

SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Holy Spirit Shine on Me

Notes from Mrs. Marshall

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The Christmas Choral and Band Concert was the perfect way to begin the final week of Advent. Special thanks to the 5th and 7th grade students who made the Christmas Trees and Snowflakes for the Hall and Mrs. Duncan, Ms. Stephans, & Mrs. Schiepeter who helped decorate after school. Thank you to the teachers for their support of the Music and Band program practice schedules and for supervising the students during the concert.

It was exciting to see four schools, St. Ambrose, St. Simon, St. Roch, and St. Martin of Tours come together in a combined Band. The students worked with Mr. Potter at their respective schools and performed together for the first time at the concert on Wednesday. It was a very impressive display of team work. Thank you to the students and parents who support the Band program at all schools.

Again our school community emphasized the importance of the Corporal Works of Mercy as they gathered with their classes to provide gifts for 5 families through the Feed My People Adopt-A-Family program. The

teachers wrapped and marked items to ensure they get to the correct family. Several teachers along with 8th grader Paul S. delivered the packages to the drop site at Jefferson Barracks. We were amazed at all the items our school community donated. Thank you to everyone for supporting this needed community outreach.

To all the members and supporters of the Christian Mothers Club the entire school Thanks you for all you do to continue to donating to the school. Again we received \$2,000 to be used where needed. The teachers are in the process of deciding how the money will be used for this year. In the past, we have used the money to purchase VCR/ DVD players, DVD portable player, Professional Development for Teachers, Printer, supplies, books, and instructional materials. Thank you for support and dedication to our school. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Friday, December 21st, we will end with All School Mass. All are welcome to celebrate with us and every Friday during the school year. Class parents are asked to contact the classroom teacher to make final preparations for the class party. Please try to include healthy items as

well as goodies for the party snack. Parties will begin at 11:00 and end at 12:15 for 12:30 dismissal. Classes resume on Thursday, January 3, 2008.

As we complete the final preparations for Christmas, please remember to include prayer in your daily activities. This is a perfect time to show children with our actions the importance of Jesus' birth and how our faith affects our daily lives. I am always astounded by the comments children share with me as to how they prepare for Jesus' birthday. As the first teachers of the children, you are evangelizing the true message in following Jesus' teachings.

This past week, I received an email from a person who attended the Girls Volleyball match. This was not one of our parents, but rather someone in the crowd. She wrote about how some school students were disrespectful during the playing of the National Anthem, but complimented the St. Martin of Tours team and several other schools, who "stood quietly, facing the flag with their hands over their hearts while the anthem played". This is a perfect example of how we spread the message of our school and parish in everything we do.

Lunch Menu

Student Lunch—\$2.50

Adult Lunch \$2.75

Milk—30 cents

- ☉ Monday- Chicken rings, tater tots, carrots, and a blonde brownie
- ☉ Tuesday— Cheese pizza, veggies with ranch dip, green beans, and jello
- ☉ Wednesday— Mini corn dogs with cheese, baked fries, carrots, and a rice krispy treat
- ☉ Thursday—Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn and peaches
- ☉ Friday—12:30 Dismissal

Safety Patrol

Corner (P.M. only)

Vince P.
Maisoon S.

East Lane

Haley S.
Matt K.

West Lane

Kelsie K.
Adam J.

Week at a Glance December 17 – 21, 2007

<u>Monday</u> 17	<u>Tuesday</u> 18	<u>Wednesday</u> 19	<u>Thursday</u> 20	<u>Friday</u> 21
Mass Grades 5–8 D.A.R.E. Graduation at 8:30 Band classes	Mass Grades 1-4 All School Reconciliation At 8:30 A.M - everyone is welcome to attend Band classes Stocking Raffle for St. Patrick's Center 50 cents	First Grade Christmas Pageant- 9:00 Candle Fundraiser Pick-up 3:00—5:00 in Runge Hall Stocking Raffle for St. Patrick's Center 50 cents	Bookmobile	All School Mass. Christmas Parties begin at 11:00 12:30 Dismissal Christmas Break Begins

