

The mission of St. Martin Catholic School is to teach a life of Prayer, Leadership, Love, Service and Kindness through Catholic Education.

September 3, 2020



Hello Jaguar Families,

“*FAITH over Fear*” a chant you will hear numerous times throughout the year by the St. Martin School student body. It is our mantra ... our battle cry ... our direction for learning this year. To keep us centered we have chosen a scripture passage from 2Timothy 3: “*God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of sound mind*”. Faith is believing God and all he has revealed. We were blessed with our faith when we were baptized and now as we grow in the study and practice of virtues we will become powerful Christians.

To assist all of us in our journey we will be using the three year program - *Practicing Virtue*. Throughout the year your child will be nurturing the many beautiful avenues of faith. We will have an opportunity to live our faith through our study of the virtues of stewardship, generosity and justice. The virtues of gratitude, mercy and zeal will help us feel the potency of prayer. Practicing honesty and reverence will draw us into a deeper relationship with God. I am confident that through the study of these virtues at school, and at home we will gain determination to avoid sin and will motivate us to become God-like in our best way.

Last year the students began participating in the *FAITH FAMILY SERVICE* program. They did a tremendous job in going out into the community and living and practicing virtue. Although COVID-19 will limit our ability to go into other places, we will still practice living virtue each month by honoring a group of people, who by their actions, exhibit the virtue of the month. In September we will be honoring our parishioners. We want to show our love and gratitude to the whole parish, for the shining example of FAITH they have been for us.

Living virtues, help us center our FAITH and be open to all God has promised us.

FAITH OVER FEAR

“*God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of sound mind*” 2Tim 3:7

CHROMEBOOKS

If your child has a chromebook (not a laptop because they can have a virus) with your permission they may bring it to school to use. Mrs. Knox will help set it up on the school’s WiFi.

BIRTHDAY TREATS

Birthdays are special and should be celebrated. This year however we are asking that each treat be individually wrapped. Pre-packaged treats are ideal, but if your child chooses to bring doughnuts, each doughnut is to be put in its own baggie. Please check with your child’s homeroom teacher prior to sending the treats because we have several students who have food allergies and the teacher will help you know what and what not to send for a treat.

If there is a food allergy in your room PLEASE do not send food with that substance. Many times food allergies are so severe that it could be a life threatening situation if the child with the allergy comes in contact with that substance. Treats will not be served if they contain the allergen. Just a gentle reminder that we are a peanut free school.

DIOCESAN INTERNET & SOCIAL MEDIA POLICIES

The Diocesan School Policy #6450 is the diocese’s internet policy on “cyberbullying”. Please review the whole policy. Also please note within the policy the diocesan expectations in regards to posting negative/demeaning remarks about school personnel or the school on social media sites. It is very important your student and family understand that there is a consequence to words and actions even when they are typed on a machine and sent out for others to read. This is cyberbullying and very hurtful. The most tragic part of cyberbullying is the person who types the message disengages himself/herself from the fact that he/she is purposely hurting

another person. When we purposely hurt another person by our own words and actions even if we cannot see their face we are committing a sin; this takes us out of the grace of God.

Please understand that St. Martin School does not condone any type of bullying and appropriate consequences will be given when and wherever any type of bullying occurs.

FLU CLINIC

We have partnered with Cole County Health department to offer the Flu Shot Clinic again this year. Flu Clinic will be held on October 7th. Informational letters and permission forms went home earlier this week. All permission forms are due back to school by **Tuesday, September 8th** to allow time for the health department to process and plan the clinic day.

DISMISSAL TIME:

We are rocking dismissal time! The first day of school it took us 27 minutes to load up all the car riders but today we were able to load all cars in 15 minutes, Pretty impressive! Thank you to all of our students who are being attentive and ready to leave when their name is called. A few reminders that will help us to be even more efficient:

- If your child usually attends After School Care (ASC), please send a note with your child in the morning to let the teacher know that they will be a car rider.
- If plans change in the middle of the day and your ASC child will be a car rider please contact the school office so your child won't have to be called from ASC. When that happens it stalls the car rider line.
- Thank you to everyone who is displaying your hang tags. This really helps us to keep things moving.

Thank you so much for your patience during these past 2 weeks as we worked out the kinks and got into the flow of school.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE BULLETIN

St Martin partners with Liturgical Publications to print our weekly bulletin. We are getting close to covering our annual publication costs, however, the bulletin still has a few open advertising spaces and needs your support and your ad! The ads and sponsorships on the bulletin will allow us to receive a bulletin at no cost to the church. Bob Swagman from our bulletin publishing partner, Liturgical Publications, is securing new ads for the bulletin. **For more information contact: Bob at (636) 346-2058 or email Bob at RSwagman@4lpi.com**

SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKES

School picture retake will happen on Sept. 21st. If your child was not able to come to Open House please let the office know so that we can add them to the photographers schedule for the day. If your child had their picture taken at Open House proofs and ordering information will come home in the next couple of days, if your child will need to retake their picture, please return their proof or photo package with a note to add them to the retake list.

ST. MARTIN PARISH FALL DINNER

The parish will be hosting a drive-thru FALL DINNER on OCT. 4. The chairpersons, Mac Gano and Marium Kuensting are in need of workers for that day. Please use the sign-up link below to sign up to help.
<https://signup.com/go/SffwfkX>

COVID-19 RETURN TO SCHOOL CHART

To help you understand the school's protocol for your child to return to school if they have had COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 we have attached a flow chart explaining the process. If you have any questions please contact the office. **FYI:** If you have a family member tested for COVID-19 and receive a phone call from **(573) 636-2181** please answer it, it is the Cole County Health Department calling with your results.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR

Our Scholastic Bookfair will be online this year. We are looking for a volunteer or a team of volunteers to help organize this. If you are able to help, please contact the office at school@stmartinjc.org. Thank you!

NEW WEBSITE

Check out the new parish Website. <https://stmartin.dioieffcity.org/>
All of the school information will be kept under the school tab.

JAGUAR CLUB: Members Needed

Please use the provided link to sign-up for a shift. Thank you for helping!
<https://signup.com/go/gLPGydB>

WE HOLD IN PRAYER

Please pray for Jeff Brondel, a dedicated beloved volunteer. He has been diagnosed with stage 4 liver cancer. Jeff is in charge of the Jaguar club and also has donated his time in so many ways for the school and parish over the years.

LUNCH PRICE THIS YEAR:

Student Lunch: \$2.60

Adult Lunch: \$4.00

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

Fridays are Jaguar Spirit Days: Students may wear spirit shirts on Fridays with uniform bottoms. gray blast-off shirts may be worn on Fridays.

No School: September 7

Grandparents Day: Sept. 11 **POSTPONED UNTIL SPRING 2021**

Picture Retake Day: Sept. 21

Early Dismissal: Sept. 24

No School~Teachers' Inservice Day: Sept. 25

Parish Fall Diner: Sunday, Oct. 4

Testing Week Grs. 3-8: Oct. 5-10 (**Proctor's needed: Please contact Mrs. Fender if you can help.**)

Goblin 5K: Oct. 18

Working together through Christ,

Julie Clingman, Principal

COLOSSIANS PRAYER

We are your chosen ones, holy and beloved. Help us to grow in heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. So **We** may bear with one another and be forgiving. If **We** have a grievance against another, may **We** be as forgiving as you have been with us. And over all these virtues may **We** put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. Let your perfect peace control our hearts, the peace that calls us into one body. **We** are thankful, in your holy name.

AMEN