



ST. MARTIN OF TOURS SCHOOL

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Dear Parents:

Thank you for your interest in St. Martin of Tours School. We are a Catholic co-educational elementary school for students in grades TK through Eight founded in 1954. St. Martin of Tours has a rich history of educating and nurturing the whole child. We strive to educate the heart and mind of our students by offering a challenging academic program infused with gospel values and guiding each student to reach their full potential. We also offer a wide variety of sports and other activities including after-school care. Because of our cooperative spirit, we welcome all faith traditions and welcome you into the St. Martin of Tours family and in so doing, we have an ever-evolving tradition of service to others and responding to the needs of our time. We realize that you, the parents, are the primary educators and hope that you will embrace this journey with us.

To that end, the following procedures have been established to aid us in the admission process.

The **Admission Packet** is mailed upon request beginning in September and is also available online. Please find included in this packet: the school brochure, the application for admission, forms and other information. The application form (please complete both sides), photocopy of the student's birth certificate and baptismal certificate (if Catholic) and a fee of \$125.00 should be returned to the admissions office no later than December 1, 2017.

For TK-Kindergarten Admissions your child's age is important to us. It is our policy that students for Kindergarten should be five years old by July 1, 2018. The rationale for this policy is that it is our experience that children who enter school at this age perform very well. For students who are not five years old by July 1, 2018, they may be considered for our **TK Admissions**.

Evaluation Dates and Parent Interviews: If you are applying to grades TK, K or 1, your child will participate in a School Readiness Screening by Chancy & Bruce, an educational resource company. They have been providing assessment services since the early 1980's. This individualized screening will take approximately thirty (30) minutes to administer. If you are applying to grades 2-8, the screening will take approximately thirty (30) to ninety (90) minutes depending on the grade. All screenings are completed on our campus. All applicants (both parents and child) will be interviewed by Dr. Colvert at a later date. **You will be contacted upon receipt of your application with the date and time of both the assessment and interview.**

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Transcript and Teacher Recommendations from the applicant's current school are requested as follows:

For TK/Kindergarten: Please have your child's current teacher send us an evaluation of your child's performance. This evaluation should not be completed until after December 1, 2017 but before February 1, 2018.

For Grades 1-8: Please have your current school submit a transcript and report card from the previous year and the current first semester (or quarter) report card along with the Teacher recommendation. This should be submitted by February 1, 2018.

All required forms and envelopes are enclosed in the application packet.

An **Open House** is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 25** from 8:30am-10:30am. You will have an opportunity to meet both students and parents and visit the classrooms while school is in session. Also, for those interested in TK/Kindergarten, a brief presentation about our program will be given at 9:15am. Also, if you are interested in a private tour of the school, please feel free to contact me and we will be more than happy to assist you.

Lastly, **Acceptance Letters** notifying applicants of the decisions of the admissions committee will be mailed no later than March 9, 2018.

Again, on behalf of St. Martin of Tours School, we thank you for your interest and look forward to meeting you in the coming weeks. We hope that many of your questions have been answered in this packet; however, should you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,



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Admission Policy For Pupils

- A pupil entering St. Martin of Tours School must first take the entrance test and display proficiency for the grade for which application is made.
- Pupils of families registered who are members and who regularly contribute to the parish will be given first preference.
- Students will be considered on merit and none denied admission because of race or national origin.
- Admission to Kindergarten and first grade will depend on READINESS, not CHRONOLOGICAL AGE.
- The selection of a student shall be determined by the pastor and principal.

Nondiscrimination Policy

The school, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color or national and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, sex or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation and some archdiocesan schools operate as single sex schools.

While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's needs.

This Catholic Elementary School publishes the above policy in the staff and parent/student handbooks, public relations/recruitment brochures and in other publications such as the parish bulletin and school newspaper. The school also publishes applicable grievance procedures in the staff and parent/student handbooks.

