



Saint Martin of Tours School

Spread the Seeds of Peace

Week 36

May 18, 2007

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Congratulations to the Eighth Grade Students on their successful completion of their Elementary education.

PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS

Gold

Steven Blumenkemper
 Danny Breihan
 Michael Hensiek
 Nick Lambing
 Michael Lee
 Luke Preslar
 Laura Seier
 Ryan Slattery
 Sarah Ortmann

Silver

Michelle Allen
 Michael Conrad
 Matt Eike
 Henry Johnson
 Nick McIntyre
 Wilson Ward
 Brett Westbrook

PRINCIPAL'S LIST

Michelle Allen
 Steven Blumenkemper
 Danny Breihan
 Matt Eike
 Michael Lee
 Luke Preslar
 Laura Seier
 Ryan Slattery
 Wilson Ward

2006-2007 Honor Roll

Michael Conrad
 Jake Eigelberger
 Michael Hensiek
 Henry Johnson
 Nick Lambing
 Nick McIntyre
 Jessica Moser
 Sarah Ortmann

High School Scholarship

Steve Blumenkemper – St. John
 Vianney
 Daniel Breihan – Bishop
 DuBourg
 Nick Lambing – St. Pius in
 Festus
 Luke Preslar – DeSmet

SLUH Math Team

Danny Breihan
 Steven Blumenkemper
 Michael Hensiek
 Laura Seier

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Michelle Allen
 Nick Lambing
 Jessica Moser
 Sarah Ortmann
 Wilson Ward

STUDENT COUNCIL

Michael Lee
 Danny Breihan
 Laura Seier

AMBASSADORS

Michelle Allen
 Michael Lee
 Michael Hensiek
 Laura Seier

THE AMY PERKINS SELF ADVOCACY AWARD

Nick Lambing

KIWANIS CIVIC CHARACTER AWARDS

Michelle Allen
 Nick Lambing
 Jessica Moser
 Sarah Ortmann
 Luke Preslar
 Laura Seier
 Wilson Ward

PRO-LIFE ESSAY CONTEST

Laura Seier

PRESIDENTIAL PHYSICAL FITN ESS

Danny Breihan
 Sonia Morrison

GEOGRAPHY BEE

Participants
 Michael Hensiek
 Brett Westbrook

SPELLING BEE

Matt Eike – Runner Up
 Michael Hensiek
 Sonia Morrison

CONCERT BAND

Danny Breihan
 Michael Lee
 Sarah Ortmann

JAZZ BAND

Danny Breihan
 Michael Lee
 Sarah Ortmann
 Laura Seier

SCHOLA

Jessica Moser
 Laura Seier

DEMERITLESS

All Year Long
 Michelle Allen
 Laura Seier

E.A.G.E.R.

Daniel Breihan
 Michael Hensiek
 Laura Seier

All Eighth grade students also received Certificates from AAA Safety Patrol, Junior Achievement, and Representative Jim Lembke.

The Week In Review: May 21—May 25 2007

21 Monday

Mass grades 5-7

Concert Band

22 Tuesday

Mass grades 1-4

Bookmobile - Turn in
 Date only

Schola

23 Wednesday

Concert Band

*Kindergarten
 Graduation 10:00*

SMT Library—Turn in
 Day Only

24 Thursday

SMT Library -
 Turn in Day Only

*End of the Fourth
 Quarter*

*Eighth Grade
 Graduation 6:30
 Mass*

25 Friday

All School Mass

*Awards Assembly
 following Mass*

12:30 Dismissal

Lunch Menu

Monday, May 21 – Salisbury steak, buttered noodles, broccoli, and a cookie

Tuesday, May 22– Pork riblets, baked fries, green beans, and pears

Wednesday, May 23 – Mostaccioli, garlic bread, tossed salad, and a brownie

Thursday, May 24 —Pepperoni pizza, carrots and celery with ranch, corn, and mixed fruit

Friday, May 25- 12:30 Dismissal. No Lunch Served.

REMINDER: 1% Milk is served with all meals.

Picnic News

Vouchers for Ride Bracelets for the Parish Picnic will be on sale the next two weekends after all the Masses. The cost is \$17.00 in advance and \$22.00 the day of the picnic. Advance sales will conclude after the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, May 27th.

