysaurora. Items can be shipped directly to St. Mary's or you can enter an alternate address. So this is great for out of town family/friends to order and receive their items at home! We will be sending home more information next week. I have attached a flyer to provide you with additional information.

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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Our new letter in Phonics this week is Pp-(keyword-pig). We will be adding 6 new words to our caterpillar word wall. A list will come home for practice. Please make sure to read the caterpillar words on a regular basis. We will also unblend 2 initial consonant sounds to identify the sounds heard in a beginning consonant blend (i.e.- gl, sl, pl, etc.), do our sound tests, and begin to spell our caterpillar words.

In math we will focus on ordinal numbers- first through fifth. We will also be sequencing events, and do addition and subtraction story problems.

Magazine sales start Friday, September 14th. Good luck, Kindergartners, with your selling. This is a great fundraiser for the school. Information will come home about the magazine sales.

If you have not already done so, please sign and return midterm letters.

Have a super week!

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson

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In Phonics we will be reading and spelling new words that contain the letters **Mm** (as in monkey). We will also be working with the two sounds of the letter **Ee** (as in elephant and equal), and the sound of **digraph ck** (as in duck).

In Math we are practicing writing and reading number sentences, and solving our doubles math facts (1+1, 2+2, 3+3...etc.)

Mid Terms went home on Thursday. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress.

Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove**annmarie.grove@mystmarys.com**

We need playground balls please! They have all disappeared. They must be soft like 4 square balls. We cannot use basketballs and footballs. They hurt too much when a bad aim hits your head!

Mrs. Velda Miller was here again on Thursday to share “study skins.” They are birds that have been found dead on the road, under a window, or by a cat or dog. They have been preserved by Mrs. Miller. She is licensed and has permits to do this. Some of the birds she shared with us are cardinals, blue birds, a blue jay, a sandpiper, an indigo bunting, a gold finch, a hummingbird, and a great horned owl. We also released three more Monarchs on Thursday.

We’ve sent off our first batch of pen pal letters to the student government at South Dearborn High School. We can’t wait to be paired up with a pen pal.

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

It was a quick week! We wrote to our new pen pals with the RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program). We will meet our pen pals at the end of the year when we host a picnic for them. Midterms were sent home on Thursday. Please sign and return if you haven’t already. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

We are beginning a new chapter in science on Monday. On Thursday, we will begin our discussion about the Circle of Grace. A letter will be sent home to explain more about the program. Have a terrific weekend!

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

In science we started our second life science chapter about how adaptations help living things survive. Students usually enjoy life science because it is all about animals! Students have been learning many different facts about Indiana during our social studies time, such as our state bird, flower, quarter, and seal. They will be researching facts about our governor this week along with mapping major rivers and cities in Indiana.

The second journal check of the quarter is Thursday. Students need the required journals completed along with three extra entries of their choice. Remember variety is important! Variety in the type of writing and the topic. I can’t wait to read the next set of journals! Have a great week!

Grade 5 – Mrs. B**deb.birkholtz@mystmarys.com**

As midterms went home yesterday, the quarter is well on its way to being half way over. The students keep telling me that the year is flying by! We wrapped up chapter 1 in social studies with a test on Thursday, and we are nearing the end of chapter 1 in science. Math has moved on to multiplication and review of the math facts has been a focus. We finished our story, “Volcanoes”, and had that test today.

Next week, we are taking a break from the reader and beginning the novel, Number the Stars.

September 18th and the following three Tuesdays, the 5th grade will be participating in the “Think Smart, Stay Safe” program.

Please return signed midterms as soon as possible. Have a wonderful week!

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

The 6th and 7th graders had their first math test last week. Students were given a practice test a few days before the test day to help them study. ??? Some students didn't take advantage of knowing the kinds of problems that were on the test and study them!! We went over the practice tests in class and answered questions. The tests were to be corrected, signed, and returned.

The 6th graders studied our solar system and are now focusing on the moon and its phases. The 8th grade will have their next algebra test on Tuesday over lessons 2.1-2.5, solving equations. Then we move on to word problems. Here is an example of what's to come: If Mr. Brookbank flies from Cincinnati to Phoenix, leaving at 6:00 a.m. traveling at 300 mph and Ms. Ann flies from Cincinnati to Phoenix, leaving at 8:00 a.m. traveling at 450 mph, when will Ms. Ann catch up with Mr. Brookbank? Two copies of the midterm were sent home. Sign one and return it. Keep a copy for yourself.