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Enrollment Application Checklist

Form	TK-Kindergarten	Grades 1-8
Application (due Dec. 1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Application Fee (\$125.00)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Birth Certificate (photocopy)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Baptism Certificate (Catholics only)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preschool Student Evaluation (due Feb. 1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Authorization for Release of Records	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher Recommendation (due Feb. 1)	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Administrator Form (due Feb. 1) For Grades 5-8 only	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
National Test Scores	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Report Cards -- (previous year and most recent)	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>

Statement of Fees

The following are the fees for the 2017/2018 academic year:

Tuition

Grade TK (Support of Parish) \$10,750
Grade TK (Non-Support of Parish) \$13,100
Grades K-8 (Support of Parish) \$10,100
Grades K-8 (Non-Support of Parish) \$12,700
Annual Student Fee \$640

Rates for the 2018/19 school year will be set in early 2018

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Kindergarten Readiness Checklist

While there is no perfect formula for determining when children are truly ready for kindergarten, this guide can help you determine how well your child is doing in acquiring the skills found on most kindergarten checklists. Check the skills your child has mastered and recheck each month to see what additional skills your child can accomplish easily. Young children change so fast. Remember that if your child can't do something this week, they may be able to in a few weeks!

- Listens to stories without interrupting
- Recognizes rhyming sounds
- Pays attention for short periods of time to adult-directed tasks
- Understands that actions have both causes and effects
- Shows understanding of general times of day
- Cuts with scissors
- Traces basic shapes
- Begins to share with others
- Starts to follow rules
- Is able to recognize authority
- Manages bathroom needs
- Buttons shirts, pants, and coats, and can zip up zippers
- Begins to control oneself
- Separates from parents without being upset
- Speaks understandably

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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Student's Last Name		First	Middle	Application for Grade		For School Year	
<input type="checkbox"/> Male	Student's Date of Birth	Age	Birthplace	Student's Social Security Number		Present Grade	
<input type="checkbox"/> Female							
Legal Name of Father or Guardian			Legal Name of Mother or Guardian		Mother's Maiden Name		
Father's Birthplace		Father's Religion		Father's Occupation		Father's Marital Status	
						Deceased	
Mother's Birthplace		Mother's Religion		Mother's Occupation		Mother's Marital Status	
						Deceased	
Home Address				City		State	Zip Code
Home Phone Number ()		Father's Cell Phone ()			Mother's Cell Phone ()		
Father's Employer/Firm		Father's E-Mail Address			Father's Work Phone ()		
Mother's Employer/Firm		Mother's E-Mail Address			Mother's Work Phone ()		
School Student is Presently Attending		Principal			Dates of Attendance		
School Address		City	State	Zip Code	Telephone ()		
Religious Denomination of Student		Name of Parish, Church or Temple to which you belong			How long have you been a member of Parish		
If Catholic, where was student baptized		Address		City		State	Date

Siblings		
Name	Date of Birth	Current School

Please print the name of the student on the back of a small, recently taken photograph and attach here.

The photograph is requested and in no way is used in the admission process. It serves as a good reminder for the interviewer who meets many children and aids this person in associating a face with an application.

St. Martin of Tours School admits students of any race, color, racial or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, program, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, racial, or ethnic origin in the administration of its education policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan program, and athletic and other school administered programs. St. Martin of Tours School does not discriminate against any applicant because of sex; and does not discriminate against any applicant or pupil because of sex in admissions, educational programs and activities.

Is any member of your family a graduate of St. Martin of Tours School? If so, who?

