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Martin High School PTSA Newsletter

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A Note from our PTSA President

Dear Martin Warrior Families,

I want to say a big THANK YOU to our fabulous PTSA Board Members, Martin Administrative Staff, Teachers, Parents, & Students! Martin is truly the BEST High School in Arlington because of YOU! It has been a real honor to serve this year.

As our year is coming to a very quick end, I want to give a special shout out to Melinda Nelson & Kim Trussell, our Bahama Bash Chairs, for their outstanding leadership! They have been working an *entire year* to provide our Martin seniors with a drug & alcohol free after prom party that will give these kiddos a night they will always cherish.

Thanks to ALL who are serving on the Bahama Bash Board for your dedication to make this enormously GIGANTIC, crazy, over-the-top party come together! Martin Warriors of all grades please support Bash in any way possible these last few weeks!

Please don't forget in all the spring craziness there are some VERY important elections coming up. Three school board positions will be determined as well as the Arlington Mayor office! Early voting is April 27th through May 5th, and May 9th is Election Day. SO GO VOTE!

I wish everyone a wonderful final 6 weeks! Go Warriors!

Warrior proud,

Cara Hackley

Martin PTSA President

carahackley@sbcglobal.net

PLEASE JOIN US

PTSA General Meeting

Monday, May 4th - 7pm-8pm in the Little Theatre



2014-2015 Martin High School PTSA Chairman Search

The executive board is looking for individuals to serve as Standing Committee Chairmen for the 2015-2016 school year. Your consideration is greatly appreciated! **Please return this form by April 5th**

- ____ Parliamentarian: advise President of parliamentary rules.
- ____ Bahama Bash Chairman: coordinate the after-prom party.
- ____ Bahama Bash Assistant: assist the Bash Chairman in coordinating the after-prom party.
- ____ Council Delegate: attend meetings of the Arlington Council of PTA's (the first Thursday of each month) and report to the PTSA.
- ____ Publications/Legislative/School Board: maintain TX & Natl. PTA publications; communicate to the PTSA legislative issues pertaining to child welfare; report to the PTSA information regarding AISD School Board.
- ____ Membership Assistant: assist the Membership VP enrolling new members, collecting dues, preparing paperwork to be sent to TX PTA.
- ____ Life Membership: chair a committee to select and award TX or Nat'l Honorary Life Memberships.
- ____ Character & Spiritual: arrange a short inspirational thought/devotional for each meeting.
- ____ Barbecue Dinner: coordinate the Barbecue Dinner held prior to the first PTSA Association meeting in September.
- ____ Warrior Treats: coordinate creation of special packets for students prior to semester exams.
- ____ First Event Concessions: responsible for securing concessions to sell for First Event (e.g. Pizza).
- ____ Fundraising Chair: responsible for coordinating activities for fundraising (spirit wear, food, or any other items selected)
- ____ Student Directory: responsible for collecting data, printing & coordinating the sale of student directories.
- ____ Directory Assistant: assist the Student Directory chair in compiling, printing, and selling of directory.
- ____ Communication Assistant: responsible for assembly and mailing of Smoke Signals, provide information for media publicity for Martin PTSA.
- ____ PTSA Handbook: compile the PTSA Handbook, arrange for printing and distribution by First Event.
- ____ Student Recognition: create student recognition opportunities in addition to awards from other groups or organizations.
- ____ Arts in Education: coordinate & encourage student participation in the National PTA Reflections Program.
- ____ First Event: chair and coordinate First Event.
- ____ First Event Assistant: assist the First Event chair in coordinating the event.
- ____ Special Events/Teacher Luncheon: coordinate back-to-school luncheon & spirit wear donations for the event.
- ____ Warrior Care: send remembrances on appropriate occasions on behalf of the PTSA, resource for Martin families to get in touch with community services.
- ____ Teacher Appreciation: plan special treats for the teachers & staff; plan Teacher Appreciation Week.
- ____ Programs: shall coordinate student/parent/community engagement programs
- ____ Media: shall maintain and update PTSA website, Facebook page, and Twitter account

