



Saint Martin de Porres School

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Dear Saint Martin de Porres School Community,

I hope you are enjoying the last vestiges of our lovely fall weather, as we prepare for the joyous family feast of Thanksgiving. If you are going out of town I wish you "safe travels"!

Tuesday, November 26th is a school-wide spirit wear, jeans and sneakers day. Please follow the dress down guidelines in our handbook. Students may also wear their winter gym suit in lieu of spirit wear and jeans.

We have had a faculty change effective November 19, 2024. Mrs. Maria Clavin resigned from her duties as our Spanish Teacher of grades 2-8. Effective Tuesday, December 3rd, Mrs. Maria Borbon will take over Spanish class for grades 6-8. Grades 2-5 will have added art class taught by Mrs. Sherar. We extend a heartfelt SMDP welcome to Mrs. Borbon.

We have an important calendar change for December. Our early dismissal will occur on December 6th, not December 13th. The Archdiocese is requiring our faculty to an afternoon of professional development. Mrs. Glynn will notify the school districts. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please see the blue folder flyers for details about the Christmas Pageants.

A Few Reminders:

- Please check the handbook (pp. 19-24) for uniform dress code. We are now in full winter uniform.
- Please refrain from calling between 2:35 and 3:00 we are fully involved in dismissal at that time.
- Please remember that drop-off is either the "conga line" or parking in the lot and walking your child to the sidewalk.

Thank you for your cooperation in these matters. God bless and have a wonderful, blessed Thanksgiving.


Mrs. Daley

Jesus Christ is the reason for Saint Martin de Porres School and, within these walls, we encourage every child to reach his or her God-given potential. As a national Blue Ribbon school, academic excellence is a large part of our mission. We strive each day to prepare our students for the future in a nurturing environment that fosters a life-long love of learning, character development, spiritual fulfillment and service to others.