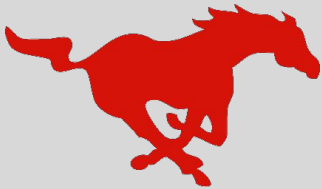


# Martin Middle School PTA

## Join PTA Today!

Your membership helps to fund programs and support for students and staff.

Remember to renew your membership at the beginning of each school year. Use the links below to get started.



## Martin PTA Executive Board

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## Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year at Martin!

As parents, we all support our children in their educational journey. Martin Middle School's Parent Teacher Association (PTA) works collaboratively to support the school through many initiatives, special events, and volunteer opportunities because our incredible students possess gifts and talents that deserve to be identified, nurtured, and rewarded. This mailer provides information on how you can support your middle schooler and at the same time get to know more people in the Martin Community.

Our goal has always been to make sure Martin's teachers, staff, and parents have resources they need to make the Gifted and Talented magnet theme meaningful and successful for every student. Teachers utilize PTA sponsored stipends and project grants to further enrich the curriculum. Throughout the year we will continue coming together to appreciate staff, support each other, and celebrate students. All of our programs are made possible by your support of the PTA.

Last year, our fundraising efforts allowed for the installation of an outdoor learning center for teachers and students to enjoy and use for engaging educational opportunities, the purchase of acoustical shells for the auditorium, musical instruments, dance costumes, athletic team uniforms, and funding for other initiatives. The teachers lounge also received a refresh to truly make it a space to recharge and some of the school's hallways now have art and inspirational phrases making the space more inviting for all.

Please consider volunteering your time and talents, becoming a member, or making a donation. Like our students, every single parent has unique gifts and talents that we value and need here at Martin to ensure collective success!

We hope you'll join us for an amazing year!

The Martin Middle School PTA

## MemberHub is now Givebacks



Martin PTA uses this online tool to keep you informed and engaged with our school community via periodic communications. Use the QR code to sign up. If you've joined PTA, your information is already in the system and you can skip this step.

There are communication Hubs in Givebacks for each PTA committee. Join one or more today!

## Show Your Mustang Spirit!

Check out Martin spirit wear selections in our online store at

[martinmiddleschool.memberhub.com/store](http://martinmiddleschool.memberhub.com/store).

\*Academic Planners will be on sale for \$10\*

Orders placed prior to the start of the school year can be picked up in the front office during the first week of school. There will be several more opportunities to purchase spirit wear throughout the year. Questions?

Email [spiritwear@martinpta.com](mailto:spiritwear@martinpta.com).



# Get Involved & Stay Connected



NATIONAL PTA®

REFLECTIONS®

The theme for Reflections 2023-2024 is *I am Hopeful Because...* Students may submit their completed works of art in one, or all, of the available arts categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts. For more information check out [pta.org/reflections](http://pta.org/reflections) or email [reflections@martinpta.com](mailto:reflections@martinpta.com).



## UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday, August 16 (6pm)  
Parent Athletic Info Session

Friday, August 18 (9-11am)  
Stampede Celebration -6<sup>th</sup>  
Grade Orientation & Schedule  
Pick-up

Thursday, August 24 (9-11am)  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule Pick-up

Thursday, August 24 (1-3 pm)  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule Pick-up

Monday, August 28  
1st Day of School

Friday, September 1 (8am) \*  
1st Family Coffee w/ Ms.  
Mondora

Monday, September 4  
No School - Labor Day

Thursday, September 7  
Meet the Teacher & PTA General  
Mtg

## PERFORMING ARTS, ATHLETICS & CLUBS

### Mark your calendars

**Fall Play:** October 26 & 27

**Orchestra Concert:** November 30

**Dance Performance:** December 7

**Musical Auditions:** December 11-15

**Band Concert:** December 14

**Chorus Concert:** January 18

### Fall Sports Tryouts!

Football \* Girls Soccer \* Volleyball: September 5 & 6 (2:30-4:00 pm)

Cheerleading: September 5-7 (2:30-4:00 pm)

### Parent Athletic Information Session:

Wednesday, August 16 @ 6:00pm  
Martin Auditorium

To receive updates on Martin Athletics, join Remind using this link:

[remind.com/join/martinath](https://remind.com/join/martinath)

Visit the Martin Athletics website for additional info

[wakecountyathelticzone.com/martin/](http://wakecountyathelticzone.com/martin/)

### Join a Club!

There are lots of great opportunities that cater to a variety of interests. Visit [wcpss.net/martinms](http://wcpss.net/martinms) for more information.

