



St. Martin of Tours Academy Sustainable Practices Policy

St. Martin Academy allows students to bring in personal water bottles to eliminate the need for single use plastic bottles. We strive to be 100% free of plastic single use water bottles. Styrofoam has been eliminated. We ask every parent to avoid using packaging that is not environmentally sustainable when bringing food for events such as bake sales, nacho sales, fundraisers, etc. Please refer to the following guidelines:

USE/PURCHASE

biodegradable/compostable utensils
paper cups / plates and plant based drinking cups
napkins and paper from recycled content

Use water pitchers or coolers. Do not purchase straws.

Use local food vendors that incorporate sustainable practices.

Recycle using blue bins located throughout the school and parish campus
& blue dumpsters located in the parking lot.

Go paperless whenever possible.

FAIR TRADE SCHOOL

A Fair Trade school means a percentage of products used on campus are environmentally sustainable, organic and the people who made or grew these products are paid fairly, work in healthy & safe working conditions and there are no child abuses or trafficking in the supply chain. The school purchases fair trade soccer balls, Walkathon t-shirts and coffee. Fundraisers include fair trade chocolate, coffee & teas.

Fair trade is a form of international trade, rooted in justice, transparency and sustainability, seeking to bring about greater equity in the global economy.

On Care for Our Common Home (Laudato Si') is the appeal from Pope Francis addressed to "every person living on this planet" for an inclusive dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. Pope Francis calls the Church and the world to acknowledge the urgency of our environmental challenges and to join him in embarking on a new path. This encyclical is written with both hope and resolve, looking to our common future with candor and humility.

- US Conference of Catholic Bishops.

