



# St. Martin of Tours CATHOLIC SCHOOL

An Independence Mission School

## Saint Martin of Tours Catholic School Family Newsletter

March 5, 2020

### Principal's Message

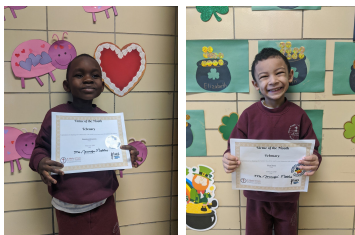
Dear friends,

This Lent, we are fortunate that our students in grades 2-8 have an opportunity to practice prayer with Father Murphy as they celebrate Stations of the Cross each week. We also ask for your help with almsgiving as the students bring in warm clothing to donate to Mother Mercy House. Please see the included flyer for more information.

Please remember the rules for dropoff in the morning. Parents should enter only from the entrance closest to the building. They then need to go through carline and exit through the exit closest to the church. **Parents should not enter through the exit closest to the church. This is a safety hazard.** Also, this is a reminder that students are considered late anytime they arrive after 8 AM.

God Bless,  
Ms. Nobles  
Principal

### February Virtue of the Month--Love



Congratulations to our student winners!

*Dominion M., Elliott M., Hillaire B., Wilson G., Ian T., Ariely S., Luana D., Gianna A., Jayla C., Stephany C., Annaya S., Chloe A., Khoa P., Joshua S., Kiara H., Daniella A., Lola W., Arely S., Valeri M., Aurora A., Julia H.*

### Keeping Students Healthy: Cold, Flu, and Coronavirus

St. Martin of Tours School is following all protocols involved with keeping students healthy by having students practice routine handwashing, sending students who become sick home, and regularly disinfecting surfaces students and staff touch.

The School District of Philadelphia recommends that families observe the following practices to keep their children healthy:

- Wash hands regularly with soap and water.
- Cover nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing and sneezing and wash hands afterwards.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.
- Avoid putting fingers in nose, mouth, and ears.
- If you are sick, stay home until your fever is gone for 24 hours.**

As per the recommendation of the Surgeon General, face masks cannot prevent anyone from preventing Coronavirus. **Students sent to school in face masks will be asked to remove them.**

**Please know that if your child vomits at school or develops a fever over 100.4, you will receive a call to pick your child up from school.**

**St. Martin of Tours School would appreciate any donations of hand sanitizer, tissues, paper towels, and disinfecting wipes.**

### Parent/Teacher Conferences March 19

If you would like to have a conference with your child's teacher on March 19, please send back your form by tomorrow. Report cards will be sent home on Friday, March 20 for any students whose parents did not pick up their report card at conferences on Thursday.



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**Reminder--  
Tuition is due on the 15th of  
each month!**

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**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.

**School Hours**

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

**Important Dates**

3/6--Sea Perch field trip; First Friday Mass 8:30 AM (all are welcome)  
3/10--First Reconciliation  
3/11--Stations of the Cross; Seventh Grade Visitation Day  
3/12--Mann Center Performance  
3/13--Second Trimester ends  
3/16--Third Trimester begins  
3/17--Musicopia Assembly  
3/18--Stations of the Cross  
3/19--Noon dismissal for students; Parent/Teacher conferences 1:00-3:30 (by appointment only)  
3/20--Report cards distributed; Terra Nova In-View Testing  
3/23-3/27--Terra Nova Testing  
3/25--Stations of the Cross; April pretzel money due (\$9.50, please send in envelope with student's name and homeroom)  
3/26--Confirmation

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