

The Bulldog Barks September 14, 2018

Mr. Brookbank – Principal

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We will have an early dismissal on Wednesday, September 19th. Students will be released at 12:35 p.m. Teachers will have a Professional Development session, beginning at 1 p.m. There will be no After School Care.

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! Students will be released at 12:35 p.m.

Saint of the Month

St. Vincent de Paul

School Hours

Beginning Monday, September 17th school doors will open at 7 a.m. on a trial basis! Students will remain in the school cafeteria until 7:45 a.m. We hope this helps make our St. Mary's families morning commute less stressful! We will re-evaluate this service at a future date.

Picture Day!

Picture day will be on Thursday, September 27th. Students are allowed to be out of uniform, if they wear something nice. They are not to wear casual clothes (i.e. t-shirt, shorts, etc.). If they do not want to dress up, they are to wear their school uniform. We will be sending home envelopes with pricing, as soon as we receive them from Mr. Mattingly.

Spanish Teacher

Pam Hall, our Spanish Teacher has resigned after 3 years here at St. Mary's. Her last day is Friday, September 14th. We appreciate her devotion to our students and wish her well! Therefore, we are in search of a new Spanish Teacher. If you or someone you know, would be interested, please call Mr. Brookbank at 812-926-1558.

Farmer's Fair Sign Up

We are about 75% full on workers for the food booth at the fair. Most of the spots are on Friday and Saturday. Here are the times of the shifts so you can check your calendar and sign up.

*Friday	12 - 3:30 p.m.	Need 1
*Friday	6 - 8:30 p.m.	Need 1 (New shift to help with dinner rush, only 2.5 hrs)
*Friday	7 - 10:30 p.m.	Need 3
*Saturday	11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Need 3 (New shift to help with after parade rush, only 2 hrs)
*Saturday	12 - 5 p.m.	Need 3

Click this link to volunteer: <http://signup.com/go/siXyXmg>

If you would like to do more to help with the success of the food booth, there are supply costs that can be donated to lower our overall expenses for running the booth. We get most of our food items donated by JTM Food Group, but things like cheese, hot dogs, buns and the apple crisp, we have to buy

all the supplies. Please contact me if you would be interested in donating the money to cover these particular expenses.

As always if you have questions or thoughts, please call, text or email.

Thanks for Volunteering,
Michelle Ryan
859-240-9390

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 early and help decorate and organize the students. Parents do not have to ride on the trailer, but it would be nice to have the extra people to help watch students. We are still looking for volunteers to help in the morning and to decorate!

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)!

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.

Magazine Sale

The magazine sale will run from Friday, September 14th through Wednesday, September 26, 2018. Student were given packets today, to take home with more information.

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!

Moore's Hill Bicentennial Celebration

On September 22nd everyone is invited to Moore's Hill to celebrate the town's 200th from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. A parade will kick off the celebration at 11:00 a.m. Games, musical entertainment, demonstrations, and tours of Carnegie Hall will all be available to help make the day fun and memorable. Our eighth graders will be selling hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks as a fundraiser for their class trip.

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning**amy.denning@mystmarys.com**

We have an Early Dismissal day on Wednesday, September 19th. We will dismiss at 12:35 p.m.

In Phonics this week we will be working on our 2nd vowel- short sound **Aa** (keyword-apple). Please continue reviewing letters/sounds, and blending. We'll be adding 11 short vowel "a" words to the caterpillar, and the children will need to look carefully at the words when blending. They are used to reading 'short o' words. The class will be bringing home their first "mini reader" this week, "*Hot, Hot, Hot*". We will also be learning our first sight and high-frequency words. A note will come home with the readers. We will also be listening for the ending sounds in words. This can be confusing for the children because we have been listening to beginning sounds. Help at home is always appreciated!

In Math we will be sequencing events, sorting, and working with triangles and squares.

Have a great week!

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson**mcperson.1@mystmarys.com**

In Phonics we will be reading and spelling words that contain the sounds of **Digraph th** (as in feather and thimble), **Digraph ng** (as in ring), and **Digraph ee** (as in sheep). We will also learn **suffixes –ing** and **–ed**. Little Reader #5 will be going home this week. Remember to have your child practice their readers at home.

In Math we are continuing to practice our doubles addition facts from 0+0 to 9+9. We will also be using a balance to identifying lighter and heavier object.

The 1st graders drew pictures of their favorite things to do at Aurora's Farmer's Fair. They will be displayed in the Lion's Club building during the fair!

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

Thank you so much to the anonymous parent donor of the four new playground balls! Kindergarten, first, second and third all have a ball now.

We have completed our reading unit called Pet Show Today. Thank you to all the participants in our Pet Show bulletin board. Our new unit is titled Nature Detective. The children have another opportunity to contribute to a bulletin board. This one will be titled Nature Collection. The students may pin to it objects they collect.

We are close to finishing our manuscript review so that we may start learning cursive soon.

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

We are wrapping up our addition review in Chapter 2 in math and will have a test on Tuesday. Our science test about the sun and its energy will be on Thursday. Students should still be reading 20 minutes each night, even if they have already met their AR goal.

It's hard to believe that we are getting ready for two annual fall activities, making posters for the fire safety poster contest and making pumpkin shaped decorations for the Farmer's Fair. The first quarter will be over before you know it! Don't forget we have an early dismissal on Wednesday, September 19th. Have a terrific weekend!

