



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians -

A new school year brings new enthusiasm and we saw that this week as we greeted your children on the first few days of school. We are excited for the school year ahead and look forward to the partnership we will have as the school year gets underway. *We look forward to seeing you all for Back to School Night on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 from 6-8pm for students in grades 1-8.*



God Bless,
Mr. Matthew Grill
Principal

Welcome to our New New First Grade Teachers!

Ms. Michele Holland:

Michele Holland has a bachelor's degree in Psychology with a minor in mathematics and a Master's in Elementary Education. She is a mother of four who currently attend Catholic School. Attending Catholic school throughout her educational years made her want to give back. She has taught fifth grade for two years and second grade for five years at Our Mother of Sorrows School. She worked at Wordsworth Academy as a Resource Specialist working with students that faced various challenges. She worked as a Behavior Health Technician on a Women's Long- Term Trauma Unit for the past four and a half years at the Kirkbride Center. She loves learning and being able to help others. She is very excited about teaching first grade!



Miss Julia Abbattista

Julia Abbattista is from Westfield, New Jersey and graduated from Saint Joseph's University this spring with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary and Special Education. She is currently participating in the Alliance for Catholic Education at SJU where she is working toward earning her Master's degree as a Reading Specialist. In her free time, she likes to go on runs and cook. She's excited to start teaching at Saint Martin of Tours and cannot wait to meet her first-graders!

Mr. Corey Millman

Corey is from Bucks County, PA and received his Master of Elementary Education degree from Cabrini University. This will be his 5th year as a teacher and first year here at St. Martin of Tours! He has taught in Brooklyn, NY and Camden, NJ, but is most excited to be even closer to home right here in Philadelphia teaching your children!

Reminder about Snacks/Lunch

Children must bring their own snack to school. Pretzels will not begin until October. We will not call home if a child forgets a lunch. If they do not bring a lunch, they will eat in the cafeteria.

Bullying Assembly- SAVE THE DATE!

On Thursday, October 18th, at 7pm, we are going to have a very special speaker out to discuss bullying with parents. Please save this date on your calendar as it is going to be a

Please be sure to visit our school website at:
<https://smartinoftoursphila.independencemission schools.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.



Please click [HERE](#) to access the Student Handbook.
Please click [HERE](#) to access school calendars.
Please click [HERE](#) for information on CARES.

Student Handbooks

Student Handbooks will be sent home on Monday with the youngest or only child in a family. Please sign and return the acknowledgment form. This can also be found on our website by clicking [HERE](#).

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. This is a serious safety concern. Please do not enter the Saint Martin of Tours parking lot at dismissal.

worthwhile presentation and we are urging you to send at least one parent to hear this speaker.

Elwyn Letter

Please click [here](#) to access a letter from Elwyn regarding services for next year.

Swim Team Sign-ups

Does your child like to swim? Would you like them to be part of a team? If so, we're looking for you!!! A Parent Meeting and sign-ups will be held Tuesday, September 18 th at 7:30pm in the school hall at Resurrection Regional. All St. Martin of Tours Parish school children, prep students and private, public and charter students who are active members of their Parishes in Grades K through 9 who can swim one length of a 25 yd. pool unassisted are eligible to participate. All questions will be answered during the meeting. Should you have any that cannot wait until the meeting, please email Kim @ kimyellin268@gmail.com.

Pretzels

Grades PK-8 If you would like your child/ren to receive a pretzel, simply put the money in an envelope with your child's name and grade on the envelope labeled pretzels, return it to their homeroom teacher on time, and they will receive a pretzel. **Pretzel Money for October is due on September 26 and is \$11.50.**



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.



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**School Tuition is due the 15th of each month!
Please ensure your payments are on time!**

Quote of the Week:

Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.
-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 Glimpse at the Days Ahead



September

9/7- PK & Kindergarten Begin 8:15- 12pm; FULL DAY
1st-8th Gr. Music Demo Gr. 2-8 @ 9 & 10AM
9/10 -PreK and K FULL Days Begin; Breakfast and Hot Lunch Begin; CARES begins PK-8
9/14 - Back to School Mass @ 8:30AM
9/15 - Villanova Day of Service at SMT; Tuition due
9/19 - Back to School Night 1st-8th Grade 6:-8PM
9/25 - School Pictures
9/26 - Pretzel Money for October due \$11.50 (send in an envelope with child's name & room #)
9/28 - Faculty/Staff PD 12pm Dismissal

Hospitality is the Virtue of the Month for September!