

# Bulldog Bulletin May



**Field Day Shirts**  
*\*see noteworthy section for link to purchase!*



**May Upcoming Events:**

- 3rd-** Golf Tournament
- 10th-** Italian Night
- 6th-10th-** Teacher Appreciation Week
- 6th-10th-** Standardized Testing: Grades 3-8
- 13th-15th-** Step Up Days
- 17th-** Art Show and Spring Concert 6:30-8pm
- 20th-22nd-** Middle School Exams
- 22nd-** Noon Dismissal (**Out Of Uniform**)
- 20th-** School Board Meeting 5:45-6:15PM
- 23rd-** 8th Grade Graduation Practice & Class Trip. PreK Graduation, last day for PreK!
- 24th-** School Closed (Possible Snow Make-Up Day)
- 27th-** School Closed Memorial Day
- 28th-** 8th Grade Graduation: 6:30pm
- 30th-** Noon Dismissal End of 4th MP (**Out of Uniform**) Aftercare available.
- 31st-** School Closed for students

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## ADMINISTRATION

Congratulations to the Students of the Month: Collin Eskelsen, Allison Sabo, Madeline Sophocles, and Maggie Weisner. Earth Day was celebrated in many fun ways this year: The Middle School students, under the direction of our wonderful Art Teacher, Mrs. Fraser, put on a fabulous, recycled materials fashion show. The students also enjoyed a very informative presentation by one of our wonderful parents, Mr. Dallmann, who is an Arborist. The 8<sup>th</sup> Graders worked with the St. Martin's Church Garden Club to clean up the flower gardens and beautify the outdoor grounds surrounding the school.

The Middle School Masquerade Dance was a big success! Thank you to everyone who worked hard to make it possible!

Grand Friend's Day was a great opportunity to showcase our amazing students, faculty and school! We were delighted that so many Grand Friends were able to join us!



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## PTO

Thank you to everyone that has volunteered and helped with the Bookfair! It was a great success and I know the teachers will appreciate all the Scholastic Dollars for books for their classrooms!

This month we are helping with Italian Night so be sure to get your table and be waited on by our middle school students! [Italian Night | Saint Martin's Lutheran School of Annapolis | United States](#) ([stmartinsonline.org](http://stmartinsonline.org))

We also have our daddy/dear one and daughter dance. Please feel free to bring whoever makes sense to your family to bring the daughters of St. Martins for a special evening in Candy Land! [Daddy Daughter Dance](#) ([smartsheet.com](http://smartsheet.com))

We will also be spoiling our teachers throughout Teacher Appreciation Week, there are some very small asks from each student to help make the teachers feel special so please make sure you read through your room parents emails for more information!

PTO will not hold a June meeting, the next meeting will be set for August as a planning session to start the year, more details to come soon.



## BOARD

A big thank you to Raffi Karamian for completing his term on the School Board and for the great work he did over the last 3 years. In addition to helping with the general oversight of the school, Raffi was instrumental at co-chairing the annual golf events and for leading the Safety and Security committee. Raffi and Elisabeth's daughter, Maggie is in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade so we look forward to having them in the school community for many years to come! We are excited to welcome Justin Turco to the

Board. Justin will bring his experience to help in many aspects of the school, including leading the STEM committee. Justin's term officially begins July 1<sup>st</sup>. There is one Board seat still available. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please reach out to Amy Stensland at [amys.stmartins@gmail.com](mailto:amys.stmartins@gmail.com). The Board plans to vote on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

As the school year winds down, the Board is planning its summer work. We will review/update the Bylaws, Policies and continue with the committees. If you are interested in helping on one (or more!) of the committees, please reach out to Amy Stensland at [amys.stmartins@gmail.com](mailto:amys.stmartins@gmail.com).

Below are the committees:

- Safety and Security
- STEM
- Events
- Marketing
- Curriculum

The last Board meeting for this school year is on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:45. The meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall.



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## NOTEWORTHY

**Field Day:** Purchase your field day T-Shirt HERE:

[http://www.customink.com/fundraising/field-day-t-shirts-24?utm\\_campaign=fr\\_organizer\\_email&utm\\_content=field-day-t-shirts-24&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=copy-link](http://www.customink.com/fundraising/field-day-t-shirts-24?utm_campaign=fr_organizer_email&utm_content=field-day-t-shirts-24&utm_medium=social&utm_source=copy-link)

**Review:** With the 2023-2024 School Year coming to an end we encourage you to share your St. Martin's experiences with the community:

<https://www.niche.com/k12/st-martins-lutheran-school-annapolis-md/reviews/>

**School Directory:** The school will be providing a school directory to all enrolled families. However, we understand that some families may want to be 'unlisted'. Kindly let the school office know by May 15 th if you would like to 'opt out' of being included in the directory. The school directories will be issued electronically by the end of May. For your reference, the information that will be provided in the directory is: Parent name(s), Phone numbers, Email(s), Home Address and student names and grades. We hope this provides a way for the school community to connect.



