



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.

**We are companions on this journey of faith...**


*called to surrender to what IS.*

*Say "Yes" to life and see how life suddenly starts working for you rather than against you.*

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 **Variety Show at SMA! (tomorrow, 2/17 at 1:15 p.m. - parish hall)**

Come watch the Academy students show off their wonderful talents! From dancing to singing to tumbling and playing instruments, we've got it all! Student Council members will provide commercial interruptions! Don't miss it!

 **The Lenten Journey begins: Ash Wednesday Mass**

We invite parents to join us for 8:30 a.m. Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 22. Our students are being prepared for Lent by learning to grow closer to God in prayer, in sacrifice and service to others. Our Lenten practices might be a good topic of discussion at home. Grade Seven will be leading us in this liturgy. We hope that you can be there with us.

 **Fr. Sproul Memorial Fund**

When our former pastor, Father John McCauley Sproul, died in March 2005 donations were made in his honor to St. Martin of Tours Academy. A memorial fund was established and was to be used for projects at the Academy which would benefit the children. There is currently a balance of \$ 54,091.65 in the fund. We have been waiting to use the money for something that would honor his memory. We have decided that the patio area project outside of kindergarten would be an appropriate and meaningful use of the funds. Father Sproul loved visiting all the classes at the Academy, but he especially loved the kindergarten and what he described as the priceless comments they would make. He delighted in repeating their "words of wisdom" in homilies and in conversations.

 **New Patio @ Kindergarten**

This week work will begin on the new patio for kindergarten. Weather permitting the patio covering should be completed after President's Day. By the first week of March, the wrought iron fence enclosure and new gate will be in place.

 **Thank You's!**

- We thank Chris Danielson for taping/editing/burning the DVD's from our Christmas program on Dec. 20th. He has been doing this continuously for several years for our school and parents. The last of the orders were completed this week and are enclosed in this parent envelope.
- The Book Fair was a winner and to all who helped make it a great experience, we thank you! Keep on reading and we'll see you at our next Fair.
- Thank you to the parents in grades 6 and 2 for a wonderful staff appreciation lunch on Wed. 2/1. The special touches were very much appreciated.

**“Making the Right Choices” (Grades 7 and 8)**

Officer Claudia McDaniel from the La Mesa Police Department was invited to make a presentation to our junior high students today about Making Positive Choices. From the series, *\*Natural High*, students were shown Volume 5 featuring celebrities who have chosen to be drug free. The founder of Natural High is Jon Sundt from San Diego. *\*Natural High is a drug abuse prevention organization aimed at helping people find their natural high and reject drugs.*


**A Unique Donation to Tuition Assistance**

Last Spring, a diamond necklace was donated to the school anonymously. The request was that the money from the sale of the necklace go into our tuition assistance fund. Families were given the chance to bid on it through May 6, 2011. With no bids, the necklace was put on E-Bay. It sold this week for \$1400.00. After fees and shipment, the tuition assistance fund received \$1314.78.

**E-Scrip and Vons/Safeway**


Our school has earned \$1,672.94 from E-Scrip this year. Participating merchants contribute each time families make a purchase using their Vons/Safeway or registered debit cards. If you haven't already signed up or renewed, go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) or call 1-800-592-0942. (St. Martin of Tours Academy ID: 137613132.) Every purchase counts. Please sign up if you shop at Vons/Safeway.

**News Briefs!**

<p><b><u>REMINDERS:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ school holiday, Monday 2/20</li> <li>✓ Ash Wednesday Mass 2/22 (dress uniform)</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Sports Pictures Needed!</u></b></p> <p>Please send in pictures of SMA team sports in action! Also include a picture of the team and coach(s). Send pictures to the school office or by e-mail. High resolution required.</p>	<p><b><u>Parents Sports Apparel Orders</u></b></p>  <p>There have been several requests to offer the Spartan adult shirts, sweatshirts, caps and visors one more time this year. Order forms are enclosed. Please note due date of March 2 - firm.</p> <p>The office has a few polo shirts and sweatshirts for sale in the office.</p>	<p><b><u>Use of Parish and Barry Halls:</u></b></p> <p>Both halls are for the use of parish and school events primarily. The hall may be used occasionally for “milestone” events for school &amp; parish members. For more information contact Carmen at the parish office.</p> <p><b><u>Parental Notification Petition</u></b></p> <p>A petition is in the school office if you wish to sign your name to support Parental Notification which prohibits abortions for females under 18 without parental notification and a waiting period.</p>
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**ENCLOSURES:**

- ~ sports apparel order forms (due March 1)
- ~ classroom newsletters (grs. K, 4)
- ~ computers newsletter (grs. 1-3)
- ~ permission slips (grs. K, 1)
- ~ vision screening results (K-3)
- ~ scoliosis screening results (7, 8)
- ~ parish bulletin 2/12/12



*Please keep in your prayers*

- *Paget Brennan had surgery on Wednesday*
- *Dolores Simanello • Ricardo Soto*
- *Robert Coates • Carmina Morfin*