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

Mid-terms have been sent home, please sign and return them as soon as possible. This was a quick week with the Labor Day Holiday, but we still managed to get a lot accomplished.

8th - We have begun to study the 13 Colonial Settlements.

7th - Human Geography will continue to be our focus. We have been analyze demographics and the patterns of population settlements. We have started discussing Economics and the basics that lead to economic systems. Monday we will study different political systems found in the world. Chapter 3 Test will be either Thursday or Friday.

6th - We have finished the basics of physical geography. We will review at the start of the week, and will be taking a test Wednesday or Thursday.

Grade 8 – Mr. Waldonjim.waldon@mystmarys.com

We continue our work in grammar in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades both in our daily lessons and in our writing. The daily bonus points are a big help in protecting grades, so students are encouraged to try even if they are unsure. Seventh and eighth graders are well beyond the halfway point in their respective novels, and sixth graders are close to their halfway point in *My Side of the Mountain*.

August book reports were generally well written. Students have been reminded that the sample we did together is the form they are to try to use. A book report is not a complete summary of a book, and it is important not to reveal key outcomes or resolutions of the plot. Proofreading, as always, is a major element in the final draft. Hats off to the students who have gotten a good start on their September book reports. They may turn them in for help checking and editing until September 17th.

Seventh and eighth graders have been participating in the archdiocesan program, "Circle of Grace." Be sure to ask your son or daughter about our discussions and activities.

We want to extend a special thanks to Mrs. B for all of her work making reservations for us for our May class trip. She has firmed up several of our activities, our bus, and our hotel accommodations.

Thanks, Mrs. B!

God bless.

7th & 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbankbrookbank.science@mystmarys.com

Chemistry continues to be our theme. Thursday, September 6th, we began a lab concentrating on reinforcing the standard that different atoms cause the different reactions we are witnessing. We are experimenting on solid that appear to be the same, but do not react the same when placed in exact scientific steps. We are working on data collecting skills & putting what we observe into logical data reports. Lab procedures and lab safety are stressed extensively.

Connie Powers – DRE

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Do you ever wonder how you can get more from Scripture?

St. Mary's will host Praying the Scriptures like our Saints on three evenings September 10th, 11th and 12th from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Join us as we learn and practice how to pray the Scriptures in the ways of the greatest Saints, including St. Alphonsus, Liguori, St. Ignatius, St. Augustine and St. Teresa of Avila and more! After Loved by Love Himself Ministry presented this course at a retreat, here's what one student had to say: "This is changing my prayer life. Each day I grow closer in my relationship with Jesus." For questions or to register, call Connie Powers (812) 926-0060 or email connie.powers@mystmarys.com. To ensure materials are available, please registration by September 5, 2018. All are welcome to join us. Come as a family, invite your friends and neighbors!



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Saint of the Month

August – St. Vincent de Paul

The 2nd grade class was assigned the month of September and chose, St. Vincent de Paul. Vincent de Paul CM (24 April 1581 – 27 September 1660) was a French Roman Catholic priest who dedicated himself to serving the poor. He is venerated as a saint in the Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion. He was canonized in 1737. The Feast Day of Saint Vincent de Paul is **September 27th**.

Fall in Love with Aurora – Decorating Contest

St. Mary's will once again participate in this community event. Are you creative or like to decorate? We are looking a few people to come up with creative ideas to help our school stand out! Judging criteria includes: originality/creativity, follows theme of "Fall in Love with Aurora", best use of color, best use of space, sweat equity, best scarecrow. Decorating should be complete by September 23rd. Call the school office for more details!

Cafeteria/Playground

Contact Aimee Hollingsworth at 744-8738, to sign up for cafeteria and playground duty. The schedule is online at www.mystmarys.com, under "Student Life", under "Cafeteria/Playground". If you can fill in one of the open positions, you can call the school office to let us know!