## Virtual Parent Coffee Talk



Friday, Sept. 8  
8:00am

\*1st Friday of  
each month

## Attention 7th Grade Parents!

North Carolina law requires Tdap and Meningococcal vaccines for entry into 7th grade.

### What do you need to do?

- ✓ Talk to your pediatrician about your child's Tdap or Meningococcal vaccine history.
- ✓ Make sure your child gets the vaccines they need before they start 7th grade.
- ✓ Get a copy of your child's shot record to take to Martin Student Services Monday - Friday from 7:30am - 3:00pm

Questions? Call 919-881-4970 or visit [martinms.wcpss.net](http://martinms.wcpss.net).



## 2023-2024

### School Supply Lists

School supply lists are now  
posted on the Martin website.

# Support Our School!

## Volunteer

There are so many ways to volunteer with PTA! If you'd like to help with any of the committees you see listed at the bottom of this page or if you might be available for any spur-of-the-moment needs, be sure to complete our survey using either of the links below. A committee chair will be in touch!



## Connect

Martin website: [martinms.wcpss.net](http://martinms.wcpss.net)

PTA website: [MartinPTA.com](http://MartinPTA.com)

Givebacks (formerly MemberHub):  
[martinmiddleschool.memberhub.com](http://martinmiddleschool.memberhub.com)

PTA email: [ContactUs@martinpta.com](mailto:ContactUs@martinpta.com)

Facebook:

Martin GT Magnet Middle School PTA

Twitter: [@MartinMSPTA](https://twitter.com/MartinMSPTA)

Instagram: [martinmiddleschoolpta](https://www.instagram.com/martinmiddleschoolpta)

## Donate

Did you know that you can make a donation of any amount to Martin PTA any time of year? It's true. And it helps us to continue our tradition of supporting our students and staff.

Thank you!

### Corporate Matching:

We are a 501(c)3, so all donations qualify for matching donations.



# ALL FUN no FUSS FUNDRAISER



Fall Fundraiser  
Coming in October!

## Join ★ BIG RED!

The Martin Big Red Club supplements funding for arts and athletics programs at Martin. Big Red funds provide team sports uniforms, musical instruments, instructional materials, performance arts costumes, and much more.

Enrollment in Big Red includes a season pass to all home arts and athletics events plus more fun perks depending on your level of support (extra season passes, merch, recognition, and more)! Show your support for Martin arts and athletics. Join Big Red today!

## 2023-2024 PTA COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

In an effort to promote a more collaborative and team-oriented PTA, we're trying something new this year...Committees!

### Advocacy

Chair: Poppy Matthew

### Audit

Chair: Shannon Ziemba

### Fundraising

Chair: Haley Tury

### Appreciation & Recognition

Co-Chairs: Ashley Duncan & Ginger Ackiss

### Communications

Chair: TBD\*

### Special Programs & Events

Chair: TBD\*

\*Please help us fill our open committee chair positions. Contact [president@martinpta.com](mailto:president@martinpta.com) for more information or attend one of our PTA socials.



# PTA Traditions & Events

## **Cultural Arts**

The PTA's Cultural Arts program at Martin engages staff and students in classrooms and throughout the school community. Over the past years, PTA has brought in a diverse group of artists to share their talents with students through assemblies and residencies. Students and staff have enjoyed a wide variety of art forms including dance, visual arts, storytelling, creative writing, and music.

## **Fall No Fuss Fundraiser**

Martin PTA hosts the annual No Fuss Fundraiser in October. We make it super easy to donate (no selling or asking for pledges), and all proceeds go directly to teacher stipends, technology, academic programs, and other PTA programs. When parents donate, their students get entered into a daily lunchtime raffle for cool prizes! Students also love the friendly competition of Penny Wars, a head-to-head contest where each grade donates coins to raise money and win free seating at lunch and other fun prizes. Each year, funds are raised for a focus item determined by the administration. In prior years, funds raised allowed PTA to purchase contact-less water fountains that were installed throughout the school building and picnic tables to create an outdoor learning space.

## **Meet the Teacher**

In September, parents will be invited to school to hear from administration, walk their students' schedules, talk with Student Services counselors, and meet their students' teachers. The evening also includes the first PTA meeting of the year and opportunity to buy Spiritwear.

## **Mustang Madness**

Every March, we have our own bit of madness...Mustang Madness! This is a community and fundraising event for the entire family. The fun evening includes performances from Martin's talented performing artists and athletes, competitions, games, food and a Silent Auction. All proceeds benefit the Martin Middle!

