

***Faith in our Students – Confidence in our Future
SMS is Raising the Standards!***

The school calendar can be found on the “News and Events” page under the “Parents” tab of the school website. The 2017-2018 calendar will be posted on the website during the summer.

ALL TUITION MUST BE PAID FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR. CHILDREN WILL NOT BE PERMITTED IN SCHOOL OR ON TRIPS UNLESS TUITION IS PAID.

Additional information and calendar updates for May and June:

- May 1: Tooth Puppet assembly for grades Pre-K through 2
40 Hours Devotion – 7:30 PM in church – All are invited with our Confirmation class
- May 2: Rendell Center mock trial lesson for grade 7
40 Hours Devotion – 7:30 PM in church – All are invited with our Communion class
- May 3: Progress Reports
Home & School Meeting at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall – “Heads Up” program
- May 4: Pre-K trip to the “Please Touch Museum”
Rendell Center mock trial lesson for grade 7
- May 5: May Procession at 9:15 AM – All are invited
- May 6: Mrs. Kroemer, students, and volunteers will deliver Socks of Love to St. John’s Hospice
- May 7: Grade 5 Mass – 10:00 AM
Reception for Sister Paula and Deacon Ray after the 10:00 AM Mass in the gym
- May 9: Rendell Center mock trial lesson for grade 7
- May 10: Smith Scholarship applications are due for grade 8
- May 12: Home & School Flower Sale
Class trip to Washington, DC – grades 7 and 8
Zerbini Family Circus – Performance at 7:00 PM
- May 13: Zerbini Family Circus – Performance at 7:00 PM
- May 17: 8th Grade Retreat
Connelly Trip to the Seaport Museum for grades 5 and 6
- May 18: Red ‘n White daytime and evening events
- May 19: NO SCHOOL
- May 21: School/Parish picnic celebrating the 50th Anniversary of St. Martha School – 2:00 PM – All are encouraged to attend!
- May 22: Dress Down Day - \$1.00 donation
Paint Day – Grades Pre-K through 4 from 3:00-4:30 PM in the Parish Hall – children must be registered for the activity
- May 23: Paint Day – Grades 5 through 8 from 3:00-4:30 PM in the Parish Hall – children must be registered for the activity
- May 25: Ascension Thursday – SCHOOL IS IN SESSION – 8:15 AM Mass and Peacemaker Awards
- May 26: NO SCHOOL
- May 29: NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day – **Please email Mrs. Donofry if you read the Newsletter and your child will receive a treat tomorrow, May 30th! :)**
- May 30: Classes resume
- June 1: Assessments for grades 1-8
- June 2: Assessments for grades 1-8
- June 4: Ballroom Dancing finals
- June 5: Dress Down Day - \$1.00 donation; Assessments for grades 1-8; 12:30 PM DISMISSAL;
CARES will be available until 4:30 PM
- June 6: Assessments for grades 2-8; 12:30 PM DISMISSAL; CARES will be available until 4:30 PM
- June 7: Assessments for grades 2-8; Pre-K Move Up Day; 12:30 PM DISMISSAL; CARES will be available until 4:30 PM
- June 8: NO SCHOOL – Staff Development

- June 9: Kindergarten graduation; 12:30 DISMISSAL; CARES will be available until 4:30 PM
- June 11: Baccalaureate Mass – 12:00 Noon
- June 12: 12:30 PM DISMISSAL; CARES will be available until 4:30 PM
- June 13: 8th Grade Farewell at 9:00 AM; 12:30 PM DISMISSAL; CARES will be available until 4:30 PM; 8th grade graduation party at Twining Hall
- June 14: Awards Ceremony at 9:30 AM in church for grades 1-7; 12:30 PM DISMISSAL; NO CARES; 8th grade graduation – 5:30 PM in church
- June 15: 12:30 PM DISMISSAL; NO CARES
- June 16: 8:15 AM Mass for grades 1-7; 11:30 AM DISMISSAL; NO CARES

P.M. Car Line: DO NOT PARK PAST THE POSTS! OUR SAFETIES PLACE CONES THERE FOR YOUR CHILD’S SAFETY. PLEASE FOLLOW THEIR DIRECTIVES.

WORKS OF MERCY

Giving Tree: Our Giving Tree is now a “Flowering Tree” with names of children and their acts of kindness written on flowers. The children love reading their names or the names of classmates and their acts of kindness.