Lunch:

11:25 a.m. – Grades 3 – 5

11:35 a.m. – Grades K – 2

12:00 p.m. – Grades 6 – 8

Recess:

11 – 11:35 a.m. – Grades K – 2

11:55 – 12:20 a.m. – Grades 3 – 5

12:25 – 12:45 p.m. – Grades 6-8

Cafeteria and Playground hours:

Cafe: First lunch is served at 11:25 a.m., so arrive 10 – 15 minutes early. Serve two lunch periods and help clean up kitchen, wash dishes, etc. You should be finished around 12:45 p.m.

Playground: Arrive around 10:50 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:

09/10 – Pat Scharf, 09/11 – Marge Beinkemper, 09/12 – Marge Waldon, 09/13 – Barb Maness, 09/14 – Monica Ramsey, 09/17 – Diane Peters, 09/18 – Marge Beinekmper, 09/19 – Marge Waldon, 09/20 – Barb Maness, 09/21 – Monica Ramsey, 09/24 – Pat Scharf, 09/25 – Sheila Cigolotti, 09/26 – Marge Waldon, 09/27 – Barb Maness, 09/28 – Monica Ramsey

Playground Volunteers:

09/10 – Carolyn/Bernadine, 09/11 – Sheila Cigolotti, 09/12 – Sheila Cigolotti, 09/13 – Chris Strzok, 09/14 – Chris Strzok, 09/17 – Carolyn, Bernadine, 09/18 – Carolyn Robers, 09/19 – Sheila Cigolotti, 09/20 - Chris Strzok, 09/21 – Chris Strzok, 09/24 – Carolyn/Bernadine, 09/25 – Carolyn Robers, 09/26 – Help Needed, 09/27 – Chris Strzok, 09/28 – Chris Strzok

Lunch Menu: \$15.00 per ticket (5 meals)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10 Rotini & Meat Sauce Tossed Salad Green Beans Bread Stick Fruit Milk	11 Southern Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Corn Fruit Milk	12 Pizza (pepperoni or cheese) Veggie Sticks with Dip Fruit Milk	13 Taco (Beef or Chicken) Corn Refried Beans Fruit Milk	14 French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Potato Wedges Carrots Fruit/O.J. Milk



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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South Dearborn High School – Outstanding Student of the Month (Register Publication)

Noah Probst (St. Mary's alum) is the South Dearborn High School student of the Month. Noah is the son of Amber and Brian Probst of Moores Hill, Indiana. Noah has participated in basketball, baseball, tennis, Student Government, National Honor Society, and the STAR Mentor Program. After graduation, he plans to pursue a degree in mechanical or aeronautical engineering at Purdue, IU, or UC.

Rebekah Zigan came in to school on Thursday and said that she had quite a morning already. She was so excited to tell her classmates, that she asked if she could get her journal to write everything down right away. It turns out that the Zigan's were driving along and all of the sudden a herd of escaping lambs were everywhere on the road! Luckily Route 62 was reopened so they were able to make up some driving time and were not late to school!

Student Teacher Organization members:

Eighth grade: Jake Daugherty, Will Hollingsworth, Cyndi Tush
Seventh grade: Thaddeus Eaglin, Bernadette Wisman, Beth Zigan
Sixth grade: Elana Hollingsworth, Lakota Vincent, Chris Woodruff

Calendar of Events:

Thursday, September 6	Midterm Reports go home
September 10 th , 11 th & 12 th	Praying the Scriptures like our Saints - 6:30 – 8 p.m. in school cafeteria
Friday, September 14 th	Magazine Sales Kickoff
Wednesday, September 19 th	Early Release at 12:40 p.m. Professional Development – meet at 1 p.m. in 8 th grade room
Tuesday, October 2 nd	Fire Prevention at 10 a.m. (Grades K – 3)
Thursday, October 4 th	End of 1 st Quarter
Friday, October 5 th	No School – Farmer’s Fair
Saturday, October 6 th	Farmer’s Fair Parade – meet at 9 a.m.
Monday, October 8 th – Friday, October 12 th	No School – Fall Break
Tuesday, October 16 th	1 st Quarter Report Cards go home
Thursday, October 18 th	8 th Grade – Shadow Day at Oldenburg Academy