The annual parish picnic is rapidly approaching and we need your help! Last year's Basket Booth was a huge success and in order to do that again we need your donations. Each class is sponsoring a basket and is in need of the following items:

Kindergarten—Arts and Crafts

First Grade—Scrap booking

Second Grade—Bath and Body

Third Grade—Games

Fourth Grade—Sports

Fifth Grade—Pet Basket * Please note the change

Sixth Grade—Summer Fun

Seventh Grade—BBQ

Eighth Grade— St. Louis

Any donations are greatly appreciated and will be put to great use! We also need donations for the Wheelbarrow of Cheer. Donations can be dropped off at the Rectory or call Stephanie at 314-845-0380 or Malisa at 435-7831. Thank you in advance for your support.

Anyone willing to assemble baskets please meet at the convent after morning drop off next Friday, May 25th. Breakfast will be provided!

Thank you for your continued support of our many fundraising efforts. Please continue to save your **Campbell Soup Labels and Box Tops** over the summer months. Remember when saving Campbell's labels, it is the UPC code that is the important part to keep intact and turn in.



Safety Patrol (May 21—May 25) Corner (PM Only)

Berkley W.

Taylor C.

East Lane

Alexis S.

Ryen M.

West Lane

Haley S.

Joanne M.

Athletic Association News: The final Sign-up for **Soccer and Volleyball** will be held on Monday, May 21 from 6:00—8:00 p.m. The Athletic Association meeting will also be this Monday, May 21 at 7:30 PM in the lower level. Everyone is invited! Baseball/ Softball season is in full swing now, so be sure to stop by the fields and cheer on the SMT teams!

Attention Current 2nd Graders -

Boys and Girls can play volleyball in 3rd grade!! Your final chance to sign up is May 21st. Any questions call Peggy Manes at 314-537-1110 or email peggymanes@hotmail.com

CYC SOCCER REFEREE

If you wish to ref soccer please call

Mike Allen 314-544-5289

You must be 13 by

September 1, 2007

Seventh Grade Exam Schedule

Reading

Monday, May 21

Math

May 21 & 22

Science

Tuesday, May 22

English

Wednesday, May 23

Religion

Thursday, May 24

Science Fair Awards

Congratulations for a job well done. This year's science fair had over 3000 participants. We are extremely proud of our students.

In the Elementary Division (K-5): **Amanda Gapsch** 2nd Place, **Marc Scheipeter** 2nd Place, **Isaiah Malin, Matthew Villani and Tommy Lee** 3rd Place, **Rachel Vaporcan and Samantha Marty** 4th Place.

In the Secondary Division (6-12): **Mikayla Satchell** 2nd Place with 2 Special Awards (Butterfly House & Monsanto Outstanding Achievement), **Ben Economon** 2nd Place, **Paul Scheipeter** 3rd Place with a Special Award (Monsanto Outstanding Achievement) and **Katherine Costello** 4th Place.

Status of the School

This has been a year of challenges. It's difficult to see the big picture at times, but we are very blessed here at St. Martin of Tours to have a school in a community supported by parents who value Catholic Education.

The past several months have raised concerns affecting the school. Mainly the loss of Bingo revenue caused us to look at the current budget. After several meetings with the Finance Committee it was recommended to cut the school budget by nearly \$145,000. This was not an easy task. Our enrollment today with deposits and registration forms submitted for the 2007-2008 school year is 108 students. There are about 24 still undecided for various reasons. Father met with the Archdiocese to pursue additional funding. Many ideas were discussed and reviewed. I visited and researched multi-age classrooms. Discussion continued through the end of last week when Father gave the OK to continue with one teacher for each grade. He is willing to take the risk that Bingo will continue to be the successful resource it has been all these years. Cuts still had to be made so the changes include:

1. Salaries for faculty and staff were frozen.
2. We will continue to have 2 music classes per week for each grade. Band will be taught before and after school. We will also continue to offer SCHOLA. However the Music position was reduced to 2 days per week.
3. Sadly, several teachers will not be returning. Mrs. Angie Kriegshauser has secured a 4 day a week position at Holy Child School in Arnold. Ms. Katy Kriegshauser will teach for Bayless School. Mrs. Montgomery will be moving to St. Joseph's in Manchester where she will be closer to home and more convenient for her younger son. Mrs. Bonsanti has achieved her goal of CRE at St. Justin School. We all wish them success in their new positions and thank them for their dedicated service to St. Martin of Tours. They will be missed.

Our staff for the 2007-2008 School Year includes:

Ms. Schmitt - 8th Grade.
Ms. Stephans - 7th Grade.
Mrs. Deem - 6th Grade and Computers.
Mr. Suellentrop - 5th Grade and PE.
Ms. Roche - 3rd Grade
Mrs. Riordan - 1st Grade
Mrs. Crain - Kindergarten
Sr. Ann - Part-Time Aide
Mrs. Bollinger - Resource 2 days per week

Father Ferrara and I will be teaching the Sacramental preparation for First Penance, First Eucharist, and Confirmation.

