

December 14, 2017

God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. –

Matthew 5:3 (NLT)

Important Dates

December

- * **20**—Christmas Program – *Noon Dismissal*
- * **21 – Jan 1**—*School Closed* – Christmas Break



January

- * **1**—*School Closed* – New Year's
- * **9**—Pre-K4-5th: 45-minute show "We Got It!"
1:30pm
- * **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

PTO

Thank you to everyone who ordered Gift Cards! If you haven't done so already please stop by the front office to pick up your order.

Box Tops for Education

Thank you to everyone who has been clipping and submitting Box Tops for Education (BTFE)! Attached to today's newsletter is a Box Tops collection sheet to help make the Christmas season more "BRIGHT" by collecting clips from your favorite holiday items. Also attached, a BTFE participating product list with instructions for downloading the BTFE app.

Please submit Box Tops on a collection sheet OR in a Ziploc bag. Students may turn in Box Tops to their teacher OR they can be put into the Box Tops collection bin by the school gym. Thanks for supporting Box Tops!

Questions? Contact Paula Staudt at paulastaudt@verizon.net or 443-716-8179.



Attachments

January Lunch menu
Books for Bill Navy tixs reading program

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



Sports

Basketball Practice Schedule

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Mon & Wed Girls/Tues & Thurs Boys

Basketball Game Schedule

- **Dec 15th:** St. Martin's vs St. Martin's in the Field 4pm Boys, 5pm Girls
- **Dec 19th:** **GAME CANCELLED**
- **Jan 4th:** St. Martin's vs Indian Creek 4pm Boys, 5pm Girls
- **Jan 9th:** St. Martin's vs Rockbridge 4pm Girls, 5pm Boys

School News

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.

Christmas Program: The Christmas Assembly is upon us, **December 20, 2017, at 10:30 am!** You children have been working diligently to make this program a success. For the performance, preschoolers may wear what they would normally wear to school. For Kindergarten through 8th grade, students should wear a white shirt and dark bottoms. Any questions, please contact Sarah Bright sbright@stmartinsonline.org.

Save the Date: Pre-k 4- 5th: Tuesday, **January 9th** at 1:30pm for a 45-minute show "We Got It!"

"We Got It!" is a theatrical adventure for k-5th graders in self-worth, empathy and those things that add up to all-around understanding. Enjoy interactive tales filled with laughter and heart that are the equivalent of hiding veggies in your macaroni and cheese: positive lessons disguised as fun!

Building Better People Productions is a professional theater company that performs shows for kids and families all rooted in themes of kindness and understanding. Find more about us at <http://bbpproductions.com>.

Admission Office

IMPORTANT HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR 8th GRADERS

Please do not wait until the last minute to fill out your applications to high school! Most private school applications are due in December and January.

Please submit the following to the Admissions Office as soon as possible -- student transcript request and teacher recommendation forms (if specific subject teacher is not required by the school please indicate which teacher you would like to complete them). Please let our admissions office know if you receive notification of receipt for electronically submitted recommendations. Please also complete a one page sheet listing your community service hours, activities and awards from 6th-8th grades.

Wishing you all the best in this process! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Kelly Peenstra via email kpeenstra@stmartinsonline.org or by phone at 410-263-8016.

OPEN HOUSE

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

Annual Giving

If you would like your annual giving donation to be included in your 2017 taxes, donation will need to be turned in by 12/30/17. Donations can be made online by following the link: <http://stmartinsonline.org/online-giving/>. If you prefer a donation by check – please make the check out to St. Martin's Lutheran School and write Annual Giving in the memo. Thank you!



Field Trips

- **January 18th:** K – 3rd grade to Children's Theater in Annapolis 9:30