



St. Martin of Tours CATHOLIC SCHOOL

An Independence Mission School

Saint Martin of Tours Catholic School Family Newsletter September 12, 2019

Principal's Message

Dear friends,

We are grateful to have the counseling services of Miss Zoe Page (Miss Zoe) from Catapult and Mrs. Devine Williams (Mrs. Dee) from Elwyn with us this year. Miss Zoe and Mrs. Dee will visit students in classrooms to talk about treating each other with kindness, making good choices, and trying your best. Miss Zoe and Mrs. Dee will also be available to support students in small groups and individually.

We ask that parents remember not to park along the parking lot at the end of the day so it is free for busses to park. We also ask that parents not pull into the lot at the end of the day to ensure student safety during dismissal.

God Bless,
Ms. Nobles
Principal

Music Demonstration Assembly!

*Grades 2-8--Information about lessons went home
this week!*



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

Remember **Friday** Early Release!

*Students are dismissed at **1 PM** on **Friday, September 13.***

Back to School Night Grades 1-8

September 19 from 6-8 PM

Attendance Matters!

We miss your child when he/she isn't here!

Our new student management system will send an alert to families on days your child is late or absent without notice being given to the school. Please remember to call the office if your child is sick and to send in a note for any planned absence or following an unplanned absence.

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.



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Opt Out--Elwyn Services

Along with other IMS schools, St. Martin of Tours offers Elwyn services related to speech and counseling. Some services are provided within the classroom, and other services are provided in small group settings. Parents who do not want their children to participate in small group or class-wide services can complete [this form](#) to opt out of Act 89 services.

Arrival and Dismissal

For morning carline: cars enter the parking lot through the lane closest to the school building ONLY. Please do not use the entrance closest to the church or park on the curb and have your child walk in. 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 children will dismiss from the convent yard. **UPDATE: Kindergarten children will dismiss from the gym.**

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

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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Important September Dates

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

9/15--Tuition due