Name _____ Current School(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Return to Martin HS PTSA, P.O. Box 175188, Arlington, TX 76003 or cindy.bradley@sbcglobal.net



20 Questions to Ask Your School Counselor

Your school counselor is one of your best resources as you plan for college. Your counselor has information about admission tests, college preparation, and your education and career options. Here are some basic questions to help you get started:

- *What courses do I need to take to be ready for college?
- *How should I plan my schedule so I'll complete them?
- *Which elective courses do you recommend?
- *Which AP courses should I consider taking?
- *When is the PSAT/NMSQT going to be given?
- *How should I study for the SAT, and is it given at this high school or do I need to go somewhere nearby?
- *Do you have any college planning sessions scheduled?
- *Do you have college handbooks or other guides that I can browse or borrow?
- *What activities can I do at home and over the summer to get ready for college?
- *What kinds of grades do different colleges require?
- *Are there any college fairs at this school, or nearby?
- *What colleges do other kids from our school go to?
- *What are the requirements or standards for the honor society?
- *Do you have any information to help me start exploring careers?
- *If my colleges need a recommendation from you, how can I help you know me better, so it can be more personal?
- *Are there any special scholarships or awards that I should know about now, so I can work toward them?



MEET YOUR COUNSELORS!

A-Bon:	David Pyatt
Boo-Cor:	Amy Benson
Cos-Fox:	Sara Stringer
Foy-Heao:	Jana Lewis
Heap-Keli:	Suzanne Bandy
Kelj-Mars:	Connie David
Mart-Ngr:	Barbara Moeller
Ngs-Ram:	Jarita Galbreath
Ran-Shm:	Susan Kingen
Shn-Tur:	Edwina Thompson
Tus-Z:	Jai Davis



HOW TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

Applying for scholarships is a lot like applying to colleges. You start with a large number of possibilities and cut that down to a short list of choices. Then you have to complete and submit applications that include essays, recommendations and lists of achievements that highlight your best qualities.

You may hear various suggestions about the best way to apply for scholarships. The truth is, what works for one person may not work for another. There are no secrets to applying. The best advice is to use common sense and follow directions.

Don't Miss Deadlines: Some scholarships have deadlines early in the fall of senior year. Mark the due dates on your calendar and work your way backward to figure out how much time you'll have to get each piece of the application finished.

Start Your Research Early: Researching scholarships, requesting information and application materials, and completing applications all take time. Use Scholarship Search to get started.

Read Eligibility Requirements Carefully: If you have a question about whether you qualify for a certain scholarship, contact the scholarship sponsor. There's no point in applying for a scholarship you're not eligible to receive.

Get Organized: Make a separate file for each scholarship and sort the files by application due dates. You should also gather the items you'll need to apply. Many scholarships ask you to send some or all of the following: High school transcript, Standardized test scores, Financial aid forms, such as the FAFSA or CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE®, Parents' financial information, including tax returns, One or more essays, One or more letters of recommendation, Proof of eligibility for the scholarship (for example, proof of membership in a certain group), You might also need to prepare for an interview. And if you're competing for talent-based scholarships, you'll probably need to audition or submit a portfolio.

Follow Instructions: Stick to the word limit for the essay. If supporting materials are not requested in the application, don't send them. Use common sense, start early and follow directions.

Check and DOUBLE-CHECK your application!



Before you send the application in:

- *Make sure you filled in all the blanks. You can contact scholarship sponsors if you aren't sure how to fill out part of the application.
- *Make sure your answers are readable. If you can, fill out the application online. If you have to write out the application, print neatly.
- *If you're reusing material (such as a cover letter or an essay) from another scholarship application, make sure you haven't left in any incorrect names.
- *Proofread your application. Run spell-check and grammar-check on the application. Also, have someone else read your essays to catch mistakes and give you feedback.
- *Remember to sign and date your application.
- *Keep Copies of Everything. Having copies of your scholarship application makes it easy to resend quickly if application materials get lost in the mail. If you're applying for a scholarship online, save copies of your work on your computer.

Track the Package

If you're submitting your application by mail, consider using certified mail or requesting a return receipt to confirm that your materials arrived at their destination.