If applicable, please provide step-parent information:

Name:	Name:
Home Phone:	Home Phone:
Cell Phone:	Cell Phone:
Email:	Email:

Student Background (add additional sheet if necessary)

	Yes	No
Do you currently owe any outstanding balance at the applicant's current school?		
Is the applicant ineligible to return to any previously attended school(s)?		
Have the applicant's absences and/or tardies exceeded school attendance policies?		
Has the applicant ever skipped a grade?		
Has the applicant ever repeated a grade?		
Has the student ever had any disciplinary difficulty in school? If yes, please explain:		
Has the applicant ever been suspended, expelled or asked to leave any school? If yes, please explain:		
Has the applicant ever been placed on academic probation? If yes, please explain:		
Has the applicant ever been placed on disciplinary probation? If yes, please explain:		
Does your child have any condition(s) for which he or she would need a Minor Adjustment? If yes, please explain:		
Are there any legal decisions involving your child of which the school should have knowledge? If yes, please explain:		

Parent/Guardian Agreement

I/We understand that St. Martin of Tours School has been established for the purpose of providing a Catholic education to all students enrolling in the school. I/We further understand that the proper spirit, attitude and commitment of each parent and student are vital to the achievement of that purpose.

I/We understand that while my/our student is in attendance I/We will promote and encourage academic excellence, observance of all school policies and procedures and will maintain a respectful and cooperative attitude with the faculty, administration and other parents. St. Martin of Tours School reserves the right to terminate this enrollment agreement during the term of the agreement in accordance with school policies.

I/We pledge to meet all of the financial agreements I/We make with St. Martin of Tours School, including financial obligations that may remain after the applicant graduates or is withdrawn from St. Martin of Tours School. I/We understand that delinquency in payments may result in attendance at school and/or re-enrollment being withheld from the student.

I/We affirm that all of the information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my/our knowledge. I/We understand that providing false information is sufficient grounds for the rejection of the applicant and/or withdrawal of the student.

Parent/Guardian Signature



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Confidential Teacher Evaluation Form Preschool

Applicant:			
Preschool:			
Address	City	State	Zip Code
Telephone ()	Teacher's Name		

The above named student has applied for admission to St. Martin of Tours School. In order to better assess whether this student will have the potential to meet success with our curriculum, we are asking that you serve as a reference. Please do not complete this form before December 1; however, we ask that you return the form by February 1. We appreciate your cooperation in completing this confidential form. It is one way we get to know the applicant. Thank you for your time.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	Mature	Age Appropriate	Development Needed	Immature
Listens				
Cooperates with other				
Can be a friend				
Shares well				
Initiates play activities				
Plays alone happily				
Exhibits a good sense of humor				
Demonstrates self control				
Has the capacity to lead				
Has the capacity to follow				
Seeks help when needed				
Relates to adults				
Adjusts to transitions				
Tolerates frustration				
Functions independently				
Separates from parents				
Displays confidence/positive self image				
Seeks help when needed				
OVERALL ASSESSMENT				

Comments: _____

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT	Mature	Age Appropriate	Development Needed	Immature
Fine Muscle control and Coordination				
Large muscle control and coordination				
Speech development (articulation)				
OVERALL ASSESSMENT				

Comments:

COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT	Mature	Age Appropriate	Development Needed	Immature
Ability to communicate ideas				
Ability to work independently				
Follows directions				
Exhibits problem solving abilities				
Works cooperatively				
Maintains focus and attention				
Curiosity				
Completes assigned tasks				
Listens in a group				
Initiates activities				
Grasps concepts				
Recalls details				
Reading readiness				
Displays active interest in learning				
OVERALL ASSESSMENT				

Comments:

FAMILY INFORMATION	Consistently	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely
Communicates openly with school				
Participates in school activities				
Cooperates with teachers				
Cooperates with administration				
Follows rules and school policies				
Has realistic expectations for child				
Meets financial obligations				

Evaluator's Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What type of school is St. Martin of Tours School?

R. St. Martin of Tours School was founded in 1954 and is a Catholic co-educational elementary school for Grades TK through Eight.

Q. How many students are at St. Martin of Tours?

R. St. Martin of Tours has approximately 200 students. We have only one class per grade and each grade has approximately 20-30 students. In Grades TK through 5 there is an aide in the classroom along with the teacher.

