



SAINT MARTIN
DE PORRES High School

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A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

By Ms. Mary Ann Vogel

Dear Parents & Families of Saint Martin:

One of the definitions of community in Webster's dictionary is "a group or class having common interests." At Saint Martin we have built our community around the mission belief that our students will receive a strong high school education preparing them for college and life success. This strong education occurs due to the partnership that has been developed between parents, students, school, and CWSP. Saint Martin would not be the school it is today if you did not feel fully confident in our achieving the mission. Your belief in the philosophy of "Work, Study, Serve, Lead, Pray" as a way of life helps us reinforce with our students what it takes to achieve long-term success. It would be so easy to quit; there are easier places to attend school but you help to cheerlead your students towards their success every day. Our students continue to find success due to our partnership, thank you.

As the largest group of school supporters within the Community of Saint Martin, the leadership of the school would like to invite you to our annual Parent Appreciation Dinner on March 23, 2010. Due to space constrictions we are only able to invite parents/guardians to this event, siblings and younger children are not able to attend. We will have a wonderful meal created by Mrs. Kathy McClement and her food service staff. Please join us so that we can thank you for all you do. **RSVP to Mrs. Tanya Cook by MARCH 15 at 216.881.1689 ext. 300.** The Saint Martin staff looks forward to celebrating with you on March 23.

February began with much sadness at Saint Martin as we said good-bye to two much loved individuals of our school community. On February 5, the lives of Senior Da'Rion Webber '10 and Math teacher Mack Starkey were celebrated in home-going ceremonies. Both Da'Rion and Mack had bravely lived their lives with cancer; they faced their illnesses head-on with God surrounding them. I was blessed to visit with Da'Rion and Mack before they went home. Both gentlemen were at peace with their lives and were surrounded by God's grace as they journeyed home. Please continue to keep their families in your prayers as they begin to adjust their lives without their loved ones physically close.

To read more information about Da'Rion and Mack please go to www.saintmartincleveland.org.

Though the last few weeks have been filled with sadness they have also been filled with much joy at Saint Martin. Our faculty and students are winning award after award. Let me just shout out a few. You will read more about them within the newsletter:

- Senior English Teacher Keri Grady was awarded the Bob Costas Grant for the Teaching of Writing for her Multimedia Journalism course.
- Sophomore Angileece Williams has been selected as one of two National winners of the Scenarios USA screenwriting contest.
- College Counselor Susan Hren and English Teacher Adam Musser both have been awarded grants to attend professional development opportunities.
- Marque Payne '10 has been awarded the Peer Leadership Award, given by the Domestic Violence Center (DVC) of Greater Cleveland.
- Students will be traveling to many colleges this summer: Cornell, Georgetown, Case

Western Reserve University, Columbus School of Art, and Brown are just a few of the colleges where Lions will be residing this summer. If you would like to find out more about a summer college experience for your student please contact Mrs. Susan Hren, 216.881.1689 ext. 351.

Please take time to read the monthly calendar. There are quite a few days in this month which do not run on a normal schedule. I ask for you to make a concerted effort to attend one of the Progress Report Pick-up days on March 1 and 2. This is an important opportunity to meet with your student's teachers. The month is a busy one; please attend as many events as you are able. Thank you for your support of the school.

Go with God. God goes with you.

Information from the Main Office

Please report any change of address or phone number to the main office as soon as possible. This is the only way to ensure effective communication between the school and parent(s)/guardian(s).

Parents, we are still in need of your help. It would be very helpful to Saint Martin if each student could bring a box of Kleenex. If each student donated one box of Kleenex we would have 384 boxes of Kleenex in the school.

Cleveland Scholarship Tutoring Program voucher checks are in. If you have not come in to sign your check, please come to the business office. CSTP renewals forms are to be returned to the school to the attention of Ms. Merlyn Santiago with a copy of a recent utility bill attached.

Income Verification forms should be submitted directly to Cleveland Scholarship and Tutoring Program. If you have questions please contact 216-787-5680.

Tax information for students

If your student is a freshman they will not be receiving a W2. The only students who will receive a W2 for wages will be upperclassmen who worked for pay over break.

In order to prepare for next school year enclosed in this newsletter you will find a blue slip of paper asking if your student will be returning to Saint Martin for the 2010-2011 school year. Please have your student return it to the main office.

