



PARENT NEWSLETTER • JUNE 4, 2010



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.

*Those Who Bring Good News . . .  
Value Friendship*

Dear Parents,

*As we near the time for graduation, I cannot help reflecting on the tremendous advantage our graduating students have upon entering high school. The education they have received at St. Martin of Tours Academy, both academically and spiritually, is exceptional and of the highest quality. The Workshop Way® system of education, their daily religious instruction and the teaching of both academic and life skills have prepared them well for their future goals. The teachers, staff and I are extremely proud of the Class of 2010, and we wish them much success in high school and beyond.*

*In addition to offering congratulations to the Class of 2010, I say "congratulations" to each parent and teacher who has instructed, guided, influenced and helped them to be better people. When the foundation is strong, the chances for success increase dramatically. I personally see this when our "alums" visit us and tell of their accomplishments or when a parent calls and is bursting with pride because their child has been honored in high school or college.*

*As I say goodbye to all of you for the summer, I am mindful of and grateful for all the people who have made this a wonderful school year for me and for all of us at St. Martin of Tours Academy. As the year progressed, I tried to thank each of you for all that you do, and I hope I have not slighted anyone. But, I would like to say one final THANK YOU for 2009-2010 to: our teachers and staff (I am so blessed to be surrounded by so many talented and dedicated people), our pastor, Fr. Jim Poulsen for his support of our school, Bob Dyar and Jim Costello who assist with finances and facilities, Maria McRoberts and the entire School Board, to Tracy South (Room Parent Coordinator) and Honor Beyer (Asst. Rm. Parent Coord.), all the room parents and parents who have assisted in school events and fundraisers, especially to Tracy South for Walkathon, Erin Bushey and her committee for the first annual SMA Drive Away, Kathy and Chris Connors for their ongoing dedication to Bingo, and a special thank you to all those who work bingo, to our after school sports coaches, and lastly, to those parents who help at school on a regular basis assisting the office, helping with lunch supervision, morning traffic duty and library. You are awesome and very much appreciated!*

*God bless and have a safe summer!*

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Toni Dimuzio



**Yearbooks 2009-2010:**

Please consider purchasing a SMA yearbook! We will have extras in the school office. Yearbooks will be distributed next week. We thank the many sponsors who have helped underwrite the cost. We also thank Peter Spiller for teaching the weekly yearbook class since October. Yearbooks are \$23.00 each and in color. Autograph books will be included for those who purchased a book for grades 6 through 8 only.

### **Class of 2010 Graduation:**

One of the most beautiful experiences at SMA is the annual graduation ceremony and Mass. It will take place on Thursday evening at 5:30 on June 10. The family dinner reception that follows is also a wonderful event. We thank all those who are hard at work planning for graduation and the reception that follows: Mrs. Ronda Galvan, Mrs. Rosie Beck, Sister Charlene Del Bianco, Cynthia Claunch, Linda Padilla and Valerie Bushree (room parents) and the seventh grade parents. At the reception there will be a power point presentation featuring the Class of 2010 throughout their years at SMA. We thank Mrs. Jacqui Valdivia for putting this together for the students.

### **With Special Gratitude and Good Wishes:**

When we say good-bye to the Class of 2010 we are also saying good-bye to some of the parents of our graduates who will no longer have children in the school. The following are also “graduating” and we want them to know we will miss them as parents in our school community: Alcocer, Connell/Buse, Faupel, Govan, Horner, Hyatt, Lindmeier, Lister, Pacheco, Smith, Tinti, Van Every, Zanone.

### **Thank You for Completed Service Hours:**

With our service hour requirements, (for tuition discount), we have a great deal of parent involvement and are therefore able to provide services, (not covered by the staff), work on fund-raisers, bingo, etc. In other words, enhance our school. We are grateful for all of those hours!

It was especially gratifying to notice, in reviewing the records of service hours, that there were so many families this year who far exceeded requirements and/or expectations. There really is no way we can thank them enough. In addition, we have many families who are on “Tuition Rate 1” who freely contribute time, purchase scrip and are very involved in the school. End of year statements for Rate 2 families are enclosed.

### **Service Hour Opportunities during Summer:**

A summer service hour project is available if you would like to help with the class projects that are auctioned off at our Spring fundraiser. Please complete this form and return it before June 11th if you are interested. **BINGO** is also a great way to do service hours this summer. Please contact Kathy or Chris Connors if you would like to volunteer @ 593-2580 or cconnkconn@aol.com.