*Information obtained from collegeboard.org



Join Martin PTSA

NOW IS THE TIME TO JOIN MARTIN PTSA!!!

Now is the time to sign up, its not too late! Join PTSA now for the remaining school year and get a jump start for next year. ***If you sign up now, you will be counted as a member for this year AND next year!!!*** Please fill out the membership form today and sign up! It was necessary to raise our membership dues. At the last association meeting, this change in dues was voted on and approved. Please note the change in the amount. This year, Martin PTSA has qualified for 6 Texas PTA awards. Thank you so much for your participation! Please help us get a jump start to achieve our "early bird" award for next year.

Diahann Hughes
Membership Chair

Want to stay connected?

Website: <http://martinptsa.com>

Twitter updates: Send the following text to 40404
Follow @martinptsa

Facebook: search Martin PTSA



About Smoke Signals



For a final submission for this school year, please submit your articles for the May/June issue by April 20th.

You can access the newsletter each month two different ways:

1) Directly on the MHS PTSA website at:

<http://www.martinptsa.com/#!/smokesignals/c70d>

OR

2) Visit the MHS website at: www.aisd.net/martin, click on the Smoke Signals icon

Bookmark it for easy access!

If you would like to submit information to be added to the newsletter, submit all articles to MHSSmokeSignals@Outlook.com as an attachment in a Microsoft Word, PowerPoint or Publisher format. Thank you!

Cassie Noll
4th VP, Communications

2015-2016 Martin PTSA Membership Form

Membership is \$10.00/person-adult or student*

Senior Students **MUST** be a member to be eligible for PTSA Scholarships.
Parents of Seniors **MUST** be a member to work Bahama Bash.

ONLY list those members who are joining.

Parent Name: _____ Phone _____

Check if joining Check if awarded Texas Life Member

Address _____ Zip Code _____

Email address _____

(Needed especially for parents of senior students)

Parent Name: _____ Phone _____

ONLY Check if joining Check if awarded Texas Life Member

Address _____ Zip Code _____

Email address _____

Student Name: _____ Grade _____ Check if joining

Student Name: _____ Grade _____ Check if joining

Student Name: _____ Grade _____ Check if joining

MHS Teacher/Faculty

Name: _____ Phone _____

Check if joining Check if awarded Texas Life Member

Address _____ Zip Code _____

**dues for Texas Life Members are \$7.75*

Scholarship Fund \$ _____

Donations gladly accepted to fund scholarships for graduating seniors. Tax deductible!

Number of regular Memberships: _____ x \$10.00 = _____

Number of Life Membership: _____ x \$7.75 = _____

Total = _____

**Make checks payable to MHS PTSA, and mail to
Diahan Hughes P.O. Box 175188 Arlington, TX 76003**

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Do Not Write Below This Line: To be completed by PTSA

Joined by/date: _____ check # _____ cash _____

Card(s) Given



TICKET SALES - 2015

TICKETS ON SALE!

March 31st & April 6th, 8th, & 10th

Upper Gym Lobby @ Lunch

Tickets \$35

(\$45 at the door)

Checks payable to:
MHS Bahama Bash



MARTIN CHOIR

A Tradition of Excellence



2014-15 Schedule

Show Choir - Rehearsals are every Monday night from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

- Mon/Apr 6 - Pre-UIL Varsity Choirs (Varsity Women, Varsity Men, Chorale) – 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Tues/Apr 7 - Pre-UIL Non-Varsity Choirs (Concert Choir, Choraliers) 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Tues/Apr 7 - Chick-Fil-A Fundraiser 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Little Road)
- Fri/Apr 10 - Choraliers Day Trip to Dallas
- Tues/Apr 14 - MHS Choir Booster Club Executive Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room
- Apr. 21-23 - Choir UIL at Trinity High School
- Mon/Apr 27 - Chamber Recital at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church (2024 S. Collins St) 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Tues/Apr 28 - Chamber at Seasons Contest at Dallas Baptist University
- Tues/May 5 - Spring Concert 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium – **2015 Seniors Recognized!**
- Tues/May 12 - MHS Choir Booster Club Exec Board Meeting 6:00 pm & General Meeting 7:00 pm (Choir Room) - **2015 Seniors Recognized!**
- May 18-20 - Musical Dress Rehearsal 3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- May 21-23 - Musical at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium
- Sat/May 23 - Musical at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium
- Mon/June 1 - Varsity Show Choir Learning Session – 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Wed/June 3 - Varsity Show Choir Auditions for 2015-2016 – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Thurs/June 4 - Choir Banquet 7:00 p.m. -11:30 p.m. (**tickets must be purchased by students**) – Place TBA