AROUND THE CAMPUS

Congratulations to our First in Math Winners:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>March 31</u>	<u>April 7</u>	<u>April 21</u>	<u>April 28</u>
1	Olivia Dodd	Raegan Gallagher	Raegan Gallagher	Olivia Dodd
2	Madeline Dutcher	Avery Byrne	Joseph Dougan	Joseph Dougan
3	Sophia Cozzi	Maximilian Jin	Delaney Newhouse	Sean Brown
4	Patrick McCrossan	Connor McLaughlin	Aden Brody	Anthony Quaresima
5	Natalie Dalaimo	Natalie Dalaimo	Christopher Yengbeh	Juliana Quinn
6	Mia Siner	Michelle Peahota	Michelle Peahota	Mia Siner
7	Kayleigh Albany	Kayleigh Albany	Kayleigh Albany	Kaitlin Brace
8	Sarah Umile	Kirsten Seif	Bryanna Bamberger	Nicole Santos
Team of the Week	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 6	Grade 5

Thank you and kudos to Mrs. Gerrish and Mrs. Nash! The new Race for Education/Fun Day was a huge success and now we’re waiting for the envelopes to come in for an even bigger success!

Congratulations to Patrick McLaughlin who ran in the Philadelphia Phillies 5K race and finished with a time of 38:52. Way to go, Patrick!

Sophia Cozzi is our May Queen with Chelsea Sadowski, Nicole Sojka, Sean Brown, and William Fennell as her Court.

TUITION AND FEES MUST BE UP-TO-DATE IN ORDER TO ATTEND SCHOOL EVENTS

Tuition must be paid each month. Your child will not be permitted in school in September unless tuition and fees are up-to-date. This policy will be strictly enforced. Do not take a vacation from tuition!

Clearances: No one will be permitted to chaperone or volunteer without a PA State Police Background Check, Child Abuse Clearance, and Disclosure Statement Application for Volunteers. All three documents need to be registered with Mrs. Donofry.

Mother’s Prayer Group: Meetings are in the chapel on the first and third Monday of each month from 7:30-8:30 PM. For additional information, contact Margaret Breen at 215-637-5666.

Website: Remember to check our website, stmarthaparishschool.webs.com, for upcoming events and the 2016-2017 school calendar. All school information can be found on our website. Please read the Parent-Student Handbook, Home & School information and monthly Newsletters.

Email the Principal at kdonofry@comcast.net. Email Mrs. Donofry if you would like to have your child's accomplishments posted in the Newsletter. Remember – if you hear something good about SMS, tell others. If not, tell me. Also, if you need to report a problem, I ask that you follow our chain of command. For example, if there is a concern with a teacher, please contact the teacher first. If the concern is not resolved, then call me and we will discuss the situation. If you need further assistance, you would then contact Father Al who is the director of St. Martha Parish School.

My Students Progress (MSP): This is used for school emergencies and communication. In addition to telephone notifications, you may also receive email blasts and texts through MSP.

Forgotten Items: We will not interrupt classes for forgotten items. Items will be left on the bench.

REMINDERS

Absences: ALL GRADES – A parent must call the school office by 10:00 AM to report their child absent. If not reported, the secretary, Mrs. Gilbert, will call the house for students in grades 6, 7, and 8, as stated in our Handbook. If a child is absent for three or more days, a doctor's note is required for readmission to school. An absence note is required any time a student is not in school.

Lateness: It is important to have your child in school and on time. Remember school starts promptly at 8:00 a.m. Children should be here no later than 7:55 a.m. **Children arriving after 8:00 a.m. will have a lunch detention instead of going outside.**

Fundraisers: Please save General Mills Box Tops for Education and ask your family members to save them. Also, check out the "Help our School" page on our website where you will find fundraisers to help our school at *no* cost to you.

Schoolstore.com is a great way to help the school, especially if you are an on-line shopper. Please visit schoolstore.com and on the homepage, click the "Merchants" tab and then click the drop-down box and select "All Merchants." There are over 400 merchants to choose from. It's an easy way to shop online!

Parent-Student Handbook: Read the Parent-Student Handbook concerning uniforms, shoes and haircuts. A link to the handbook can be found in the Important Links section of the school website in the left sidebar on the Home page.

Car Line: In the morning there is room for about four cars to line up and let children out. If you need more time, I suggest you park in the lot and walk your child(ren) into school. Many people are driving to work directly from car line and must move a bit faster. Again, this is not the time to sign tests or give that extra kiss. Please do these things at home. Pre-K parents must also follow these rules unless they are dropping their child off after 8:10 a.m.

School Closings: In case of unusual weather, please listen to KYW for "Public and Parochial Schools" and the message that follows. Do not call the school as we usually don't hear anything until it is announced on the news. We will also send an MSP message in case of emergency closings.

Crisis Management: A Crisis Management Plan is in effect at SMS. All classes are aware of what needs to be done in case of a "lock down," "shelter in place," or "evacuation."

IMPORTANT! – PLEASE READ

Internet and Social Media: It is important to monitor your child's Internet use. Once something is sent, it cannot be taken back. It is serious when children attack one another on the Internet. When this is brought to my attention, I recommend the parent notify the police. Many children use the Internet,

Facebook, and Instagram and often nasty things are written or inappropriate pictures are posted. **Please monitor your child.** If they don't want you to see what they are doing, then you know you should be looking. It is not snooping - it's called parenting.