

A NOTE FROM THE DESK OF KATHY LEAHY

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Parents, please feel free to contact me by:

- Telephoning the school office at 452-4428
- Emailing me directly at kleahy.stmartindeporres@yahoo.com
- Emailing me by going to the school website under administration
- Making an appointment to visit me in my office
- Sending me a short note asking me to contact you (be sure to include a phone number)

Important dates for September 2008

Curriculum Night 6:30 pm (parents only)	4
Mass of the Holy Spirit 9:00 am	5
Parish Picnic After the 12:00 Mass	7
First Full Day Lunch/Extended Day/ Specials Begin	8
Grade 8 –Earth Science Meeting 6:30 pm	8
WTC Prayer Service 8:30 am/ All forms due back to school	11
Grade 8—Class Meeting 6:30 pm	15
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Welcome Back to School

Welcome to the 2008/2009 school year! We are looking forward to a very exciting and rewarding school year. I hope that the summer has been filled with many special moments for you and your family. As we begin the 2008/2009 school year I pray that the Holy spirit will guide us in all we do as we grow closer to our Lord.

By now you have received the most important word on how this school year has begun, the informal report given to you by your child or children. The faculty and staff at Saint Martin's hope that all reports are positive and that all children were happy to be back at school. I hope that you feel the first day went well for your family.

It seems to us at Saint Martin's that classes began smoothly and that the first day has been a fine beginning of what should be a very productive school year. The boys and girls have been most cooperative. The kindergarten children are adjusting to their new surroundings and are a friendly presence in our school. We welcome all new families to our school community and pray that they find happiness and success within our school community.

On this first day of the school year and throughout the year let us remember to thank God for all we are blessed with here at Saint Martin's. Let us pray that God will continue to bless us and thank Him for sharing so many of His wonderful



children and their families with us in our school community.

God bless you and those you love!

Sincerely,

Kathy Leahy

Principal

New Programs Starting This Fall

Saint Martin de Porres School is excited to begin a student government program for students in grades 6-8 after school beginning at the end of September. This program will provide our older students with the opportunity to build our school community outside of the

classroom and provide service to others. This is a wonderful way to work together and help others.

We are also excited to announce our intramural sports programs that will run after school beginning in October and run for 6-8 weeks. We will select seasonal sports

and offer these intramural programs to ALL students in our school, grades 5-8.

Coming this November we will host our first annual Veteran's Day Celebration honoring all Veterans that can attend.

More details on all three of these programs to follow.

Our Dedicated and Wonderful Faculty and Staff

Kindergarten- Mrs. Christie
Mrs. Boyd-Teacher
Assistant

Grade 1—Mrs. Parajon
Mrs. Mucci-Teacher
Assistant

Grade 2- Mrs. Papineau
Mrs. Ostrander & Mrs.
Rogers-Teacher
Assistants

Grade 3—Mrs. Van De Water

Grade 4—Mrs. Tenaglia

Grade 5—Miss Hagan

Grade 6- Mrs. Castelli

Grade 7- Mr. Timm

Grade 8—Mrs. De Souter

Science—Mrs. Canfield

Spanish—Senora Massiala

Technology—Mr. Koman

Art—Mrs. Kopa

Physical Education—Coach
Reyman

Music—Mrs. Hourani

Teacher Assistant-(Floater)-
Mrs. Cunningham

Band—Mr. Varuzzo & Ms. Bellino

Nurses- Ms. Serino & Ms. Wang

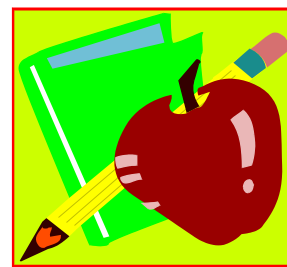
Library—Mrs. Paggi

Maintenance—Mr. Lateer

Kitchen—Mrs. Darling &
Ms. Dykeman

Resource Teacher-Ms. Platt-Keil

School Secretary—Ms. Gallagher



Riding the School Bus



With a new school year often comes a new bus driver or route. While statistics show that riding the bus is the safest way to get to school, dangerous situations could occur if children don't follow school bus rules and procedures. Here are a few general tips you can review with your child to help your child remain safe on the bus:

Getting on and off: Insist that your child be courteous and use their manners when it comes to getting on and off the bus. They should wait their turn while they board and get off; never push or

shove on the stairs; and say "thank you" and "good morning" to the bus driver. While waiting for the bus, please be sure that your child is not waiting in the street.

Safety while underway: In Saint Martin's I am requiring that all kindergarten and first grade students sit in the two front seats of the bus. Once on the bus please instruct all children to follow the bus driver's rules. All bus drivers ask that the children find their place quickly and remain in that spot. They ask that the children do not harass other children and that they do not throw

things or leave trash on the bus.

Good behaviors: Children need to understand that there are some behaviors that might appear "cool," but can actually be deadly. Explain that it is dangerous, not cool, to stick their heads, or arms out the window. Nothing should ever be hanging outside of a bus window or tossed outside the bus window.

I am sure that as parents we will all agree that these few rules for riding the bus are a small price to pay for helping to safeguard our children.

Other Important Items for September

A sincere thank you to our PSA for the delicious coffee that was shared with all parents as they dropped their children off to school on the first day. What a wonderful way to start the first day of school!

Curriculum Night will be held on Thursday, September 4th at 6:30

pm. Please read the enclosed flyer for more details.

Milk orders are past due! Kindly send to school your milk order tomorrow if you have not done so.

Band Demo—Monday September 8 for students in grades 3-8 at 2:15 in the gymnasium. Parents that are

interested in registering their child for the band are welcomed to attend this short demo.

Wrapping paper sale starts tomorrow. Let us please make this our best sale yet as all profits benefit our students and school community.

A current monthly school calendar is posted on the school website.