



## Principal's Message

Dear families,

Christmas is always a special time, and I hope that during this Advent season, you and your loved ones have been able to enjoy this season. At St. Martin of Tours, our students spent Advent preparing their hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day. Through their preparations and celebrations, they gave witness to the fruits of love, joy, and peace as they learned the true meaning of the season--the one gift they will always have.

We also take this time each year to reflect on the past year and think about the year ahead. As we prepare to welcome a New Year, I am filled with hope and excitement for both our school and the greater community.

On behalf of the entire faculty and staff, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

God Bless,  
Ms. Nobles  
Principal

### Virtual School Hours

*Beginning of instruction --8:00 AM*  
*End of instruction--2:45 PM (M-Th), 10:30-11:00 (F)*  
*Teacher Office Hours--11:00-12:00 Fridays*

### Meal Distribution

Student meals are provided each week on Thursday (12-3) and Friday (7-12). Families can come on either day to pick up meals for their student for the week.

**Due to the predicted winter weather, meals will be distributed this week on Friday, December 18 from 7 AM-12 PM only.**

**Due to the Christmas holiday, meals will be**

**distributed next week on Tuesday, December 22 from 7 AM-12 PM.**

## Distance Learning Support

**If you are in need of a device for your child, please contact your child's teacher.**

Independence Mission Schools has created a [Family Portal](#) where families can find answers to questions they might have, including [technology support](#)!

On the SMT [website](#) you can find all [communications](#) sent about distance learning, and [technology tips](#) for parents!

## Important Dates:

12/23--Noon dismissal  
12/24-1/1--Christmas break  
1/4--Classes resume  
1/18--Martin Luther King, Jr. Day--No classes  
1/28--Noon dismissal  
1/29--IMS Professional Development, No classes

## Administration Office Hours over Zoom

Click the link during the day/times listed below to stop in with questions or concerns! No appointment needed.

[Ms. Nobles](#)--Tuesdays 2-3 PM  
[Ms. Mychack](#)--Fridays 11 AM-12 PM  
[Miss McCoog](#)--Fridays 9 AM-10 AM

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