IMPORTANT BINGO NEWS: *The Bingo committee is happy to announce that the new Bandwagon Bingo Hall will be open this Sunday, December 16th. Thanks to the following Week Three regular workers who will be working this week: Cyndi Gutierrez, Mike Economon, Diane Julius, Malisa Lee, Mary Giunta, Marge Price, Bill Froidl, Dennis Costello, Mark Kreutzman, Dan Klein, Mike Allen,, Steve Lato, Mike Koeller, and Mark Streb. Grade workers from Kindergarten and Grade Six are also needed to help at the Bingos on December 16th and December 30th. Please contact Barb Henderson at 416-1348 to schedule your shift. No Bingo will be held on December 23rd.*

Week four and five regular workers are needed to staff the Bingo on December 30th.

Mark Your Calendars: We have two exciting events that will take place when we return after Christmas. The **Winter Carnival** is set for **Friday, January 11th** and will replace the Mission Carnival previously scheduled for Mardi Gras. Proceeds will benefit the **St. Patrick's Center**.

International Day will be held on **Friday, February 1st, the last day of Catholic Schools Week**. The students will be representing the following countries:

Kindergarten: Netherlands	Third: Bermuda	Sixth: Cuba
First: Australia	Fourth: Ireland	Seventh: Ethiopia
Second: Italy	Fifth: Mexico	Eighth: Panama

Recess Parents Weekly Schedule:

Monday:	Marlene Breihan Kellie Tritch Michelle Martin
Tuesday:	Teresa Barnett Lisa Blassie Michelle Martin
Wednesday:	Malisa Lee Stephanie Stotts Michelle Martin
Thursday:	Lisa Blassie Michelle Martin Teresa Barnett
Friday:	Lisa Blassie Melissa Froidl Beth Spies

BAND SCHEDULE Dec. 17-21

	Mon.	Tues.
12:30	Concert	Beginning
1:15	TBA	TBA
2:00	Beginning	Concert

The Band schedule will alternate so the classes do not fall on the same days each week.

Don't forget your instruments!

The Macy's Foundation, in conjunction with the Arts and Education Council, is sponsoring an **essay contest** on the theme "Art Season Never Ends". Students in grades 3-8 may submit an essay or poem of 100 words or less explaining why they love the Arts, and the positive effects of music, dance, theatre, film, visual arts, and/or library arts in their community. The winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate to a bookstore and \$1000 worth of books for their school. All entries are due by January 11, 2008. Contact the St. Martin of Tours School office for more details.

Classroom Focus

5th grader, Katie S. under the direction of Mrs. Deem and Ms. Sevm, instructed the 5th & 6th grade classes in the construction of paper snowflakes. This was a collaborative effort using cross-curricular study for art and science. The classes are studying light and sound in the science curriculum. This activity allows students to recognize the difference between the crystal shapes found in snowflakes as light is reflected. The final results are on display in school.

Athletic Association News:

Congratulations to the **5th Grade Girls' Volleyball Team** who are **CYC City/County Champions!** Congratulations to the girls and their coaches on a fantastic season!

If you missed **uniform turn in**, there will be a **last chance Soccer and Volleyball uniform turn in** on December 17th from 5:30—7:30 P.M. in Runge Hall. **All Volleyball and Soccer Uniforms must be turned in for deposit to be returned.**

Our annual **Christmas party meeting** will be this Monday, December 17th at 7:30 P.M. in the lower level. Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy some food, refreshments, and fun. We will be having a short meeting and there are some important possible by-law changes that will be voted on at the meeting. The annual Person-of-the-Year dance will be on February 1st this year so mark your calendars and plan to attend. It is always a fun night and a chance to recognize some of the people who work so hard to make our program a success. Hope to see you at these events and keep supporting our teams.