



Bulldog Bulletin JANUARY



January Upcoming Events:

5-11th- OUT OF UNIFORM REWARD

11th- PTO Meeting 6-7PM

12th- School Closed (Possible snow makeup day)

15th- School Closed Martin Luther King Day

16-18th- Middle School Exams

18th- End of 2nd Marking Period, Noon Dismissal (**Out-of-Uniform**)

19th- No School Students, Professional Day (Possible snow makeup day)

22nd- School Board Meeting 5:45-6:15PM

24th- 3rd Grade Chapel Service, Parents welcome to join!

26th- Open House IN UNIFORM (no spirit wear)

30th- Report Card Distribution

School Calendar:

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

ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Whitley and Ms. Glava would like to congratulate the students for doing a fantastic job with the Christmas Program and wish everyone a Happy New Year!

The staff began their Christmas break by enjoying a wonderful lunch at LaPosta Restaurant. After a well deserved and much needed break, the staff is now ready for a great second half of the school year.

A big thank you to the PTO and parents for providing delicious lunches for the teachers. We are very blessed with the best families at St. Martin's School!

PTO

The PTO thanks Amy Stensland for an amazing Sip n Shop! The PTO also thanks our amazing middle school helpers in selling our reindeer hot chocolates and mugs! Thank you also to the 1st grade for an amazing teacher appreciation lunch!

The PTO is hard at work planning wonderful events for the children! We could use more help so if you are able please attend our next PTO meeting on January 11th at 6 p.m., this meeting will be entirely virtual!

We are starting to gather auction items for the Bulldog Bash! If you have an item or service you would like to donate please contact Jillrynk@gmail.com or



lnestor@theknotww.com. Your room parent will also be reaching out for the classroom baskets themes to participate in! Best basket wins a class party sponsored by the PTO!

If you are interested in contributing to items needed for the teachers lounge: [Sign up here!](#)

To sign up for lunch/recess monitor: [Sign up here!](#)

If you have a question or suggestions for PTO or would like brought to board meetings please send to: smartinsannapolispto@gmail.com

BOARD

The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 22nd. The open session is from 5:45pm to 7:30pm. The meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Amy at 609-703-0284 when you arrive to be let into the building.

NOTEWORTHY

Thursday, **January 11**-Home Game ag. St. Anne's (4:00-5:00 p.m.)

Thursday, **January 25**-Away Game ag. Bowie (3:45-4:45 p.m.)

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!



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Specials: December

Art

The St. Martin's Art Museum is full of so much joy this holiday season! One of the many highlights including visiting Hillwood Museum with our youngest artists. The PreK classes discovered Mrs. Post's Seasonal gardens and recreated their own lanterns in the museum's project room. In the classroom, the pre-ks sponge painted and glittered festive tree decorations. Kindergarten crafted the most beautiful watercolor tree cut-out cards and first grade created poinsettia ornaments for their loved ones. Second graders made torn paper nativity scenes as well as nativity dioramas. Our third through eighth graders made over 250 hand painted-watercolor cards to send overseas to military members stationed in Poland. They also painted delicate watercolor Christmas trees to practice their brush skills.



Library

Our school library during December was very festive! From holiday decorations to amazing books that spoke to the season. Some of our "Read Alouds" for December were "**The Snow Globe Family**" by Jane O'Connor. After hearing the story the children designed their own snow globes and talked about what it would be like to live in a snow globe. Our 4th grade students Maggie Karamin & Kaitlyn Vodak were guest readers this month and read to the class "**Bear Noel**" by Olivier Dunrea they did a fantastic job. Another great read aloud was "**The Carpenter's Gift**" by David Rubel. This story talked about how Rockefeller Center got its first tree. The children then created their own trees which was so fun! And finally for Grinch Day we read "**How the Grinch Stole Christmas**" by Dr. Seuss. It was a busy month again but we had a great time reading and learning! If you wish to help our library get more exciting books for the children please consider looking over my Amazon wishlist. Thank you in advance for your support!

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



Religion

December was filled with activities, stories, projects, and devotions as we learned about the season of Advent and prepared for Christmas. Highlights included a chapel service led by the Pre-K who acted out a skit about the animals in the stable where baby Jesus was born, and then a special chapel that was led by the 5th grade class, celebrating St. Lucia Day, complete with candles on their heads and scandinavian treats handed out to each class. The month ended with a wonderful Christmas Program with every class performing a song that celebrated Christmas and the reason for the season- the birth of Jesus! Happy Holidays to all!



Gym

During the month of December, we played floor hockey 3rd grade - 8th grade. The kids switched positions on the floor; defense, offense, goalie and center. In grades, k-2, we played reindeer games, helping Santa get the elves and reindeer in shape!



Spanish

Christmas is a very special celebration for a Latino community, plenty of activities and traditions with the family at home. The students really enjoy learning about the celebration around the world. We work on Nacimiento (Manger), Nochebuena (Christmas) Vocabulary, They learn the song "Feliz Navidad "from the Puerto Rican singer Jose Feliciano, and have fun decorating Christmas Trees, Angels, and Managers. We also learn about the parts of the House-la casa. Great job everyone!!!



Music

Students worked hard in class practicing different musical numbers for our Annual Christmas program. In addition to the music curriculum, students will now begin to prepare their songs for our spring concert! Thank you so much to everyone who joined us for the Christmas Program and be sure to mark your calendar for the Spring Concert on: May 17th. Happy New Year!