## Specials: March

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### Library

April in our library was filled with books and discussions about Spring, Grandfriends, Earth Day and the beautiful nature around us during this time of year!

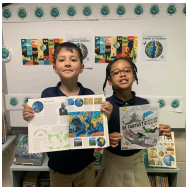
Our read-alouds were a fun and informative collection including: **"Feathers for Lunch"** by Lois Ehlert, **"Farmer Brown Goes Round and Round"** by Teri Sloat, **"Birds"** by Kevin Henkes, **"Compost Stew"** by Mary McKenna Giddals, **"The Boy that Harnessed the Wind"** by William Kamkwamba and finally **"Ocean Soup"** by Meeg Pincus.

The Earth Day 2024 theme of Planet vs. Plastic created many healthy discussions and questions about how to help and protect

our planet. We learned that Earth Day is everyday and the planet's health is in all of our hands!

Thank you Nate Nester in 4th Grade for being our guest reader. Nate read **“Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile”** by Bernard Waber.

Please keep the conversations going with your children and ask them about the books we read. See you next month thank you 😊



## Gym

During the month of April, we went outside as much as we could with the weather. We started to get ready for field day, June 4th. Field day will be Blue vs. White, Blue won last year- which team will win this year?

K-2nd grades- practiced relay races, run for colors, capture the flag, and team work games.

3-8th grade- played kickball, wiffleball, relays, capture the flag and run for colors.

Go Bulldogs!



## Music

In April, our music classes across the board continued to learn Ode to Joy for our spring “Night of the Arts” coming up in May. We learned a new verse and are working on putting the finishing touches on it—we hope you all can come and hear them!

Our lower school has been continuing to learn about rhythm and participating in “Story of the Day,” where we hear music written about folktales and discuss how it fits the story. Meanwhile, our middle school has continued their journey through the history of music and are currently finishing up rock and roll before we jump back to the 60s to pick up pop and country. They’ve also greatly enjoyed “Karaoke Fridays” where they learn about popular music of the past by singing it!



## Art

This month, the middle school focussed on designing fabulous accessories and clothing items for the Earth Day fashion show! The lower school has been diligently working on completing projects for the upcoming Night of the Arts! Please! Please! Please mark your calendars for May 17th from 6:30-8:00 for an amazing evening showcasing our talented students! There will be wine, hors d'oeuvres, and candy sushi. Drama Club and Dance Club will wow us with their talents. Ms.

Knapp has prepared the students for a phenomenal performance! The halls will be full of art projects and raffle tickets will be sold to raise funds for our Art Department! You can win two dozen homemade pretzels and a party tray of candy sushi all for a good cause! I'm expecting all students to participate in the school event!



## Religion

Happy Spring everyone! All of the religion classes continue to learn about stories in the bible, including Jesus' time with the disciples after his resurrection. The 5th, 7th, and 8th graders led prayers in chapel this month and the 7th graders led the Earth Day themed Chapel at the end of the month. They did an awesome job telling the Dr. Seuss story- "The Lorax" relating it to earth day and God's plan for us to take care of the earth! The 6th graders took a big Unit test this month (open-book), while the 7th graders practiced for their chapel, and the 8th graders gave

oral presentations about Religions of the World and put in a morning of community service, sprucing up the rain gardens on the church grounds!.



## Spanish

This month we continue learning Spanish, in different ways. We have Cultural Activities, and a virtual trip to República Dominicana (Dominican Republic)

Virtual visit to a Latino Country is a cultural activity that encompasses the expressions, traditions, and practices that reflect the shared values, beliefs and history of a society. Our virtual trip not only entertains but also fosters a sense of community among members of a culture.

We learned about República Dominicana old city, Landmarks, education, sports, religion, culture, sports, tourism, music, dance, and we ate some tostones, plantain chips, and latino soda drinks. It was an amazing experience for kids from Preschool to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, also for teachers and our principals.

Thanks everyone for participate, The kids pretend to travel on a plane, and got on board refreshments. They played minigolf, drums, ukulele, and maracas! Enjoy the pictures.