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

Students are really enjoying our novel, *The War With Grandpa*. They are doing a great job working with their group as well. We will finish the novel right before Fall Break. In Indiana History this week, students will be mapping major rivers and cities in Indiana. They will soon have a test labeling some major cities and rivers. Students will also need to know our bordering states.

The fourth grade mass will be Wednesday, September 19th. I hope to see some of you there! Students, keep practicing your parts! Have a great week!

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

Students are busy with the novel, Number the Stars and are learning how unsafe it was to be Jewish in WWII. We are also beginning a new chapter in social studies that continues to focus on the early Native American tribes while focusing on multiplication in math. I'm very impressed with how well the class is working on the math.

In religion, we have been focusing on the Beatitudes and how we can incorporate them into our everyday life. They have given some wonderful examples of how they can use them here at school and everywhere.

Tuesday we will begin the program Think Smart, Stay Safe. Check with your child to see what a great program this is in helping to build our young students in a positive and responsible way.

Have a great week!

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

The magazine sale has begun. Packets with information are being sent home today with students.

The St. Mary's fleece jackets were sent home on Thursday. They are nice looking and warm!

The 6th - 8th graders sold yearbook ads during community service. If anyone is interested in a yearbook ad, Mrs. Rice is glad to send you a form.

The 8th grade had their second test. The scores were impressive. Word problems have begun. 6th and 7th grade math tests will be the week of September 24th. 6th graders are working hard on multiplication facts. 5 minutes a day helps tremendously! Try it!

Answer for word problem from last week: 12:00 PM (noon)

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

I hope everyone is having a great week. I can't believe that is time to start preparing for fall. Less than 3 weeks until fall break.

6th Grade Geography - We just finished Chapter 2 of Geography. We took our first test on Friday. Starting Monday, we will begin a new chapter covering various elements of Human Geography. This will include population distribution, migration, economics, and political systems.

7th Grade Geography - Chapter 3 Test over Human Geography will be Monday September 17th. After that we will begin examining Cultural Geography which we will discuss, religion, history, and various cultural traits found worldwide.

8th Grade U.S. History - We are still on Chapter 3 studying the roots of English Settlements in the New World. By the end of next week we will be preparing for a test.

Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon**jim.waldon@mystmarys.com**

7th and 8th graders are moving quickly through their respective novels and are enjoying the adventures of Johnny Tremain and Tom Sawyer as the plots reach their high points. Sixth graders are enjoying Sam's experiences and wisdom in *My Side of the Mountain* and are over halfway through the book. The students show enthusiasm for their journals and occasionally make suggestions about topics they enjoy, so the writing process can be fun.

For September, Monday, the 17th is the last day students may turn in their book reports for editing help. Some of the students are way ahead of the game and have turned in book reports for October and November.

Thanks to Aimee Hollingsworth for heading up our Moores Hill bicentennial booth on the 22nd. See the article about the bicentennial in this edition of the *Bulldog*.

We will be ordering 8th grade sweatshirts soon and expect to have them right before or right after fall break. Your son or daughter will bring the information home sometime next week.

Ask your sons and daughters about the things we pray for in religion class, and please include those intentions in your own prayers.

God bless.

7th & 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank

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Monday we reviewed the Zinc + HCL --> Hydrogen lab. We captured the gas hydrogen and lit the amount with a match. No casualties were reported. Tuesday we began a new section on Hurricanes due to the activity in the Atlantic Ocean. We will study the mechanics of a hurricane, effects of global warming, financial costs, and how Hurricane Florence will effect us. At the conclusion of the hurricane section we will begin a short unit on tornadoes. I must tell my favorite hurricane joke: What did the hurricane say to the island??? I have my EYE on you! 😊

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.mymarys.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:

09/17 – 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:

09/17 – 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
17	18	19	20	21
3-Way Tossed Salad Green Beans Crackers Fruit Milk	Chicken Nuggets Corn Green Beans Buttered Noodles Fruit Milk	Hamburger or Pizza Burger French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Chicken Rice Bowl Corn Black Beans - Lettuce, salsa and sour cream available Fruit Milk	Sliced Turkey Mashed Potatoes Carrots Bread Fruit Milk



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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Oldenburg Academy - Farmer’s Fair Candidate

Gabe Haverkos (St. Mary’s alum) is Oldenburg Academy’s candidate for King at the Farmer’s Fair King/Queen contest. Introduction of the King and Queen contestants will be on Wednesday, October 3rd on Stage 1 at 7:45 p.m. Crowning of the King and Queen will be at 9:45 p.m. Best of luck, Gabe!

Student Teacher Organization members:

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

Calendar of Events:

Friday, September 14th	Magazine Sales Kickoff
Wednesday, September 19th	Early Release at 12:35 p.m. Professional Development – meet at 1 p.m. in 8th grade room
Saturday, September 22 nd	Moore's Hill Bicentennial Celebration – 8 th grade fundraiser
Thursday, September 27th	Picture Day
Tuesday, October 2nd	Fire Prevention at 10 a.m. (Grades K – 3)
Thursday, October 4th	End of 1st Quarter
Friday, October 5th	No School – Farmer's Fair
Saturday, October 6th	Farmer's Fair Parade – meet at 9 a.m.
Monday, October 8th – Friday, October 12th	No School – Fall Break
Tuesday, October 16th	1st Quarter Report Cards go home
Thursday, October 18th	8th Grade – Shadow Day at Oldenburg Academy