Sign-up to receive Twitter updates via text message from **@MartinChoir** without being a Twitter user! **Simply send a text message to 40404.** In the body of the message type: **FOLLOW @MartinChoir.** **There must be a space after FOLLOW, but not one after the @ sign.** You will then receive a confirmation text stating you are now following **MartinChoir.** (Standard text messaging rates apply.)

****Be sure to help out Martin Choir in one of our easiest fundraisers all year** - Enroll in Kroger’s Community Rewards by visiting www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com / Locate your state and click "Enroll Now" / Sign in to your online account, or create an account / Find and select **MARTIN H.S. CHOIR-PARENT BOOSTER CLUB**, and click "Save" ****** - Contact Amy Minton (Amy597@sbcglobal.net) if you need further assistance. **Anyone in any state can sign up, so pass this on to your friends and family! J**

Don’t forget to visit our Martin Choir website and add as one of your favorites, click on choir calendar to see a daily list of rehearsals and meetings and updates to above schedule - www.martinchoir.com

Silvia Monzon
3rd VP Publicity
sil63tx@yahoo.com



Final Orders Due by Friday, April 17th
 Pick-up Orders Saturday, April 25th – 9am to 12pm
 Pick-up at Martin High School parking lot

SPRING PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER

Sold in 4" in flats (18 pots) or Jumbo 6-pack flats (36 plants)

IMPATIENS \$16/Flat	
Color	# jumbo 6-pack flats
Red	
White	
Hot Pink	
Violet	
Orange	
Mix	
TOTAL	\$16 x Count

FRENCH MARIGOLDS \$16/Flat	
Color	# 6-pack flats
Yellow	
Orange	
Variegated	
Mix	
TOTAL	\$16 x Count

PETUNIAS \$16/Flat		
Color	# 4 in pot flats	# 6-pack flats
Red		
Pink		
White		
Blue		
Mix		
TOTAL	\$16 x Count	

PROFUSION ZINNIA \$16/Flat	
Color	# 4 inch pot flats
Yellow	
Orange	
Cherry	
Mix	
TOTAL	\$16 x Count

BRONZE LEAF BEGONIAS (sun) \$16/Flat	
Color	# 4 in pot flats
Red	
White	
Pink	
Mix	
TOTAL	\$16 x Count

GERANIUMS \$6/Pot	
Color	# 6 inch pots
Red	
Salmon	
Pink	
TOTAL	\$6 x Count

10" HANGING BASKETS \$10/Basket	
Petunia Mix Color	
TOTAL	\$10 x Count

PORTULACA	
Color	# 6-pack flats
Mix	
TOTAL	\$16 x Count

CELOSIA	
Color	# 6-pack flats
Mix	
TOTAL	\$16 x Count

COLEUS	
Color	# 6-pack flats
Mix	
TOTAL	\$16 x Count

Order Name: _____ Golfer Supported: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

- * All orders subject to availability
- * Sold by flat & cannot be mixed
- * We may have to substitute color & variety
- * Additional items available day of pick-up

Please mail order form & check payable:
 Martin Warrior Golf Booster Club
 PO Box 172593
 Arlington, Texas 76003

Questions – please contact
 Stephanie – 817.233.6858 or
mhsgolfboosterclub@gmail.com