Office of Assistant Principal of Student Life

Mrs. Joanne B. Lewis – ext. 321

Some important items to remember:

- There will be a Parent Meeting on March 8, 2010, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- There will be Monday evening JUGS from 3:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. If your student has 5 or more jugs this detention is mandatory. Failure to serve detentions may lead to the student being put on a letter of understanding. Incurred discipline issues at the end of the school year could also result in your child being asked not to return to Saint Martin for the upcoming school year. I encourage parents to read the discipline letters with the student's infractions when you receive them.
- Our students will be supporting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society by participating with "Pennies for Pasta". The class that raises the Most Money will have a lunch catered by Olive Garden restaurant. We are asking our parents to bring to the March 8, 2010 meeting rolls of pennies. Your donation will be given to the class that raises the most money!
- All students should be in the classes by 8:00am to be marked on time for the start of the day. Please remind your students to be in dress code.

Please watch the upcoming newsletter and check our website: www.saintmartincleveland.org for information.

Thank you for all the support you continue to give me in my role. The students have had a strong year in many ways. We need to continue to be aware of

dress code issues. Please make sure your daughters are wearing collared shirts to school.

Our Parent Advisory Board Members are:

Ms. Drake – 216-738-0559

Ms. Brown – 216-355-4193

Mr. & Mrs. Williams – 216-431-6504

Mr. & Mrs. Santiago – 216-956-6145

Mrs. Marks – 216-280-9353

Ms. Jones – 216- 701-1493

Ms. Byrd – 216-338-8690

Mrs. White – 216-240-1876

Please encourage your students to be respectful at school and live within the guidelines and rules of Saint Martin de Porres High School, where our motto is: Work, Study, Serve, Lead and Pray. Discipline encompasses every area of our lives; when we are disciplined in life we can count on continued SUCCESS!!

May the Peace of God be with you.



Notes from the Nurse

Mrs. Nancy McCrickard – ext. 316

Take care of your heart: it takes care of YOU!

Your heart pumps blood, through nearly 100,000 miles* of blood vessels if you are an adult, to bring oxygen and nutrients to every cell and organ of your body, keeping you alive and well. It beats about 100,000 times a day, every day, your whole life long. Do the math: at this rate your heart would beat about 36.5 million times in one year; in 70 years it would beat about 2.5 billion times.

(*100,000 mi. is about four times around the Earth's equator or nearly half way to the moon.)

How do you take care of your heart?

- ✓ Eat a variety of nutritious foods, especially vegetables and fruits, daily.
- ✓ Choose non-fat or low-fat foods and recipes
- ✓ Get plenty of exercise daily.

- ✓ If you don't smoke now, don't start. If you do smoke, quitting at any time will help restore your health.
- ✓ Check out the American Heart Association's website (www.hearhub.org) for heart healthy tips, warning signs of heart disease and stroke, a heart disease risk calculator, and more.

Factors that increase your risk of heart disease:

- Smoking
- High blood pressure
- High blood cholesterol
- Diabetes
- Being overweight or obese
- Physical inactivity

Form healthy habits early in life! Change habits that can hurt your heart!

Medication reminder: Students who need to take medication in school for **ANY** reason **MUST** have a medication request form completed by an authorized healthcare provider and parent/guardian. The forms are available on my website, in my office, and in the main office. Please call if you have any questions.

COUNSELING NEWS

OHIO GRADUATION TEST (OGT)

March is the month for the Ohio Graduation Test! The OGT is a state standardized assessment aligned to Ohio's Academic Content Standards in reading, mathematics, science, social studies, and writing that students in high school must take to demonstrate proficiency before graduation from high school. Starting March 15 through March 26, all sophomores and some upper classmen will be taking this test. Encourage your students to continue studying on www.studyisland.com, to get rest and to eat well before each exam.

SENIOR INFORMATION: FAFSA

All senior families should have completed their FAFSA forms either online or on paper. Please do not miss out on this money available to your children, especially in this rough economic time. Eighty-five percent of the class of 2010 has already been accepted to college, with more letters coming

in every day. If you have any questions about this process, please call Mrs. Hren at extension 351.

SUPPORT GROUPS:

Our support groups and workshops continue with topics that include: stress management, self-awareness, grief and loss, organizational skills, anger management, and others. If you are interested in referring your child for a workshop through the counseling department, please call Mrs. Stacey at extension 363.

March Virtue of the Month Honesty

Choosing to be honest or dishonest does something to our character. Lying makes us liars. Cheating makes us cheaters. But being honest frees us to be real. Not only do honest people have stronger, better relationships with others, but their honesty makes them better people and it makes our world a better place. *Proverbs 16:10-12*

SHOUTOUTS – Check out our website for more information!

