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A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

By Ms. Mary Ann Vogel

Dear Parents & Families of Saint Martin:

A blessed beginning to the advent season to you and your families. I know that in my own life it becomes very easy to become engrossed by the lists of “things” that must be completed before Christmas. Interestingly enough, most of these things have nothing to do with the real preparation of Christ’s coming. I find myself busy with the frenzy of the “what”. “What do I buy?” “What did I do with the present I bought five months ago?” “What great new recipe am I going to try?” “What more can I do?” The “what’s” can go on and on and on. In the frenzy of the commercials, the parties. The shopping, and the actions; often times the true gifts of giving become lost in the tinsel and the wrappings of the season. I am making an early resolution to not get myself caught up in the action of the season but in the reason and spirit. I am working to take time to read and meditate on the Daily Advent Devotionals from Saint Martin and I am vowing to not let myself get worked up if everything does not happen the way I planned. I am planning to “let go, and let God help me make this season of Advent a spiritual one for me.”

“As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which

indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.” Colossians 3: 12-15.

The Scripture passage above is a strong example of God’s love in us. He loves us and does not let up on His love of us. He calls us to be love for another in our actions and in our hearts. These words are Jesus’ gift to us and our gift to freely give to others. A Christmas present that is a gift all year long and does not end up in the back of the closet to be forgotten.

This year we are celebrating Christmas differently at Saint Martin. Please join us for an evening of religious Christmas Carols at St. Vitus Church on Friday, December 18. We are blessed to have the St. Christopher Church Choir join our own Saint Martin choir for an evening of beautiful songs of the season. All are invited. Please mark your calendars to attend. This year we will not be hosting the activities as we have in the past.

Enclosed in this newsletter are the calendars for December and January.

Please keep Mrs. Ann Klonowski (mother-in-law) and Mr. Joe Rozman (mother) in your prayers, each has lost a dear family member in the last few days.

Also, hold Darion Webber ’10 in your prayers as well. Darion is continuing to recuperate from a bone marrow transplant he underwent in August. He and his family would like to thank you for the prayers you have sent to them, the prayers are greatly appreciated.

I often say to friends and family that Saint Martin is a very special community; an exceptional place to spend the majority of my waking hours, a

wonderful workplace, and a community made of up of extremely dedicated individuals be they students, parents, or staff. This community was alive and well for me over the last month as my father became seriously ill and passed away. Thank you for the caring you showed to my family and me as we celebrated the life of our father Anton Vogel. Words cannot express the love and gratitude I would like to extend to each of you for your caring.

The cards, the sign, the hugs, the phone calls helped to envelope me in a love that allowed me to continue during what was both a difficult and beautiful time in my father's life and now my own. Thank you for living Saint Martin.

On behalf of the Faculty, Staff, and Administration of Saint Martin de Porres High School, I would like to wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year 2010. What a remarkable decade it has been.

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 need your help. With the cold and flu season upon us, it would be very helpful to St. Martin if each student could bring a box of Kleenex. Just think, if each student donated 1 box of Kleenex we would have 384 boxes of Kleenex in the school.

SHOUTOUTS

Congratulations to Angela Cheadle. She completed her first marathon in Washington, D.C. in 4 hours 37 minutes and raised awareness and financial support for the Alzheimer's Association.

Please welcome, Susan Beverstock, our New Volunteer Coordinator. Ms. Beverstock is here Mon. – Fri. 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 a.m. She is located in the Market Annex across the street from Saint

Martin's. If you are interested in helping out with field trips, dances, events or anything around the school feel free to contact her at sbeverstock@stmdphs.org.

Our Parent Association presented to the Cleveland area USO, 210 Christmas cards thanking our service troops for all that they do for our country. During our November 11, 2009 parent meeting parents addressed the cards. These cards were bought and some donated by our wonderful staff. Last year we supported cards for "Holidays for Hero's" which was sponsored by the Red Cross.



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Mrs. Joanne B. Lewis – ext. 321

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY KWANZAA TO EVERYONE !

Thank you to all the parents that addressed Christmas cards for our troops serving our country.

The USO of Cleveland received 210 Christmas cards from school community and parents. Thank you so much again for your generosity.

Congratulations to everyone who attended our November parent meeting. There were over 15 parents and their students in attendance. Our speakers were dynamic and well received. Thank you to all that brought refreshments.

Please watch the upcoming newsletter and check our website: www.saintmartincleveland.org for information about the January 11, 2010 - our parent meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. Please feel free to bring desserts.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Howard, MSSA, LSW will be our speaker. The topic will be “Mental Health in the African American Community”.

Our students are participating in the “Pennies for Pasta” campaign. Please bring your “pennies wrapped” to Mrs. Lewis. Each grade will be competing with each other. The grade that raises the most will win a catered lunch from Olive Garden restaurant.

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

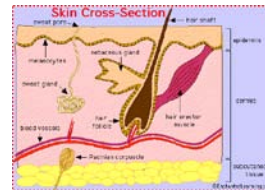
November is Healthy Skin Month. Your skin is your body’s first line of defense against germs in the environment. Taking care of your skin can help you stay healthy.

- ✓ Keep your skin clean and cover any open cut or wound with a bandage.
- ✓ Good hand washing practice includes lathering with soap for 15-20 seconds

before rinsing the dirt and germs down the drain. Time a favorite song and sing it while you lather.

- ✓ During winter it is especially important to keep your skin moisturized.

Practicing good hygiene will help you feel happy to be wrapped in your skin.



Many links to fascinating information about health, physical, mental, emotional and more, can be found on the School Nurse website under “Student Life.” Stop by and visit!

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. My phone number is 881-1689 x 316.



CWSP News

The Corporate Work Study Program (CWSP) is looking for a few volunteers to help out with their evening check-in process from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. daily. Every week, CWSP transports almost 400 students to worksites in and around the greater Cleveland area. At the end of their work day, students are dropped off by vans and enter the school building to check in with CWSP, ensuring student safety. A volunteer will remain stationed at the check-in table as students enter the school building from their vans.

Volunteer responsibilities include:

- Remaining stationed at the check-in table during the process
- Asking each student worker for van route and last name

