

**December 7, 2017**

The Lord will always lead you. He will satisfy your needs in dry lands. He will give strength to your bones. You will be like a garden that has much water. You will be like a spring that never runs dry. – Isaiah 58:11 (ICB)

## Important Dates

### December

- \* **8**—Middle School Holiday Dance 7- 9:30pm
- \* **14**— PTO Holiday Shop
- \* **20**—Christmas Program – *Noon Dismissal*
- \* **21 – Jan 1**—*School Closed* – Christmas Break

**Merry  
Christmas**

### January

- \* **1**—*School Closed* – New Year's
- \* **9**—Pre-K4-5<sup>th</sup>: 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to Children's Theater in Annapolis 9:30
- \* **19**—2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

## Kid Mail

Holiday shop letter and envelope

## Attachments

Box Top Collection Sheet DEC  
Box Top product list  
January Lunch menu  
Books for Bill Navy tixs reading program

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

## PTO

### Holiday Gift Shop

Parents- The PTO Holiday Shop will be one day only, Thursday December 14th! Please send cash or check with your child on that day. More information is coming home today. If you would still like to volunteer on that day, please contact Mary Flynn at [redaries@verizon.net](mailto:redaries@verizon.net).



### 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](mailto:paulastaudt@verizon.net) or 443-716-8179.





## Sports

### Basketball Practice Schedule

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Mon & Wed Girls/Tues & Thurs Boys

### Basketball Game Schedule

- **Dec 7th:** St. Martin's vs Calverton - 4pm Girls, 5pm Boys
- **Dec 12th:** St. Martin's vs Holy Trinity – 4:15pm Boys, 5:15pm Girls
- **Dec 15th:** St. Martin's vs St. Martin's in the Field 4pm Boys, 5pm Girls

## School News

**Middle School Dance:** The dance is Friday, **December 8th from 7-9:30 pm** in the gym. It will be decorated with a Winter Wonderland theme. Snacks and drinks will be provided and there will also be a DJ. Tickets will be purchased at the door before students go in to the dance. Tickets are \$10 for both students and guests (students may bring guests). Students should dress appropriately. Boys should wear slacks and a button down shirt. Girls should wear a dress or skirt with a nice top. Enter via the courtyard door by the gym

**Square One Orders:** Coming home today!

**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 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@stmartinonline.org](mailto:sbright@stmartinonline.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@stmartinonline.org](mailto:kpeenstra@stmartinonline.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://stmartinonline.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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to Children's Theater in Annapolis 9:30