WARRIORS BASEBALL

FRESHMEN

MARCH 17	LAMAR	AWAY	6:00PM
MARCH 20	SAM HOUSTON	AWAY	8:00PM
MARCH 24	WEATHERFORD	HOME	6:00PM
MARCH 27	BOWIE	HOME	8:00PM
MARCH 31	PASCHAL	AWAY	6:00PM
APRIL 2	ARLINGTON	HOME	8:00PM
APRIL 7	NORTH CROWLEY	AWAY	6:00PM
APRIL 10	LAMAR	HOME	8:00PM
APRIL 13	SAM HOUSTON	HOME	6:00PM
APRIL 17	WEATERFORD	AWAY	8:00PM
APRIL 20	BOWIE	AWAY	6:00PM
APRIL 24	PASCHAL	HOME	8:00PM
APRIL 27	ARLINGTON	AWAY	6:00PM
MAY 1	NORTH CROWLEY	HOME	8:00PM

VARSITY

MARCH 17	LAMAR	HOME	7:00PM
MARCH 20	SAM HOUSTON	HOME	7:00PM
MARCH 24	WEATHERFORD	AWAY	7:00PM
MARCH 27	BOWIE	AWAY	7:00PM
MARCH 31	PASCHAL	HOME	7:00PM
APRIL 2	ARLINGTON	AWAY	7:00PM
APRIL 7	NORTH CROWLEY	HOME	7:00PM
APRIL 10	LAMAR	AWAY	7:00PM
APRIL 14	SAM HOUSTON	AWAY	7:00PM
APRIL 17	WEATERFORD	HOME	7:00PM
APRIL 21	BOWIE	HOME	7:00PM
APRIL 24	PASCHAL	AWAY	7:00PM
APRIL 28	ARLINGTON	HOME	7:00PM
MAY 1	NORTH CROWLEY	AWAY	7:00PM

JR VARSITY

MARCH 16	LAMAR	AWAY	6:00PM
MARCH 20	SAM HOUSTON	AWAY	6:00PM
MARCH 23	WEATHERFORD	HOME	6:00PM
MARCH 27	BOWIE	HOME	6:00PM
MARCH 30	PASCHAL	AWAY	6:00PM
APRIL 2	ARLINGTON	HOME	6:00PM
APRIL 6	NORTH CROWLEY	AWAY	6:00PM
APRIL 10	LAMAR	HOME	6:00PM
APRIL 14	SAM HOUSTON	HOME	6:00PM
APRIL 17	WEATERFORD	HOME	6:00PM
APRIL 21	BOWIE	HOME	6:00PM
APRIL 24	PASCHAL	HOME	6:00PM
APRIL 28	ARLINGTON	AWAY	6:00PM
MAY 1	NORTH CROWLEY	HOME	6:00PM

Your Varsity Martin Warriors would like to invite you to
FAN APPRECIATION NIGHT

Tuesday Night April 28th at 7pm!

First 200 fans receive a free T-shirt and enjoy \$1 HOT DOGS!

We need our fans as we face the Arlington Colts!

Celebrate with our Seniors during their last regular season game at Warrior Field.

Martin Lady Warriors



2015 Area Champions

MARTIN CHEER

Save the date.....

Martin Cheer Clinic

Saturday, May 9

9:30-3

K -6th grade

Details will be posted soon on our website

Check out our website at MartinCheer.com

Sundancers

Precision Dance Team



2014-2015 MHS Sundancers!



The Sundancers sponsored their “Raising the Barre” dance competition on March 4th and want to thank everyone for their flexibility on the date change due to the weather. Congratulations to everyone who participated!

We had an awesome spring break week in Los Angeles and got to see some iconic sites & take a dance class at the Edge Performing Arts Studio. A big thanks to Ms. Gaither, Ms. Hatley and the parent chaperones!

“Let’s Go Warriors”!!!!



2014-2015 FFA DOG WASH SAVE THE DATES!!!



FFA-AG DOG WASH RAIN-OR-SHINE!!!

This event is held by the tennis courts and greenhouse on the east side of the school from: 10:00am – 1:00 pm. If it is raining or cold we will wash the dogs inside the greenhouse.
The FIRST Saturday of the month (except April)

Saturday, April 11, 2015* (second Sat. due to Easter)

Saturday, May 2, 2015* (tentative, depending on Prom)

QUESTIONS ABOUT BOOSTER CLUB ACTIVITIES?
E-MAIL US AT: Martinffa4501@gmail.com *PLEASE have ALL dogs on a leash!