



SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS ACADEMY PARENT NEWSLETTER • JUNE 16, 2016

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Martin of Tours Academy, in partnership with parents, is a Catholic parish elementary school that prepares students to be lifelong learners through a curriculum that has a strong moral, spiritual, and academic foundation. Students understand the need for peace and justice, and as responsible Catholics, are challenged to answer the call to service and become engaged citizens of the world.

Dear Parents,

We had a very nice 50th reunion this past Sunday, celebrating the Class of 1966. The 9am Mass was in their honor and alumni coordinator, Kathy Connors, with her family prepared a brunch for them in the courtyard of the school.

Retired principal, Nancy Ryan gave them a tour of the classrooms and school grounds. The foundation of a Catholic school education was noted several times by the class. They were impressed by the school grounds. Upon entering the 8th grade classroom and seeing a picture of Robert Kennedy, they remembered that this was the classroom they were in when he was shot.

On a sad note, we have a few staff changes to share with you. I have just learned that Michael Mains will be leaving after this school year. Michael has been with us since 2002. He has been an exceptional PE instructor and history teacher. Michael began with us as a day care supervisor from St. Lukes. After earning his degrees, we were pleased to move him into a full time teaching position. Over the years, he has worn many "hats" including Athletic Director, Student Council Coordinator and Sports Council Advisor. Lisa Zickert is returning to her former career in the field of public health and health promotion. She has been a wonderful music teacher, librarian and liturgical director since 2012. Hillary Bilodeau will also be leaving SMA to devote her time to managing several properties. She has been an exceptional art teacher for our students in grades K-4th. Hillary loves teaching art and it showed! She will remain with us as a parent since her daughter will be in the 8th grade next year.

In closing, as I say goodbye to all of you for the summer, I am mindful of and grateful for all the people who have made this a wonderful school year for me and for all of us at St. Martin of Tours Academy. As the year progressed, I tried to thank each of you for all that you do, and I hope I have not slighted anyone. But, I would like to say one final THANK YOU for 2015-2016 to: our teachers and staff (I am blessed to be surrounded by so many talented and dedicated people); our pastor, Fr. Jim Poulsen for his support of our school; Bob Dyar who assists with finances and facilities; Lee Anne Iagmin and the entire School Board; Anna Kennedy (Room Parent Coordinator); all the room parents and those who have assisted in school events and fundraisers, especially to Tracy Giordano for Walkathon and Kathy and Chris Connors for their ongoing dedication to Bingo. I want to give a special thank you to all those who work bingo, to our after school sports coaches, and lastly, to those parents who help at school on a regular basis assisting the office, helping with lunch supervision, morning traffic duty and library. You are awesome and very much appreciated!

Toni Dimuzio

Announcements

Packet Information:

Packets are enclosed for families who ONLY have children in grades K-2. Families with children in grades 3-8 packets / report cards will be ready for pick up tomorrow morning, Friday 6/17. Packets are handed out to parents only. We ask all families to UPDATE their child's information under the parent sign-in section on the school website on the "Master Form". You may also print and sign the contact & release and drivers insurance forms since it populates from the Master Form.

Contents of 2016-2017 school year packet

• Report Cards, Progress Reports (grades 3-8) • Birthday Book Club (optional)

- ✓ • contact and release form
- ✓ • drivers insurance information (update)
- ✓ • internet contract (grades 1-8)
- school supply list
- 2016-2017 yearly calendar
- dress code / uniform information
- traffic procedures
- September calendar
- School Policy Regarding Computer Use

Graduation Mass

All are welcome to celebrate our Class of 2016 at their Graduation Mass tomorrow, 6/17 at 3pm in the church. It is a beautiful cumulation of their last year at SMA. We thank the seventh grade parents who hosted the brunch following the school Mass last Friday. The Class of 2016 received their yearbooks at the event and enjoyed the DVD video of their years here at SMA. We thank Kathy Connors and Amy Nowicki, room parents and the seventh grade parents who contributed to this beautiful and memorable brunch.

End-of-Year Packets

Packets will not be released if there are any outstanding bills. Please review service and day care statements sent home on June 3rd in your parent envelope or mailed.

Save the Date!

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a "Back to School" breakfast the Sunday before school begins (August 28). It is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with families, Academy staff and reconnect with students and parishioners. We hope you will save the date and come to enjoy a wonderful breakfast. It is a great way to start the new school year! A flyer is enclosed with more information. Hope to see you there!

SMA NEWS BITS!

<p>Reminders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ minimum day tomorrow 6/17 last day of school ✓ no afternoon day care ✓ students may wear Walkathon T-shirts with uniform 6/17 ✓ Graduation Mass 6/17 @ 3pm 	<p>Used Uniforms:</p> <p>Parents are welcome to check out the bin of used uniforms for the next school year. The uniforms are free.</p> <p>Medications:</p> <p>Please pick up medications that belong to your child in the school office. New forms are required each school year for the office to dispense medication. Forms are on school website.</p>	<p>Summer Office Hours</p> <p>9am - 3pm - June 20-30 Return completed forms by June 30th, please.</p> <p>Lost and Found</p> <p>Please check the lost and found bin and if you have lost a small item, check in with the office. Recently a rosary in a purple bag was found. All items will be donated if not claimed by June 24th.</p>
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Wood Pallet

There is a large wood pallet next to the dumpster that needs to go. If anyone would like to take it please do. Once broken down, the wood could be used for your summer firepit!

Last Call!



There are a limited number of 2016 yearbooks in the office for \$27. This is a great keepsake! On sale until June 30th.

Used Back Pack Collection

The La Mesa City Employees are collecting used back packs for the homeless. If you will be purchasing a new back pack for next school year, consider donating the old one! Bring the backpack to school or to the La Mesa Police Dept. at 8075 University Ave.

We are looking for 2-3 families to help with set up and take down of bingo tables on July 6 & 7 and July 14. Adrian, (parish maintenance) will be on vacation at this time. Please call the school office if you can help! Thank you!

We pray for healing over the summer:

*Dolores Simanello, grandmother to Claire Connors (gr. 7)
David Doane, Alan Castillo,
Ray Wilson, John O'Malley & Cate Kingston (K).*



ENCLOSURES:

- ~ End of Year Packets & Certificates of Completion (grs. K-2)
- ~ Back to School Breakfast Sunday, August 28th sponsored by the KOC
- ~ classroom newsletters (grs. 3, 4)
- ~ parish bulletin 6/12/16