

January 11, 2018

Jesus has the power of God. His power has given us everything we need to live and to serve God. We have these things because we know him. Jesus called us by his glory and goodness. 2 Peter 1:3 (ICB)

Important Dates

January

- * **10-12**—Middle School CRT's – **Noon dismissal** for middle school (optional)
- * **15**—**School closed** - MLK Jr. Day
- * **18** K – 3rd grade to Children's Theater in Annapolis 9:30
- * **19**—2nd & 3rd grade parent lunch (join your child at lunch time 11:30am)
- * **23**—School Board meeting 6:30 pm
- * **26**—Open House 9 am
- * **31**—Middle School information night – 7pm

February

- * **2**—Italian Night at St. Martin's 6-8 pm
- * **5**—PTO meeting 7pm
- * **7**—Kindergarten Information Night 7pm
- * **10**—Open House 9am
- * **16 & 19**—School Closed



Attachments

February Lunch menu
Bulldog Bash Sponsorship
Bash Request Letter
Bash Donation Form
Chocolate Club

Please Send Back Required Forms with your child to their Home Room Teacher

PTO

Bulldog Bash: St. Martin's PTO is excited to celebrate the 10th Annual Bulldog Bash coming this March. The Bulldog Bash is an evening of celebration and fundraising to benefit student education here at St. Martin's. Our parents, staff and community supporters enjoy great food, lively music and a wonderful auction of student's artwork. This event raises over \$20,000 each year which allows the PTO to provide great support to our successful education programs.

As we make preparations for another wonderful event, we ask for assistance from all. Please consider asking your employer to support your child's education with a charitable donation to our auction. An alternative and easy way a business can contribute is by advertising in our auction program or by becoming an event sponsor. Many companies have designated funds for marketing and charitable giving and will be happy to help if only asked. See the attachments for more info and look for more Bash details coming soon!

Event

The St. Martin's School Board invites you to our annual Italian Night to be held in the Fellowship hall on **Friday, February 2nd**. We will begin serving at 6pm and will seat people until 8pm. Proceeds from the event will go toward new chromebooks for our computer lab. The dinner will be served by students from the Middle School. Tickets are available through drop-off or kidmail at \$15 for adults and \$8 for kids. Mark an envelope with 'Italian Night' and your name. Tickets will be returned via kidmail. Wine will be available from guest bartenders at the event for an additional charge. Tickets available until sold out – limited space available!





Sports

Basketball Practice Schedule

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Mon & Wed Girls/Tues & Thurs Boys

Basketball Game Schedule

- **Jan 16th:** St. Martin's vs St. Mary's 4pm Boys, 5pm Girls Away
- **Jan 18th:** St. Martin's vs St. Paul's 4pm Girls, 5pm Boys Away

School News

Inclement Weather Policy: St. Martin's School follows the decision of the Head of School, Mr. Moorhead, regarding closing, delayed opening, or an early dismissal.

If School opens late, Extended Day will open respectively late for those students signed up to attend before school. If school is closed, Extended Day will also be closed.

In the event of early dismissal, all after-school programs, including extended Day, will be cancelled. Please be sure to have a back-up plan arranged with a relative or neighbor to pick up your child upon early closing, in case you are unable to get to school promptly. It is important that all children are picked up so that the staff can also get home.

Families will be notified via school messenger, Facebook and the website.

The winter weather is here so please be sure to send your children with appropriate clothing for outside recess, this includes a jacket, hat and gloves.

Chick fil-A: Starting in February we will be offering Chick-fil-a on Friday's! Lunch prices stay the same and the two options will be an 8 count nugget or an original chicken sandwich-no variations available. Their lunch will still include a drink, chips and a cookie. As an option you will be able to purchase 2 items (please if ordering a 2nd item keep the same as 1st item) but at an additional cost of \$3, which is our cost.

St. Martin's Chocolate Club

Join us for two fun filled amazing days of chocolate tasting, intriguing history, educational games, and hands-on chocolate making! Meeting Wednesday, **February 7th** and Thursday **February 8th** in the Fellowship Hall from 3:00-4:45. Space is limited to 18 students with a 10 student minimum. Price is \$40 per student plus a \$6.00 supply fee (for quality chocolate tasting and making supplies). Grades 1st through 8th welcome! Please make check out (or send cash) to Stephanie Fraser and turn into the office by Wednesday, January 31. See attached flyer for more information.

PTO

Box Tops for Education

Hey, Parents! It would be "Snow Wonderful" if you would continue to clip Box Tops for Education from your favorite grocery and consumer product items. All the Box Tops clips that St. Martin's receives throughout the school year bring additional revenue to the PTO and the school. Each clip is worth 10 cents and just 10 clips are needed to raise one dollar. Clips on large or jumbo size grocery items can be worth 50 to 70 cents! If you are throwing away packaging without saving the clips, you are throwing away money that could be supporting the PTO and St. Martin's. Ask your neighbors, the grandparents or other family members to save their clips. Tell your friends on Facebook and Instagram that you are collecting clips, too! The more clips we receive, the better! Use the BTFE PDF attached to this newsletter to save your clips OR put them in a Zip Lock bag. Students can submit BTFE clips to their teacher, the school office or put them in the collection container by the gym. Thanks for helping and KEEP ON CLIPPING!

Admission Office

OPEN HOUSE : Please invite your friends to our next open house on Friday, **January 26th @ 9am.** Private tours are also available.

Middle Information School Night is coming up on **January 31st** at 7pm. Attention fifth grade parents: this is a great opportunity to see all the wonderful programs that our Middle School provides.

High School Admission

Wishing you all the best with the High School admission process! Please let me know if you need any further assistance along the way and please keep me apprised about your acceptances and where you plan to attend! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Kelly Peenstra via email kpeenstra@stmartinsonline.org.

Refer-A-Friend:

St. Martin's continues to encourage our **REFER-A-FRIEND** Program for our current families, offering a \$1,000.00 tuition credit for a referral of a new student who has been accepted and enrolls.



Field Trips

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