## **Student Recognition Events**

Each quarter, the PTA's Student Recognition program recognizes and rewards the high academic achievement of students who make the All A and A/B honor rolls. Shortly after the completion of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarters, together with Counseling and Student Services (CASS), PTA provides each student on both honor rolls with a certificate and a treat. In addition, the PTA's Student Recognition program along with CASS, recognizes and honors those students who routinely exemplify good character. Quarterly, each homeroom teacher nominates three students who demonstrate the character traits of respect, responsibility, and integrity in their daily lives. These students are invited to attend a character recognition ceremony at the school.

## **Year-end Celebrations & 8th Grade Dance**

An end of year celebratory day is planned by administration and teachers for each grade level. These fun events take place during one of the last days of the school year. Students, teachers and staff enjoy lunch, indoor and outdoor activities, yearbook signing, and games.

In addition, the 8th grade dance is held at the end of the year to celebrate Martin's 8th graders as the culmination of their middle school years at Martin. It gives our 8th graders a chance to spend quality time together as a whole group before moving on to high school. During one of the last evenings of the school year, students dress for the occasion and enjoy a DJ, dancing, photo opportunities, and snacks.







July 28, 2023

Dear Martin Mustang Students and Families:

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year and welcome to The Ranch! We are excited for the start of the school year and all the events and activities that are planned. We look forward to continuing our traditions such as our amazing musical, performing arts concerts and award winning, competitive clubs. We will also play against our rival, Oberlin, under the lights at Broughton High. These events, along with other clubs, school dances and our PTA sponsored Mustang Madness will make this a year to remember!

Our rising 6<sup>th</sup> students and their families are invited to campus on Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, for our annual Stampede Celebration from 9-11am. Students will learn the campus and meet their teachers and classmates. Families will connect with key staff and have remaining questions answered. Seventh and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students can walk their schedule on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade walk is from 9-11am and 8<sup>th</sup> grade walk is from 1-3pm.

Please mark your calendars for a few important dates. The first day of school for all students is Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Our first Family Coffee will be on Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, at 8am. Family Coffees are scheduled for the first Friday of every month. More information will come as we get closer to September 1<sup>st</sup>. Finally, Meet the Teacher is scheduled for Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. This is your opportunity to walk your student's schedule and hear from the teachers.

Students should bring their charged, school-issued Chromebook to school each day, along with their other school supplies. All rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will receive a new Chromebook at the start of the year if they returned their old device at the end of last year. New to WCPSS students will receive new devices as well. Please check the website for a list of other school supplies.

Finally, a reminder for our rising 7<sup>th</sup> grade families about state required vaccinations: all 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are required to have a TDaP and Meningococcal vaccines on record. Please send proof of vaccination to Ms. Frechette at [kfrechette@wcpss.net](mailto:kfrechette@wcpss.net).

Enjoy the remaining few weeks of summer and we look forward to seeing you on The Ranch!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marla N. Mondora".

Marla N. Mondora, Principal

# Martin GT Magnet Middle School Carpool Procedures

## **General Information:**

- Students may arrive on campus at 6:50am and enter the building at 7:00am. Adult supervision in carpool begins at 6:50. Please do not drop students off prior to 6:50am.
- All morning drop-off and afternoon pick-ups must take place in the carpool area, along the gym, on the Horton Street side of the building. Please do not drop students off on the street or in the loading dock area by the cafeteria.
- Please make right hand turns into and out of the parking lot on Horton Street. Right hand turns will keep traffic flowing smoothly and speed the carpool process.
- The carpool loop is shared with our Special Transportation providers who access the parking lot from the service road at the bus lot. This entrance is reserved for those vehicles only. Please allow the Special Transportation providers to access the carpool loop from that road.

