



### MISSION STATEMENT

St. Martin of Tours Academy is a Catholic parish elementary school whose purpose is to provide students with moral and spiritual formation and a solid academic foundation. Faith, culture and life are brought into harmony through a curriculum and system of education that equips students with skills for lifelong learning. Each student is challenged to internalize values and prepare for life as a committed Christian who contributes to the need for justice, love, and peace in the world.

#### **Catholic Schools Week Update**

We had a great turn-out after the Sunday Mass for a breakfast that included pancakes, sausage, bacon, fruit and more! Thank you to Tracy South who coordinated the event, Donna Colbert for beautiful and thoughtful table decorations, chefs Chris Connors and Randy Zickert and all the room parents who contributed and assisted our kick-off for Catholic Schools Week. Donations were requested for the breakfast that totaled \$450.00 for the tuition assistant fund. On Monday over 100 parents and students enjoyed ice-skating at the Joan Kroc center. Wacky Wednesday gave students the opportunity to show their incredible amount of ingenuity as an array of hair styles and add-ons were modeled. Tomorrow is a Pep Rally and Class Color Day (free dress wearing as much class color as possible) K - yellow, 1st - red, 2nd - blue, 3rd - pink/green, 4th - orange, 5th - gold/silver, 6th - black/white, 7th - purple, 8th - rainbow.

#### **General Mills Box Tops for Education**

Since March, 2003, our school families have been clipping Box Tops coupons from hundreds of participating products. Since that time SMA has earned \$3,505.00. Our next submission is in a few weeks. Please send in any General Mills Box Tops you have at home. Each one is worth 10¢. Barbara Schmidt is our school coordinator and will be preparing and sending in the box tops at the end of February.

#### **Repair and Seismic Retrofit Report on Barry Hall**

Work has begun on Barry Hall to remove all five layers of roofing and add waterproof sheeting to the roof. At the same time repair work is taking place under Barry Hall; damaged, bowed and unsafe pillars, beams and joists are being replaced. When all is completed, a new lighter weight Spanish tile roof will be installed. Additional detailed information can be found in an insert in the parish bulletin enclosed. Barry Hall will be closed beginning January 30th and the target date of completion is February 14th.

#### **NO parking in front of preschool or rectory (after school for day care or sports pick-up):**

Parents continue to park in off limit areas in front of the rectory and preschool to pick up students. This is a safety hazard to our staff and children who are walking from the preschool to day care. Last week several cars drove behind and in front of the rectory. In addition, a car backed up from one of the parking spaces that was designated for rectory visitors and staff and almost hit the children and Mrs. Doane who were walking to the next building. Parking is allowed next to the parish hall or in the lower lot in front of school. Please follow our school traffic safety rules.

#### **Vision Screening (Preschool-3)**

The California-Hawaii Elks Major Project is a non-profit organization that offers free vision screening to children throughout California. The purpose of this screening is to identify children who may be at risk for undetected vision abnormalities. There is no cost to the school or child for participation in this vision screening. Permission slips are enclosed. Vision screening will take place Feb. 13 and 14th. We need two volunteers to assist the screener. Contact the office if you would like to volunteer. This is a good opportunity to fulfill service hours. Vision screening is from 8:15-11:30am.

**ACRE Religion Tests (grs. 5-8)**

ACRE is an effective instrument for helping teachers measure how well they are meeting the goals of their religion programs for developing Catholic identity, faith, and values in children and youth. Testing will be in grades 5-8, February 7-9.



Request for donations and procurement forms are in the school office. Consider asking your place of employment for a donation for our event! Every donation will be recognized in our program that evening.

**Valentine's \*Day Note: (repeat announcement)**

As Valentine's Day approaches, if valentines are exchanged, one must be brought for each person in the class. (Most of the teachers have given their students the guidelines for their respective class.) **IMPORTANT TO NOTE: baked goods (cupcakes, cookies, etc.), gifts, flowers, balloons, etc. are not to be brought to school for individual exchange among students.** Consider the "Me to We" Stone Program for tuition assistance as Valentine's Day gifts. Cards and stones are in the school office.


**News Briefs!**

<u>REMINDERS:</u>	<u>ONGOING:</u>	<u>PARISH NEWS:</u>
<p>✓ <u>FRIDAY, 2/3</u></p> <p><b>Conferences</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• minimum day Fri. • no hot lunch</li> <li>• <b>Pep rally</b></li> <li>• <b>Variety Show deadline</b></li> </ul> <p><b>"Super" Bowl Sunday</b> (last day to bring in canned food items to vote for your favorite team)</p>	<p><b>Every Friday is Sports Spirit Day at SMA!</b></p> <p>Students are allowed to wear their sports jerseys over school shirts to show their team spirit on Friday's.</p> <p>Forms were passed out for grades 5-8 to sign up for Spring Sports. Sports include girls basketball and boys soccer.</p> <p><b>A coach is needed for girls (grs. 7-8) Varsity BB ball and boys JV soccer (grs. 5-6)</b></p>	<p>Sunday, 2/5 we invite you to our Family Mass at 9am. Kindergarten will be hosting the parish coffee and donuts with baked goods for sale after the 7 &amp; 9 am Mass.</p> <p>Sacramental prep for 1st Eucharist will be in the parish hall after the 9am Mass.</p>

**ENCLOSURES:**

- ~ vision screening (grs. K-3)
- ~ service hour statements (rate 2 families)
- ~ permission slip (gr. 5)
- ~ parish bulletin 1/29/12

*Please keep in your prayers*



- Dolores Simanello who had surgery on Monday
  - Ismael Sanchez, cousin to Carlo Ruiz who was killed in an auto accident in San Jose. He was 19 years old.
  - Ricardo Soto, grandfather to Ricky, Haviland & Gabriella
  - Robert Coates (Hedberg family)
  - Carmina Morfin, longtime volunteer of Friends of the Poor