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ST. MARTIN OF TOURS ACADEMY

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CLASS REUNIONS:



Classes of 2003, 2004, 2005

June 21, 22, 2008

Class of 1958
Sunday, August 17, 2008
50th year reunion!

SAVE THE DATES!

Please note: Help with planning these reunions would be appreciated. If you are a member of one of these classes, and would be willing to assist, please contact Kathy Connors at 619-593-2580 or e-mail: cconnkconn@aol.com

Dear Alums,

Some of you, if you are in the "elder" category, will remember me as a classmate at St. Martin of Tours Academy and more of you, those in classes of 1992 to 2007, as your principal. No matter the age, we share something very important in common. We have attended a school that has always provided a strong academic foundation coupled with an emphasis on spiritual growth and moral development.

I feel very proud of the school today and I know you would, too. It is sought after by many families both within and without our parish. Especially during the past 16 years, much has been accomplished related to facilities, equipment, and the entire school program. In addition, the staff and school community continue to be "top notch".

It has been awhile since there has been a newsletter for SMA alums. The intention to have regular newsletters was always there but with ever growing "to do lists" that come with school administration, it just didn't happen. However, since retiring as principal last August, I am better able to focus on alumni newsletters, reunions, pictures and such matters.

I am happy to announce that my successor as principal is Antoinette Dimuzio. I have great confidence that the school will continue to flourish under her direction. (see the article that follows)

There are so many good things to report about the school. I hope that you will take the time to read what follows in this newsletter. We hope that you will stay in contact with us at St. Martin of Tours Academy. We'll do our best to reciprocate!

Sincerely,

Nancy Ryan
Principal 1991-2007 and SMA Alum

Meet the new principal:

Antoinette Dimuzio is a San Diego native who graduated from SDSU. Prior to coming to SMA in 1990, she taught at St. Rose of Lima School (Chula Vista) for 13 years. Many alums will remember her as their first grade teacher. For the past seven years Mrs. Dimuzio has served as vice-principal working closely with Nancy Ryan, so that the transition would go smoothly. Mrs. Dimuzio and her husband, John, are parents of two SMA alums John and Jennifer, Classes of '96 and '99 respectively.

Are your teachers still here?

We have been blessed with some long time teachers, still on the staff at SMA: in addition to **Mrs. Dimuzio, Mrs. Mazzara, Mrs. Hartley, Mrs. Ryan and Mrs. Galvan.** Those who have graduated within the past 18 years will certainly recognize the names!

Our pastors at St. Martin of Tours

It is unusual, as parishes go, that since the school was founded in 1951 there have been only four pastors: **Father Dennis Barry** (1948), **Father Donal Sheahan** (1977),

Father John Sproul (1990), and our pastor, as of 2005, **Father Jim Poulsen.** We are fortunate that each have ministered with care and support for the Academy. Father John Sproul entered eternal rest on March 23, 2005. His death, while still pastor, was felt throughout the school and parish. We continue to remember him, with appreciation, for all he did for the school and our families during his 15 years with us. Father Sheahan is now pastor at Mother of Confidence Church. Our new pastor, Father Jim, is continuing the tradition of support for our school. We are blessed to have him as our pastor.

Graduation pictures

Do you remember the pictures of each SMA graduation class that were displayed in the hallway between the two parish halls? They will be reappearing soon and looking better than ever with new mats, frames, and class titles. Each picture, 1952-2007, has been scanned and enhanced. We hope to have them on display again by June.



Progress in action at SMA:

We are always proud to show off our lovely school grounds especially to alums! So many improvements have been made, especially during the past ten years. If you graduated in the 1990's or before, you might not recognize the place! Some of the upgrades include: a learning resource / computer center, science lab, expanded field, running track, new basketball court, two new playground structures, a peace pole, garden and brick monument walls, a landscaped center courtyard and new entry way. In addition, the classrooms have all been refurbished with new carpeting, student desks and other upgrades. Computers are not only in the lab but also in each classroom. Upgraded technology continues to be an ongoing investment.



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Speaking of "new looks", SMA has a new web site this year. Be sure to check it out. Alumni newsletters, reunion information, and forms to update address information, etc. will be available for online use. In addition, the web site includes information about the school which might be of interest for prospective students and families. Spread the word!

A lasting wall of memories

We have beautiful new walls of inscribed bricks, located just behind the rectory building and overlooking the new field area and peace garden. There are bricks with names of families, SMA classes, people who have been an important part of our school's history such as the School Sisters of Notre Dame, our staff members, pastors, volunteers, etc. We have been taking donations for inscribed bricks for several years and are now planning an additional wall at the same location. Order forms are on the school web site. Be sure to come by the walls and peace garden when you are on the campus.



Good Shepherd statue and a plaque in memory of Father Sproul

New playground equipment was installed in 2006 on the lower grounds

new field pictured with new 8th grade lunch area