### **Computer Drawing!**

We have 12 computers that we would like to sell “as is” for \$50.00 each. If you are interested, please let the office know by June 11th (deadline). On Monday we will draw names of interested buyers and will contact you if your name was pulled. We ask that you pick up computers the week of June 21 and no later than Friday, June 25. Payment will be due when the computer is picked up.

*eMac computers are running 10.3.9 operating systems. It is possible to upgrade the operating systems to 10.4.11 however that maybe the limit. To upgrade, an external drive and memory may be required. Software includes Microsoft Office 2004, (Excel, Power Point), Garage Band, iPhoto, AppleWorks 6, Chess, Classroom Games, Type to Learn and World Book 2004. All software is old and updated versions may not work on the existing operating system. All computers are “AS IS” . You are welcome to check them out in our computer lab if you wish.*

### **Lunch Survey Results:**

Thank you for responding to the lunch surveys. We received 62 responses. We average 28-30 lunch orders per day. To consider a change we would need to have a minimum of 50 lunches per day at a higher cost. The majority of surveys showed that \$3.00 per lunch was the most parents wanted to pay. Surveys also showed parents were willing to pre-order up to a month in advance. La Mesa Spring Valley School District does keep lunches more affordable than any other lunch program we looked into. Free or reduced lunches are also available. Questions were sent in regarding the health/fat content of the lunches. LMSVSD complies with all applicable federal, state and local statutes and regulations with regard to the preparation and consumption of meals which meet the National School Lunch Program meal requirements.

FYI: Students have access to an unlimited salad bar daily and grades 6-8 are offered chef salads and submarine sandwiches. Any change for next school year will be with pre-ordering. We realize how easy it is to order the same day; however, it is not possible with our contract with LMSVSD. Next school year we will consider ordering lunches a week in advance.

## News Briefs!

<p><b>REMINDERS:</b></p> <p>Calendars and all the forms and information pertaining to the next school year need to be picked up by parents, in the school office, no later than Friday, June 18. The packets, including report cards, will be available beginning Friday, June 11.</p> <p><b>Please note: Any outstanding money due for the '09-'10 school year will need to be accounted for before report cards and packets can be picked up.</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday, June 10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• free dress for summer birthdays</li> </ul> <p><b>Friday, June 11</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• kindergarten celebration @ 11:00 in Parish Hall</li> <li>• field day activities sponsored by Student Council</li> <li>• minimum day - no hot lunch</li> <li>• day care open until 6:00 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lost and Found</b></p> <p>Please check lost and found bin for sweatshirts, lunch boxes, etc. All clothing and personal items left at school will be donated after June 25th.</p> <p><b>Summer Office Hours:</b> June 14-June 25 9:00 - 3:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Yearbooks will be available for sale in the school office \$23.00 next week.</b></p>
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### Contents of 2010-2011 school year packet: (must be picked up by June 18)

(checked items must be returned by June 30) If you wish to complete these forms on our website, log-in under the parent sign in and complete. Return printed forms to the school office.

- Report Cards, Progress Reports (grades 3-8)
  - ✓ • Contact and Release Form
  - ✓ • Grandparents Addresses
  - ✓ • birthday book club enrollment (optional)
  - ✓ • internet contract (grades 5-8)
  - ✓ • drivers insurance information
  - 2010-2011 yearly calendar
  - dress code / uniform information
  - September calendar
  - school supply list
  - traffic plan/information
  - school policy on student access to the internet
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## BINGO SLOGAN OF THE WEEK!

### BINGO

**A great way to earn  
Volunteer Service Hours  
during summer!**



**Remember....we need your help to  
keep BINGO going at SMA!**

#### ENCLOSURES:

- ~ service hour statements (rate 2 families)
- ~ Class project / Ideas for class auction items
- ~ Track & Field Congratulations flyer
- ~ Vacation Bible School Registration Form (K-6)
- ~ Vacation Bible School - donation request (grs. K-6)
- ~ classroom newsletters (gr. K, 2, 3, 5, 6)
- ~ parish bulletin 5/30/10



*Please keep in your prayers Katrina Ayyash who is recovering from surgery.*