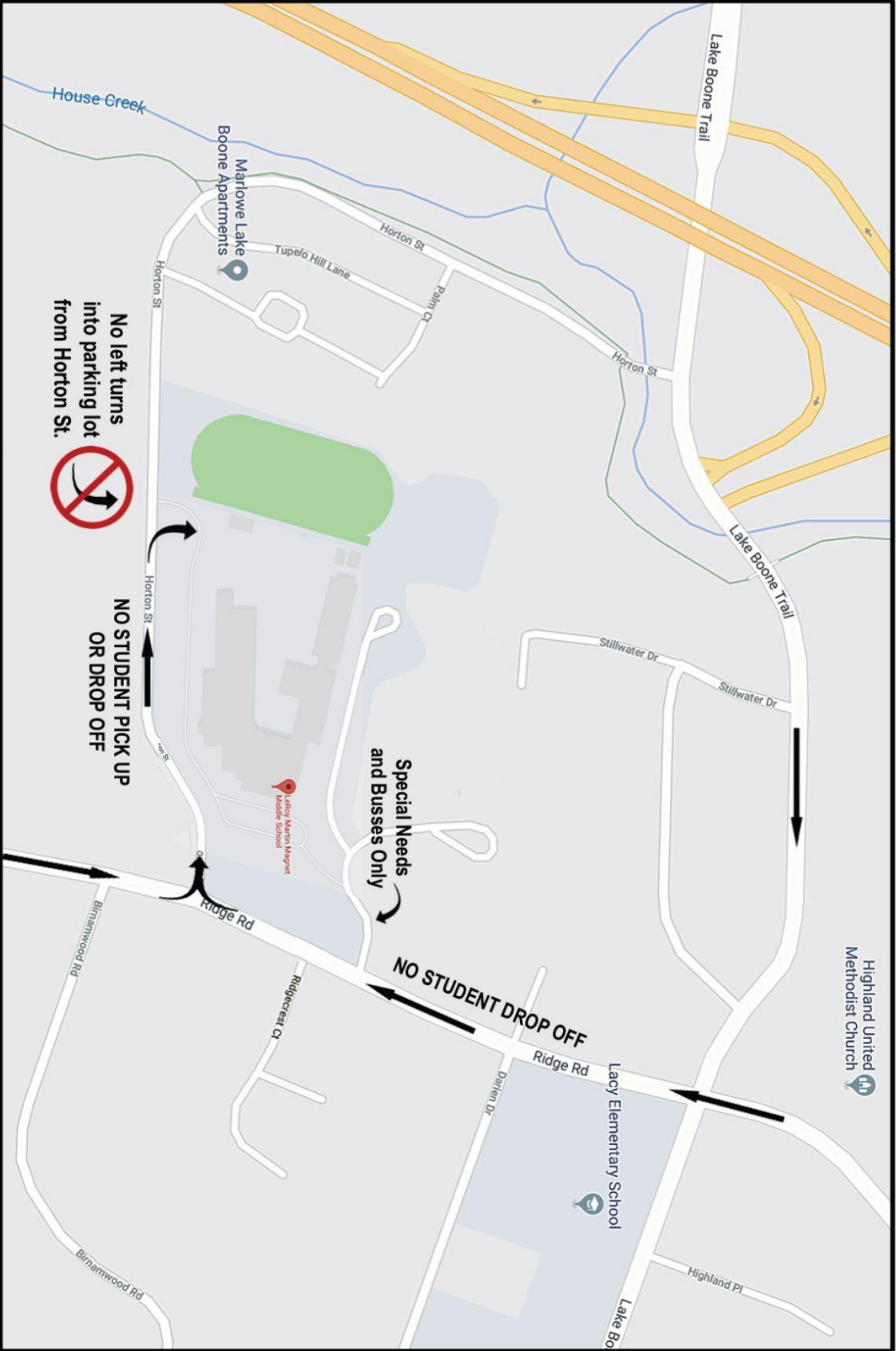
## **Morning Reminders:**

- Students should be prepared to exit their car when you come to a stop in carpool.
- Please pull as far forward as possible to allow as many cars as possible in the drop-off zone (flag poles to cafeteria/gym entrance).
- When pulling out of the drop-off zone, take caution of other drivers.
- Never drop students off on Horton Street. Always come through carpool.

## **Afternoon Reminders:**

- The space from the service road on the bus lot side to the front of the school is reserved for Special Transportation vehicles. Please do not block their access.
- Remind students to report directly to carpool at dismissal and remain alert and look for their ride.
- Students will wait on the sidewalk along the gym for pick up. Please do not ask students to cross carpool or meet their rides on Horton Street. This is a safety concern.
- Continue to move forward while waiting for your student to maintain traffic flow.
- Both drivers and students must remain alert during carpool to keep everyone safe.
- Please make right hand turns into and out of the parking lot on Horton Street. Right hand turns will keep traffic flowing smoothly and speed the carpool process.
- All students should be picked up by 2:40pm, unless they have made arrangements to stay with a staff member for an activity.

Thank you for supporting a safe and orderly carpool process!



# Spirit Day & PTA Social!

## **\*Attention Families\***

Join us for a spirit day at Two Roosters to enjoy a sweet treat, connect with the Martin community and hear about PTA committees and events. Additional details will be provided in future PTA communications.



### **When:**

Tuesday, September 26th

Patio area outside Two Roosters Ice Cream  
Marketplace At Lake Boone  
4025 Lake Boone Trail, Raleigh, NC

### ***Evening Parent Social***

***Drop in between 5:30-7:30pm***

\*Martin PTA will receive a portion of the proceeds from any purchases made after 2:30pm when mentioning Martin Middle School.\*

Martin GT Magnet Middle School  
1701 Ridge Road  
Raleigh, NC 27607

