



“Where I Learned to Teach...”

Parent Education Series

New Parent Seminar: Partnership With Parents & Guardians

Thursday, August 13, 2026
Tom & Gayle Benson Mall

Brother Martin High School Mission Statement

The mission of Brother Martin High School
is to form young men in a trusting environment rooted in
religious values, personal attention, friendly discipline, and academic excellence,
integrating the founding charism of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart
with Catholic tradition to meet the needs of our changing world.

Brother Martin School Prayer

*Loving and forgiving God,
We thank you for the charism of Andre Coindre,
the selfless service
of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart,
and the sanctuary that is Brother Martin High School.
Please continue to bless us
with leaders, teachers, and students
of wisdom and compassion
who love us, form us, challenge us, and inspire us.
Enlighten our minds, sanctify our hearts, strengthen our wills,
and grace us with courage and trust
to meet the needs of our changing world,
We ask all of this through your son Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Ametur Cor Jesu! Ametur Cor Mariae!

Crusader Fight Song

We're going to fight for our Alma Mater
For Brother Martin, crimson and gold,
We're going to shout 'til the skies resound it;
We're going to win over foes untold.
The Crimson Crusaders are our heroes;
They are the men who never say die.
So while the whole gang is here
Let's stand up and cheer
For Brother Martin High!

New Parent Seminar Agenda

Prayer, Welcome, Introduction, and Explanation of the Evening

Mr. Carlos Bogran '99, Assistant Principal for Admissions
Mr. Ryan Gallagher '00, Principal

Academic Excellence

Mr. Michael Lynn '04, Assistant Principal for Academics

Guidance & Student Formation

Mr. Griffin Gremillion, 8th Grade Counselor
Mr. Noah Catalanotto '18, 9th Grade Counselor
Mrs. Joneil Galey, Director of Student Formation

Campus Ministry

Mr. Donald Midkiff '03, Director of Campus Ministry

Student Activities

Mr. Gerald Ursin III '07, Assistant Principal for Student Services
Mr. Mark Wisniewski '81, Director of Athletics
Mr. Wilbert "Tre" Turner, Junior High Athletics Coordinator

Closing & Questions

Parent Social

Guidance Department & Student Formation

8th Grade Counselor - Mr. Griffin Gremillion
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9th Grade Counselor - Mr. Noah Catalanotto '18
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10th Grade Counselor - Mrs. Sophia Bonnaffons
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11th Grade Counselor - Mr. Michael Armbruster '19
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12th Grade Counselor - Mr. Paul Marcello '12
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College Placement Counselor & Guidance Department Chair - Mrs. Colleen Martinolich
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Student Services Office

Assistant Principal for Student Services - Mr. Gerald Ursin III '07
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Student Services Administrative Assistant - Ms. Shannon Becnel
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Athletic Department

Director of Athletics - Mr. Mark Wisniewski '81
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Junior High Athletics Coordinator - Mr. Wilbert "Tre" Turner
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Assistant Director of Athletics - Mr. Mark Bonis
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Tuition and Need-Based Financial Assistance

Director of Finance, Treasurer - Mr. Stephen Yost
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Academics

Assistant Principal for Academics – Mr. Michael Lynn '04
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Assistant Principal for Instruction - Mrs. Kelly Alexander
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Education Management – BMHS online learning management system

- Students and parents/guardians use separate credentials to utilize Education Management.
- All student information - schedules, assignments, and grades - for each class will be stored and shared on Education Management.
- Access → www.brothermartin.com → “Quick Links” → “Students” → “Education Management”
- Please contact Mr. Craig Zeller '02 at czeller@brothermartin.com with questions and issues regarding Education Management.



Today's Schedule			Daily Announcements		
ABOUT	STUDENTS	PARENTS	NEWS	GIVING	DOWNLOADS
Message from the Principal	Announcements	Announcements	School	Parent Giving	2022 Student Orientation
About Brother Martin	Student Device FAQs	Parents Club	Athletics	Alumni Giving	2022-2023 Academic Calendar
Leadership	Education Management	Online Tuition Payment	Extracurriculars	Grandparents	Homecoming Nomination Packet
Faculty & Staff	Class Schedules	Student Device FAQs	Events	Ladies of the Shield	Work Permit Request
School Prayer	Library	Education Management	Alumni	Capital Campaign	AP Exam Fee Payment
Calendar	Lunch Menu	Events & Meetings	All News	Endowments	Credit Recovery FAQs
Contact	Student Handbook	PaySchools Central		Memorials	Summer Reading FAQs
	Senior Section	Magnus Health		Scholarships	Dance/Event Dress Code
	Health Education Resources	Health Education Resources			Honor Roll – 1st Quarter
		Drop Off & Pick Up Information			

Attendance

- First tone sounds each morning at 7:55 a.m. The academic day begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 3:06 p.m.
- Special schedules are designated on the online school calendar.

