



**St. Martin of Tours**  
**CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
 An Independence Mission School

**Saint Martin of Tours Catholic School**  
**Family Newsletter**  
**August 29, 2019**

**Principal's Message**

Dear friends,

Welcome back for another school year at St. Martin of Tours! The staff has been hard at work this summer getting the building ready for our students to return, and we are excited to welcome them back.



Parent newsletters will be emailed on Thursdays and will contain relevant and important information. Please set some time aside to read them when you receive them.

Thank you for the privilege of educating your child. I wish the best for you and your families this year.

God Bless,

Ms. Nobles  
 Principal

**Important Dates:  
 Opening Week of  
 School**



- 9/3--New Student Orientation, 8 AM-12 PM, no bus transportation provided**
- 9/3 and 9/4--PreK and Kindergarten conferences**
- 9/4--First Day of School for all students Grades 1-8; 8 AM-12 PM; breakfast begins; busing begins**
- 9/5--PreK and K begin school, 8:15-12 PM; Grades 1-8 full day of school; hot lunch begins; specials begin**
- 9/6--PreK and K 8 AM-12 PM; Grades 1-8 full day of school with Friday early release**

**School Hours**

- Breakfast--7:30-7:50 AM*
- School begins--8:00 AM*
- PreK&K dismissal from convent yard--2:45 PM*
- Grades 1-8 Dismissal--2:50 PM*
- Friday Dismissal--1:00 PM*

**Remember Friday Early Release!**

*Students are dismissed at 1 PM on Fridays beginning September 6 (PreK and K students will be dismissed at 12 PM on September 6). Teachers will use the time from 1-3 PM for valuable professional development.*

**Welcome Our Assistant Principal!**

For the last twenty-two years, Patricia Mychack has served as an educator and advocate for youth, whether as a teacher, basketball coach, literacy coach, or school administrator. Patricia was born and raised in Philadelphia. She attended Nativity B.V.M grade school and graduated from John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary and Special Education from Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania. After graduating from Slippery Rock University she began her teaching career at Mother of Divine Grace School in Port Richmond. She then transitioned to Northwood Academy Charter School where she served as a teacher, K-2 Instructional Coordinator, Assistant Principal, and then Principal. Ms. Mychack earned her Master's Degree in Educational Administration from Gwynedd Mercy University. Most recently, Ms. Mychack worked as a teacher coach with Children's Literacy Initiative where she served in the School District of Philadelphia supporting teachers with instruction, data analysis, and teacher evaluation. Ms. Mychack is very excited to start her new journey as Assistant Principal at St. Martin





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of Tours. She is eager to get to know and work with the entire St. Martin of Tours family.

### Welcome New Staff!

*Miss Shayna Fehrle, Kindergarten Long Term Sub*

*Miss Olivia Ramsey, Kindergarten*

*Ms. Samantha Abel, First Grade*

*Ms. Kaley Harrison, First Grade*

*Mr. Dan MacFarland, Fourth Grade*

*Miss Sarah Madden, Fifth Grade*

*Mr. Brian Boroksy, Sixth Grade*

*Mr. Vince Paravecchia, Seventh and Eighth Grades*

*Mrs. Michele Jenkins, K-3 Learning Support*

*Mr. Dennis Cain, 4-5 Learning Support*

*Miss Christine Drozd, 6th Grade Learning Support*

### Protecting Student Safety

*The following policies will be strictly observed in order to ensure the safety of all students:*

-Please have **ID ready** when picking up a student.

Students will only be released to adults on the approved pick up list.

-**No early dismissals** are permitted after **2 PM**.

-**All line changes** must be called in by **12 PM**.

-Please send only healthy snacks in with your child, including to celebrate birthdays.

### Arrival and Dismissal

*For morning carline:* cars enter the parking lot through the lane closest to the school building. Teachers and students help children out of the car and find their destination. **Parents, please do NOT exit your cars. It is important that we keep the car line moving.** Cars exit the parking lot via the middle lane and turn right onto Loretto Avenue. Please do not go left because it backs up traffic in the parking lot as well as on Loretto Avenue. Please help us to keep everyone safe, especially the children. A more detailed document showing this can be found [HERE](#).

**Dismissal:** No cars can enter the parking lot at dismissal. Students are escorted to nearby corners at Sanger, Cheltenham, and the Boulevard. Parents should meet their children there. PreK and K dismissal will be done from the convent yard.

**Thank you for your patience with busing during these first weeks of school.** Questions and concerns should be directed to the Main Office.

### Important September Dates

9/9--Morning and Afternoon [CARES](#) Begins

9/9--PreK and K Full Days begin

9/11--Music Demonstrations for Grades 2-8

9/13--Back to School Mass 8:30 AM; all are welcome!

9/15--Tuition due

9/19--Back to School Night Grades 1-8 6 PM-8 PM

9/21--Villanova Day of Service

9/24--October pretzel money due (\$11, send in envelope with child's name and homeroom)

9/26--School Pictures

9/30--Fall MAP Testing begins

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