



Principal's Message

Dear Parents,



SAVE THE DATES!

Friday, September 28, 2018 - 12pm dismissal for students

What: Parent Bullying Session with John Halligan

When: October 18, 2018 from 7-8pm

Where: School Gym

John Halligan's son was bullied online and in person. Mr. Halligan will be here this night to empower parents with strategies to take preventive actions with their own children. Any parent or guardian who attends this meeting will be given a dress down day pass for their child to use on Friday, October 19, 2018.

Change in Calendar: November 1 & 2, 2018 are staff Professional Development days. Therefore, school will be closed for students on these two days.

Thank you!
Mr. Grill
Principal

Please be sure to visit our school website at:
<https://stmartinoftoursphila.independencemissionschools.org/>

Here, you will find copies of our school handbook, weekly newsletters, staff lists with emails, monthly, and yearly calendars as well as many other important documents and information.



Student Dress Down Day

Student Council is hosting their first Dress Down Day on Friday, September 28th. Please send in \$1.00 with your child if you'd like to participate.

MAP Testing Information

MAP testing for students in Grades K-8 begin on October 2nd. To learn more about this testing, please click [HERE](#).

Questions on Sacraments?

If you have questions about your child receiving sacraments through Saint Martin of Tours Parish, please click [HERE](#) or contact Becky Espanol either by calling 215-535-2962 ext. 415 or emailing her at bespanol@smtparish.org



Congratulations Maguire Scholars!



Movie Night - October 26, 2018

Please read the attached flyer at the end of this newsletter that details a fun movie night that is open for all students!



Dismissal Lines

For the safety of our children in grades 1-8, we kindly ask you to please wait on the designated corner for your children to arrive. Parents should not wait in our school yard to take children out of line or ask children to cross the street without a crossing guard. This is a serious safety concern. **Please do not enter the Saint Martin of Tours parking lot at dismissal even on days that it may be raining or cold.**

REPEAT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Attendance Matters:

Students **must be in the school doors by 7:55AM**. Any student not in school by 7:55AM will be marked late. Next steps will be issued to parents to students who are frequently late for school. It is vital that students are in school to receive their instruction during the entire school day. Therefore, **no students will be permitted to be picked up from school after 2:00PM without a doctor's note**. Frequent early pick-ups will be tracked and parents will be notified of next steps if needed. **Students should only be picked up early from school for unavoidable emergencies.**

Healthy Snacks:

Only healthy snacks are permitted in school for students. Due to allergies and high sugar intake, no cupcakes, brownies, cakes, etc. are permitted to be sent into school. **This also includes birthdays. Any unhealthy snacks will be sent back home with students and not distributed.**

Looking Ahead . . .

November

11/1 & 11/2 - No School for Students - Staff Professional Development Days

School Tuition is due the 15th of each month!

Please ensure your payments are on time!

Gratitude is the Virtue of the Month for October!

Quote of the Week:

Intense love does not measure, it just gives.

-Mother Teresa

Student Safety:

The safety of our students and staff is utmost priority. Please ensure that you **bring proper photo identification when entering our school building.** All visitors will be asked for photo ID as well as parents/guardians who are picking up children from school. All visitors and parents will be asked to sign in when entering SMT. Please also remove sunglasses and hats when buzzing in at the main doors before entry. Please also ensure your emergency contact form includes all the latest information. No students will be released to an adult who is not on the emergency contact list. We will need permission from the parent/guardian for any child leaving who is not being picked up by a named emergency contact.



**A Look at the Days Ahead
October**

MAP Testing will occur in classrooms during this month.

- 10/5 - 8:30 Mass with Student Council Installation
- 10/7 - Parent Meeting for Communion at 7pm
- 10/12 - Living Rosary 1:30pm
- 10/15 - Safe Environment Lessons in classrooms this week
- 10/17 - CHUBB Day of Service at SMT
- 10/18- Parent Bullying Assembly 7-8pm
- 10/19 - Student Bullying Assembly; Progress Reports available online
- 10/25 - Pretzel Monday due for November \$9.00
- 10/26 - Movie Night in Gym - 6pm
- 10/29 - Fall Book Fair begins
- 10/31 - PreK and K Halloween Parade; Dress Down Day