Over 125 invitations were sent to volunteers who have supported the school this year. Some of my principal friends have a difficult time finding a few volunteers. Not here at St. Martin of Tours, all I have to do is ask and help is on the way. Some of the accomplishments this year included:

Fundraisers for St. Vincent DePaul	Adopt-a-family with Feed My People
Letter campaign to Soldiers	Cards sent to senior members of the Parish
McDonald School Fundraiser	Tab Collection for Ronald McDonald House
Clothing Drive Collection Bin initiated	STUCO Cardinal Dress Down Day for Cardinal Care
Our Lady's Inn Lenten Program	Heifer Program
Fred Bird and Al Hrabosky "Say No to Drugs" Program	

School Fundraising Efforts chaired by Parents included:

Pretzel Fundraisers	Pizza Fundraisers	Entertainment Books
2 Book Fairs	Mr. Z's	QSP Magazines
Butter Braids		

The Marketing Committee is well on it's way. Some of the marketing areas included: two Open Houses for Kindergarten and perspective students, Letters and Flyers were sent to Pre-Schools, Christian Mothers funded new signs, Athletic Association paid for Newspaper Ads and the Catholic School News Insert. Christian Mothers donated money to the school for Professional Development, to defray some of the cost for classroom supplies, and sponsored the Chuck-E-Cheese night, Cookies with Santa, and Santa's Gift shop. Mrs. Lauman prints copies of the Friday Folder and Mr. Becker stuffs the parish bulletins. There are many ideas spilling from this committee such as an upcoming used Book Sale, and encouraging more members of the community to subscribe to eScrip at Schnucks. Please continue to support the SCRIP Program and buy gift cards before you go shopping. Ask neighbors and friends if they would like to purchase Gift Cards as well. The proceeds go to support the parish and school.

I would like to thank Fr. Ferrara for his support and guidance and presence in the school. He is a pastor very much involved and committed to the overall well-being of the Parish. Thanks to our Board of Education Chairman, Alex Lantos, and all the board members for their support this past year. I appreciate all the time they put in for Board meetings, and continue to serve in many other aspects of the school and parish community.

Special thanks to the parents for their commitment to the school and their child's education. You are devoted and I appreciate all you have done to make this year a memorable one. I can honestly say there has never been a dull moment. You keep me on my toes as I continue to learn new things about the Parish. It is particularly exciting to report that discipline issues have been relatively mild. There were a handful of detentions due to the incredible work of the teachers and the support of parents and students. I really feel we all did a good job in following our theme of "Spreading the Seeds of Peace". Thank you and God bless.

School Committee Chairpersons

The following parents have volunteered to chair the school committees for 2007-2008. If you do not see your name please call and it will be corrected. Please contact me by phone or email if you are interested in helping or chairing a committee. In addition, if anyone has any questions or comments please feel free to call after 6:45 A.M.

BoxTops for Education	Sue Jones
Campbell Soup Labels	Beckie Stocker
Cub Scouts and Fish Fry	Kevin Julius, Diane Julius & Richard Stocking
Entertainment Book & Magazine Sales	Cathy Economon
Mister Z's	Ken Lambing
6th Gr. Fundraiser Lunch	Jeanne Lee
Technology	Mike Economon
Uniform Exchange	Marlene Breihan
Web Page School Contact	
Book Fair Chairperson	
Head Room Mother	
International Day	

FUNERAL LUNCHEON COMMITTEE NEEDS HELP – VOLUNTEERING CAN COUNT TOWARD THIS YEAR'S SERVICE HOURS

The Funeral Luncheon Committee needs more volunteers to help in preparing and serving funeral luncheons.

This committee was started in the 1980's to provide a luncheon to the families of the deceased parishioners buried from St. Martins. We have four groups, each one with a leader who contacts their volunteers to make a dish and/or work serving the luncheon. We rotate the groups so you're only called every fourth funeral.

Luncheons are provided to active St. Martin of Tours parishioners. We do not charge a specific amount but accept donations to keep the program going.

Time served at funeral luncheons can be used as service hours for parents who need to fill their quota of service hours for this school year.

If you can make a dish and/or help serve please fill out the form below and mail to:
Bernie Fassler, 2214 Eleanor Kay Dr., St. Louis, MO 63125 or drop in the Sunday collection basket.

NAME _____

What food would you most like to donate? i.e.: Green salad, potato dish, pasta – hot or cold dish, vegetable casserole, dessert, other _____

Would you be willing to prepare something else if needed occasionally?

Would you be willing to help serve? _____ Yes _____ Occasionally _____ No