Congratulations to Marque Payne ('10) who was selected to receive the Peer Leadership Award, given by the Domestic Violence Center (DVC) of Greater Cleveland. Teens throughout Cuyahoga County were nominated based on the positive impact they have on their community, as well as their exemplary leadership skills.

Congratulations to English Teacher, Keri Grady! The College Board selected her to receive the Bob Costas Grant for the Teaching of Writing for her Multimedia Journalism course. The grants recognize “exceptional teachers for using innovative methods to inspire their students to write.” Keri is one of only six teachers selected nationwide each year for the award. She will be traveling to Chicago next weekend to attend the College Board Midwest Regional Forum to receive this distinction. In addition to receiving the grant, Keri’s “Best Practices” for teaching will be added to the College Board’s website.

Congratulations to Angileece Williams! She is one of two national winners in the Scenarios USA 2009-2010 *Real Deal* contest for her story, “Life’s Poison” which she wrote with the guidance of Ann

Klonowski in her 10th grade Theology class. Angileece learned of the award on February 24th surrounded by her family and school.

Corporate Work Study First Semester Performance Reviews came back with great scores overall. 91% of students received a good or outstanding. We had our highest number of students receive an outstanding with 98 students!

Congratulations to those students for their hard work.

ATHLETIC NEWS

Mr. Treye Johnson – ext. 318

Saint Martin will once again be fielding two varsity sports during the spring athletic season – Baseball and Track & Field. John Monahan will return to coach the baseball team, as will Angela Cheadle and Mark Dougherty for the track & field team.

Please note the important start dates below:

- Baseball (for pitchers and catchers) – practice begins on 2/22/10
- Baseball (for all non pitchers and catchers) – practice begins on 3/8/10
- Track & Field – practice begins on 3/8/10

In order to participate in either sport, students must turn in a complete Physical Form and an Emergency Medical Form by March 27. Both forms can be found on the Saint Martin Athletics webpage – www.saintmartincleveland.org/content/athletics.asp.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

LUNCHROOM AIDES – We could use a few extra pairs of hands in the lunchroom. Just be present with the students at lunch time and assist with recycling, composting, and general order. Get to interact with students and teachers, and help our teachers find time to eat lunch, too!

Shifts available: Monday – Friday, 10:45am – 12:30pm

AFTER WORK CHECK-IN

This is a very important job that verifies the arrival of students from their corporate work/study jobs.

Volunteers are “manning” the table while the school administrator is working with students in the hallway as the school shifts gears for extra-curricular activities and transportation. This is a chance to be a positive role model and bring a smile to a tired child’s face. Sometimes we even have cookies!

Shifts Available: Monday – Friday, 4:00pm – 6pm

AFTER-PROM COMMITTEE –

Prom is such a special time for our students and we want to continue our tradition of making fabulous memories. As always, we want to provide a safe, fun, entertaining After-Prom party. This year we are looking for parents that can help out. We need folks to help with setting up, breaking down, planning activities, and, of course, chaperoning.

Prom is May 21, and After-Prom is directly following, from midnight until 2 am.

Meeting times have yet to be determined. Please contact Susan Beverstock, Volunteer Coordinator, at 881-1689 ext. 306.
sbeverstock@stmdphs.org

Cristo Rey Highlights

A Detroit Cristo Rey High School student is documenting her life with a video camera.

"My Education, My Job, My Success."

Check out the Cristo Rey Network’s site www.cristoreynetwork.org for her story.

IT’S A FAMILY AFFAIR

THE JEWELS AND GENTS PRESENT

SORORITY & FRATERNITY NIGHT

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2010

6 PM - 8:30 PM

Plan to attend a wonderful evening of fun and education. Sororities and Fraternities will be present to talk about their sororities and fraternities, the colleges and universities they attended, and their

professions. Greek organizations will perform steps and strolls, and refreshments will be served.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

March 1& 2 – Progress Report Pick-up days

March 5 – Saint Martin Staff Retreat Day – CWSP Workers report to school

March 8-9 – CWSP Corporate Luncheons

March 9 – Sophomore Parent Night – College Counseling – It’s never too early to prepare for college

March 15th – 26th – OGT testing week

March 17th – Red Cross Blood Drive

March 22nd – Professional Development Day – CWSP workers report to school

March 23rd – Parent Appreciation Night – RSVP by 3/15

March 25th – Junior Ring Mass

March 26th – Sorority & Fraternity Night

March 30th – National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

April 1st – Easter Break begins

Please check your monthly calendar for times.