



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

**Saint Martin of Tours Catholic School**  
**Family Newsletter**  
**September 5, 2019**

**Principal's Message**

Dear friends,

It was wonderful to welcome the students of St. Martin of Tours back to school! The excitement of the students and teachers was clear to anyone who walked around the building this week. We look forward to a great year ahead! As always, thank you for trusting us with the education of your child.

God Bless,  
 Ms. Nobles  
 Principal

**First Week Photos!**



**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. Teachers will use the time from 1-3 PM for valuable professional development.*

**Welcome New Staff!**  
*Mr. Eric Mulholland, PE and Health Teacher*  
*Catapult Reading Specialist Nancy Hecker*  
*Catapult Reading Specialist Anita Dixon*  
*Catapult ESL Barbara Rafferty*  
*Elwyn Speech Therapist Madeline Schouten*  
*Elwyn Occupational Therapist Molly Hurley*

**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.

### Resurrection Swim Team

St. Martin of Tours students grades K-8 who can swim one length of a 25 yard pool unassisted are welcome to participate in the Resurrection Swim Team. Please read [this form](#) for information and further details.

### 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 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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