Required Books and Materials

- Registered school-approved device
- Consumable books purchased from BNC/MBS
- Online resources and textbooks are administered in some classes
- More details are included in each course syllabus distributed on the first days of class

Back to School Night

- **Thursday, August 20 – 6:00 p.m.** Parents will follow their son's daily schedule throughout this evening and learn specific expectations for each course.

Parent-Teacher Visitations

- One per Quarter
- 1st Quarter visitation - **Wednesday, September 16 - 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
- Sign Up Genius - One week before each visitation, parents will receive an email to sign up for a 5-minute personal visitation with each of their son's teachers.
- Contact individual teachers throughout the year to schedule additional meetings.
- Access Faculty listing → www.brothermartin.com → "Quick Links" → "About" → "Faculty & Staff"

Quarterly Exams

- 2 exams are administered each day
- Exam times are 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- Each exam is 90 minutes with a 30-minute break between each exam.
- Students are not required to be on campus during the time designated for his unstructured period during Exam Week.
- Students wear complete Brother Martin uniforms.

Unstructured Period

- Resources available:
 - Assistance from individual teachers
 - Formation Center
 - Guidance Counselors
 - Intramurals
 - Library Resources
 - Resource Centers

Homework

- Plays a major role in students' quarterly grades.
- Your son should expect homework every night.

Student Formation Center

Director of Student Formation - Mrs. Joneil Galey
jgaley@brothermartin.com

Formation Center

- Hours: 7:15 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Tutoring available for all students
 - Various teachers and National Honor Society students provide tutoring.
- Teachers and counselors can require students to attend to receive additional support.
- Parents should contact Mrs. Joneil Galey for assistance.

Discipline & Attendance

Dean of Students - Mr. Josh Thomas '97
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Assistant Disciplinarian - Mr. Ian Supak
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Attendance Office Administrative Assistant - Mrs. Tytti Brumfield
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Attendance

- **Reporting absences:** call the school (504-283-1561) by 9:00 a.m. and bring an original note from home or a doctor's note upon return.
- **Check Out Policy:** Your son should bring a note to the Discipline Office before school begins that day if he is checking out early.
- **Emergency check-out:** Call the school, and we will have him report to the Discipline Office to wait for you.
- **Late Check-In:** Parents/guardians should call, write a note, or accompany students to the Discipline Office upon arrival.
- **Absence of Convenience:** Trips, days before/after holidays are UNEXCUSED unless permission is granted in advance; Otherwise, your son will make up time in Saturday Study Hall.

Drop Off/Pick Up Procedure:

- Campus opens at 6:30 a.m.
- Before 7:15 a.m. & after 3:30 p.m. → Use Conlin Gym Entrance on St. Aloysius Dr.
- 7:15 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. & 3:06-3:45 → 8th-9th grade use Lombard Street/North side of campus by Chapel Gates. 10th-12th use Stephen Girard Street (St. Aloysius Drive)/Conlin Gym Entrance
- Security and Faculty/Staff → on campus from 6:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. (regular school days)
 - Faculty supervision after school in the Benson Mall until 5:00 p.m.

Grooming

- *Everything* we do teaches something! Grooming and uniform expectations are important aspects of your son's formation toward self-discipline.
- The policy is found in the Student Handbook under Grooming, but below you will find some reminders:
 - Must be well-groomed
 - Hair should always be of moderate length (not past the eyebrows when combed forward or past the middle of his ear).
 - No layers.
 - Shorter hair on the sides & back must be blended with the top.
 - Hair should never be shorter than a #2 guard.
 - No obvious/drastring differences in length - MUST BE BLENDED
 - No undercuts, fades, tapers, hard parts, carvings, scalps, twists, and the like.
- **WE SHOULD NOT HAVE TO TELL HIM TO GET A HAIRCUT.**
 - Students receive one day to comply and then do not attend class each subsequent day until remedied.

Shaving

- If he hasn't already, he will start soon!
- All students must be clean-shaven at school and at all school-related events.
- We have razors and shaving cream in the office, but your son will be more comfortable shaving at home.

