



Bulldog Bulletin February



**Bulldog
Bash**

Join us for our annual Bulldog Bash
SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 24 | 6-10PM
St. Martin's: 1120 Spa Rd, Annapolis, MD 21403

<https://www.stmartinsonline.org/bulldogbash>



**February Upcoming
Events:**

- 7th-** First & Second Grade Chapel Service 8:35am, Parents & Families Welcome!
- 12th-** 100th Day of School Celebration
- 14th-** Ash Wednesday/ Valentines Day
- 16th-** School Closed (Possible Snow Makeup Day)
- 19th-** School Closed, Presidents Day
- 24th-** Bulldog Bash
- 26th-29th-** SPIRIT WEEK (Attire TBD)

School Calendar:
<https://www.stmartinsonline.org/school-calendar>

ADMINISTRATION

As I write this report, Ms. Glava, teachers, and the cleaning crew are busy getting our wonderful school ready for the open house on Friday January 26th, 2024. We are excited to welcome visitors and showcase St. Martin's. I believe our school is the best school in the area. The best way for us to get the word out about our school is by word of mouth. Let us all work together to tell others what we already know. St. Martin's school is a wonderful school full of joyful children and amazing, loving teachers. -Mr. Whitley



PTO

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our last PTO meeting or who has reached out about how they can help out! We are so incredibly appreciative of your support!

We are in full swing planning for the Bulldog Bash Auction! If you have any auction items or your business or friends or family have anything to contribute please reach out to Jill Rynk (jillrynk@gmail.com).

Tickets sales have begun so get your tickets now!<https://www.stmartinsonline.org/bulldogbash>



Please reach out to your room parent if you have not heard from them regarding your class basket! Each class will be creating a basket and the basket that raises the most money will win a party for their class!

Next Meeting: February 8th at 6 p.m (zoom only)

BOARD

There is no scheduled Board meeting in February. The next meeting is scheduled for March 25th, details will be provided in the March bulletin.

The Board is pleased to partner with the PTO on the 2024 Bulldog Bash. We are excited for this fun event and are looking forward to seeing everyone on Feb 24th!

We are scheduling meetings for the Grant, STEM and Marketing committees now so please contact Amy Stensland at Amys.stmartins@gmail.com if you're interested in helping in these areas.

NOTEWORTHY

Come out and support our basketball team:

Thursday, **February 1**-Away ag. St. Mary's (4:00-5:00 p.m.)

Thursday, **February 8**-Away ag. St/ Mary's (4:00-5:00 p.m.)

Go Bulldogs!



iPads & Tech

All lower school students have access to chromebooks and iPads. Teachers use these in many different educational ways in the classroom to prepare students to be more comfortable with using these devices which will carry on throughout middle school as well in specials classes. Additionally lower school teachers use their interactive smart boards to engage students while also using technology to support student learning.

All middle school students have an a school email account that allows them to get onto the Chromebooks and log in their specific Google Classroom. The four core subjects use Google Classroom for students to see their homework, be able to look at past notes, and for some subjects to turn in assignments.

Chromebooks are used in the classroom in many different ways! Students complete Webquests as a guided student based learning opportunity. A way for students to learn the material before going into more details with the teacher.

Starting in 5th grade students learn to type using typing.com that guides students through the learning the keys with real time feedback with how they are doing. It lets them know when they type the wrong key, gives them Stars for accuracy, and how fast they are able to type.

Starting in 7th grade students learn about computer science and learning how to Code. With the help of websites like Code.org students complete various assignments that teaches them about algorithms, how to make loops, and some students even get to make their own phone app!

With the addition of iPads students use an online program called Gizmo to help understand science in a different way. It is able to bring an opportunity to students to see more details with specific topics through a guide worksheet.