Q. Is there a required age to begin TK?

R. Yes, a child must be at least 4 years of age by July 1 of the year they are to begin TK.

Q. Is there a required age to begin Kindergarten?

R. Yes, a child must be at least 5 years of age by July 1 of the year they are to begin Kindergarten.

Q. Are non-Catholics admitted?

R. Yes, approximately 20% of our student body is non-Catholic. All students are required to participate in Religion class and attend Mass.

Q. Is St. Martin of Tours School accredited?

R. Yes, by both the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the Western Catholic Education Association.

Q. What can you tell me about the faculty and staff?

R. All teachers are credentialed and most have higher degrees. Some of our teacher aides are also credentialed. We also have an Athletic Director and certified Health and Safety Coordinator.

Q. What subjects are taught?

R. Our curriculum includes: Religion, English, Literature, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Foreign Language, Computer Science, Art, Music and Physical Education.

Q. What languages are taught?

R. Spanish is taught in TK through Grade 5. Latin is taught in Grades 6 through 8.

Q. How is technology used in the classroom?

R. All classrooms and labs are equipped with SmartBoards and computers with wireless Internet access. The computer lab has a state-of-the-art network with thirty-six iMacs. In addition, we have iPads available for classroom use with a 1:1 model in Grades 2-8. Students use a variety of software including: productivity tools such as Word, Powerpoint and Excel, and iMovie to create, produce, and edit videos, etc. In partnership with Planet Bravo our fifth through eighth grade students learn computer programming.

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Q. Does St. Martin of Tours participate in any academic activities?

R. St. Martin of Tours is proud to participate in many activities for both personal achievement and school competition. We participate in the National Geographic Geography Bee as well as the Daughters of the American Revolution Essay Contest and Science Fair. Junior High students have an opportunity to join the Junior High Academic Decathlon team, which competes, against over 100 other Catholic schools.

Q. What are some of the high schools that St. Martin of Tours graduates attend?

R. Our students attend their first choice high schools consisting of: Loyola, Crespi, Notre Dame High School, Marymount, Notre Dame Academy, Louisville, Harvard-Westlake and Marlborough to name a few.

Q. What are some of the colleges that St. Martin of Tours graduates attend?

R. We have students at the following colleges and universities including Princeton, Yale, Columbia, Georgetown, University of Michigan, Notre Dame, USC, Stanford, all the UC's and many more in between both coasts.

Q. Does St. Martin of Tours offer a sports program?

R. In addition to the required Physical Education classes, St. Martin of Tours belongs to the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) League and participates in many competitive sports. Beginning in Grade 3, students may participate in flag football, volleyball, basketball and track & field.

Q. What other extracurricular activities are offered?

R. We began an Orchestra program including brass, woodwinds and violins during the 2016/17 school year. We also offer many other activities such as: chess, cooking, drama, lego robotics, fencing and more.

Q. Is there any after-school care?

R. Yes, we offer two programs for after school care: Homework Club, which is offered Monday through Thursday from 3:20-4:20pm. A teacher is available to help students get a jump-start on their homework. Also, After-School Care is offered Monday through Friday from 3:20-6:00pm. Two teachers are available to help with homework and to also provide a snack and outside play.

Q. How does St. Martin of Tours annual tuition compare with other private elementary schools?

R. St. Martin of Tours School provides a superior elementary education at a cost considerably lower than other private schools. Parent involvement and annual fundraisers make enrichment programs possible and help keep tuition affordable for most Westside families.

Q. What lunch service options are available?

R. St. Martin of Tours is pleased to offer two choices: every Thursday, we offer a Hot Lunch program provided by our parents. We also offer FreshLunches, which delivers your lunch order to our school on the other days of the week. Also, many students bring their own "brown bag" lunch.

Q. How may I obtain more information about St. Martin of Tours School?

R. Please visit our website: www.smtschoo.net or contact our Admissions Coordinator, Michelle Berlin via email at mberlin@smtschoo.net.