

A NOTE FROM THE DESK OF MRS. KATHY LEAHY, PRINCIPAL

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Welcome to the 2011/2012 School Year

Parents, please feel free to contact me by:

- Telephoning the school office at 452-4428
- Emailing me directly at k Leahy.stmartindepores@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 2011

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Welcome, welcome, welcome! Two words, well and come, have rarely ever been combined to form a more meaningful and heartfelt word as the word “welcome.” In many cities, countries and cultures around the world, the word “welcome” is cause for celebration. When shared between two people for the first time, it is meant to establish a feeling of friendship, of belonging, and of caring. Here at Saint Martin de Porres School, I offer you this first official welcome to the 2011/2012 school year. I do this to express my true joy and excitement in having you as a part of our school community and as partners in the education of your precious children. I look forward to an exciting school year, which will take us to new heights.

Here at Saint Martin’s, we feel that the first day of this wonderful school year began smoothly and that we are off

to a fine beginning of what should be a very productive and exciting school year. The boys and girls have been absolutely amazing, and their smiles have brightened our halls. It was truly a pleasure to welcome them back to school as they came off their bus or were dropped off by car this morning. I can assure you that each and every student is a precious gift to us here at Saint Martin’s and helps to make our school so special.

Our new students are adjusting to their new surroundings and are also a delightful presence in our school. We welcome all new students and their families to our school and pray that they find happiness and success within our school community.

On this first day of the school year and throughout the entire year, let us re-

member to thank God for all we are blessed with here at Saint Martin de Porres School. Let us pray that God will continue to bless us and thank Him for sharing so many of His precious children and their families with us in our school community. May we continue to pray for each other daily as we grow closer to our Lord.

God bless you and those you love!

Sincerely,
Kathy Leahy
Principal

New Cafeteria is Ready To Go!

Saint Martin de Porres School is ready for what is sure to be a fantastic school year. Over the summer vacation our new cafeteria was completed and is now ready to go. This new cafeteria is a bright, cheerful room where many of your children’s wonderful school memories will take place. I can assure you that the cafeteria, although it serves as a place to eat lunch, it is there that many of our students allow their personalities to shine through as they engage in conversation, laughter,

prayer, and good fellowship daily. Please take a moment and view the pictures on my web site of this special addition to our already breathtaking school building.

As you know, we are blessed here at Saint Martin de Porres School, and this cafeteria is just another example of the dedication and commitment of our pastor, financial director, faculty, parents and parish to making our school a school of excellence where children come first.

Our Dedicated and Outstanding Faculty and Staff

Pre-Kindergarten (3)- Miss Wiegard
Mrs. Mucci-TA

Pre-Kindergarten (4)- Mrs.
Maggiacomo

Mrs. Odgen-TA

Pre-Kindergarten (4) Mrs. Gusmano
Mrs. Michael -TA

Kindergarten- Miss Roach

Mrs. Ragonese-TA

Miss Centonze -TA
(Pre-K & Kindergarten)

Grade 1—Mrs. Mariotti

Mrs. Leigh -TA

Grade 1- Mrs. Paragon

Mrs. Wyskida -TA

Grade 2- Mrs. Papineau

Grade 3- Mrs. Van DeWater

Miss. Wright -TA
(grades 2 & 3)

Grade 4-Miss Hagan

Grade 5– Miss Vaczi

Mrs. Cunningham-TA
(grades 4 & 5)

Grade 6-Mrs. Castelli

Grade 7– Mr. Timm

Grade 8- Mrs. DeSouter

Science- Mrs. Canfield

Spanish- Miss Smaila

Technology- Mr. Koman

Art- Mrs. Kopa

Physical Education- Mr. Reyman

Music– Mrs. Hourani

Band– Mrs. Bellino & Mr. Varuzzo

Nurses– Ms. Serino & Mrs. Wang

Library– Mrs. Paggi

After School Director–
Mrs. Kearney

Maintenance– Mr. Howard

Kitchen—Mrs. LaBare &
Mrs. Hall

Resource Teacher—Mrs. Rao

Speech Therapist- Mrs. Hebrank

Story Time– Mrs. Rogers

School Secretaries—Mrs. Burns &
Mrs. DeRocha



St. Martin's Brings Parents Behind Closed Doors

With a new school year often comes new programs that help schools to meet the needs of faculty, parents, and students. Over the summer months here at Saint Martin's we have been working very hard to be able to strengthen our partnership with our parents in the education of their children.

Beginning this school year, we will allow parents of students in grades 1 through 8 to have the opportunity to

view their children's grades on our electronic Student Information System. Each primary parent will be given a password which will give them access to view their child's grades electronically from the comfort of their computer as long as they have internet access.

Our faculty and staff are excited to begin this new adventure together with our parents as it will allow us to strengthen the communication

between parents and teachers.

All parents can pick up their password on curriculum night by handing in their signed sheet stating that they read the parent student handbook which is enclosed in this blue folder. (gold sheet)

Thank you for your help and cooperation...you are all wonderful parents!

Other Important Items for September

Curriculum Night will be held on Thursday, September 8th at 7:00 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 will be held on Friday, September 9 for students in grades 3-8 at 2:00 in the gymnasium. Par-

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

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

On Friday September 9 our students will join together in a **prayer service** in remembrance of

September 11, 2001.

All needed forms and an updated yearly school calendar are posted on the school website for your convenience.

Pictures of the first day of school and our new cafeteria can be found on my web site. Enjoy!