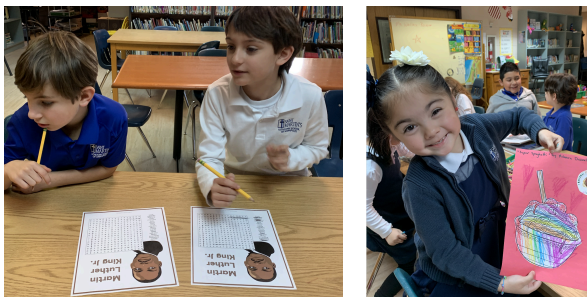
Specials: January

Library

January came and went very quickly in our library! We did however manage to get some wonderful reading done and celebrate a few fun and educational events. We started the month with the Festival of Sleep Day on January 3rd by reading **“The Bear Snores on” by Karma Wilson** while the children relaxed on the carpet and heard a story about hibernation. On January 4th our 1st grade class celebrated National Spaghetti Day by hearing the story **“Super spaghetti” by Rebecca Donnelly**. Then the class colored their own bowl of spaghetti sooooo yummy! During the week of January 15th we celebrated and recognized Martin Luther King Jr. The book we read was **“ Martin's Big Words” by Doreen Rappaport**. We discussed as a class how important he was to our world and how he helped to educate people not see race or color through peace and love. We are excited to swing into the next month and hear some more wonderful stories!

If you are interested in helping grow our library collection please consider looking at our Amazon wish list. Thank you for your support!

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/14OK47MXFTNZ?ref=wl_share



Religion

Happy wintery January! All the Religion classes learned about Epiphany or Three Kings Day at the beginning of this month and the middle school has been helping the chapel prayers and powerpoints while they prepared for midterms in their other classes. The 3rd graders are working hard at practicing for their upcoming chapel on Jan . 31- telling Dr. Suess’ story- The Sneetches!

1st and 2nd graders have started practicing for their upcoming chapel service scheduled for Feb. 7th...their theme, of course, is LOVE!



Gym

January flew by! We started with basketball. With classes, 5th -8th, we worked on dribbling and shooting. We played a game of Steal the bacon basketball, having fun with smaller teams to score a basket. In grades, k-4, we dribbled, practiced shooting and passing. We played games of red light/green light using a basketball and sharks and minnows while dribbling a basketball.



Spanish

Our lower school students learned shapes , not only how to repeat the words to match, draw, associate and create useful flashcards. Middle school students worked on action verbs , motion, and they used the vocabulary in real-life situations.

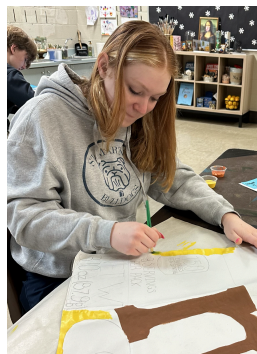
You are doing very good Bulldogs, keep it up.

-Senora Rosa



Art

Art classes are in full bloom! Pre-ks and kindergarten created lovely blue and white vases to fill with painted cherry blossoms. First grade wowed their teacher with beautiful colored pencil recreations of Hokusai's Great Wave! The second, third, and fourth grades are working diligently on colorful and intricate peacock projects soon to be on display! Fifth graders are refining their acrylic painting skills working on canvas boards filled with cherry blossoms in bloom. The Great Wave appears again for the sixth grade! The students sketched their version on canvas and are painting it using various techniques. The seventh graders are creating an 8 part botanical study of cherry blossom using watercolors and the eighth grade is in the final stages of their long term candy bar project!



Music

Students have been challenged in many ways musically this past month. Students have begun learning how to write and read music, learning about the basis theory, learning whole notes, half notes, quarter notes and eighth notes. Then they composed their own written music on the drums! Additionally classes practiced chapel songs while also learning a few such as "Jesus Loves Me" and "He's got the Whole World in his Hands" in American Sign Language. Classes also have been listening to informative read alouds about famous musicians and have had the chance to play the drums to a steady beat. St. Martin's Administration has held many interviews and will remain persistent in the search for a new music teacher that is the right fit for our program and school community.



Students of the Month

Aubrey Kapral 5th grade

Amelia Seningen 6th grade

Noah Klein 7th grade

Kevin Brown 8th grade