Uniform

- We expect our students to wear the uniform with respect and pride!
- A student should be in complete uniform every day.
- Points of emphasis regarding the uniform:
 - Wrist bracelets and jewelry are not allowed to be worn with the uniform (religious jewelry must be tucked into his shirt and not visible).
 - If your son has athletic practice after school, he should not wear pieces of his uniform with shorts and t-shirts. We stress that our students are either in full uniform or completely out of uniform – no "in-between".

School IDs

- Considered part of the uniform – Should be on his person at all times
- Required when attending Brother Martin athletic events and school-sponsored dances
- Used as a debit card at Food Services and the Crusader Cafe
- Money can be added to the ID card at the Bookstore, which is open every day before school and during periods 4, 5, and 6. The Bookstore accepts cash, check, and credit card.
- Money can also be added online → www.brothermartin.com → Quicklinks → Parents → PaySchools Central.
- Students who are NSF (negative balance on card) should bring lunch from home until funds are added. It is your son's responsibility to maintain a positive balance.
- If your son forgets his ID, he must obtain a note and a temporary ID in the Discipline Office.

Campus Ministry

Director of Campus Ministry - Mr. Donald Midkiff '03
dmidkiff@brothermartin.com

Days of Reflection

- Your son will participate in an off-campus Day of Reflection
- The Day of Reflection will focus on specific themes from your son's Religion class curriculum, but more importantly, is grounded in the charism of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart.

Other Faith Formation Experiences

- School-Wide Liturgies
- Reconciliation
- Weekly Masses

Christian Service Program (required service hours)

The Christian Service Program at Brother Martin High School aims to inspire members of the Brother Martin community to embody the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, the principles of Catholic social teaching, and the charism of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart through experiences of and critical reflection on direct service to people who are underserved in our world. The program seeks to help students begin to reflect on the complexity of our world's social issues and their responsibility in using their unique gifts and talents for the promotion of social justice and the common good. It hopes to instill in its participants a lifelong commitment to service and courageous advocacy for justice through the development of the virtues of solidarity, charity, and justice as modeled in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

Service Criteria

- All students are required to complete a minimum number of hours of service (see back).
- ***Focus Issue Hours: At least half of a student's required service hours must be performed at an agency that addresses the social issue designated as the focus for the student's grade level.*** Pre-approved service placements for each grade level are provided on the pre-approved service placement lists posted on the Brother Martin website. If a student wishes to volunteer with an event or agency that is not on the grade level pre-approved service placement lists, the student must receive written approval of the alternative service from their Religion teacher or Mr. McCabe ***prior*** to volunteering. ***Failure to obtain written approval may result in a student's hours not being accepted.***
- ***General Hours: The other half of a student's required service hours may be performed at almost any non-profit organization.*** Pre-approved organizations and opportunities can be found on the General Pre-approved Service Placements list. Please note: In order for the hours to be accepted, ***the service must involve volunteering with a non-profit organization***, such as Catholic Charities, local schools, church parishes, food banks, etc. Volunteer work done with a Brother Martin team, club, or camp can be used to fulfill this half of the service requirement. If you are unsure of whether your placement meets these criteria, please speak with your Religion teacher or Mr. McCabe for written approval ***prior*** to volunteering. ***Failure to obtain written approval may result in a student's hours not being accepted.***

Service hours must be fully confirmed and validated through Helper Helper by **Friday, March 12, 2027** (early turn-in for 4th quarter Religion exam exemption eligibility by Friday, January 29, 2027). **To be accepted, a student's service hours must be both:**

1. **Confirmed** in Helper Helper by the representative of the service organization
2. **Validated** in Helper Helper by his Religion teacher or the BMHS service coordinator

No physical documentation of service will be accepted. It is the student's responsibility to collect and input the correct contact information and to follow up with the service organization's coordinator or supervisor to ensure they confirm his volunteer hours by the deadlines. **Students will not receive an extension of the deadlines if they fail to collect or input the correct contact information or if the service organization's supervisor does not confirm their hours by the deadline.** Students who do not complete the required minimums and have them both confirmed and validated on Helper Helper by the due date will receive an Incomplete (I) for their 3rd quarter Religion grade and will not be exempt from any of their 4th quarter final exams. As per the Brother Martin student handbook, if a student has an Incomplete in the 3rd quarter, he is also not eligible for honor roll status or academic letterman.

Completion of the required service hours is mandated for advancement to the next grade level and for graduation. Thus, students may have to make up their service hours (and additional hours) at Summer Session if they do not complete the required minimums and have them both confirmed and validated on Helper Helper before 4th quarter exams. Seniors may not receive their Brother Martin diplomas until they meet these criteria.

Please Note:

- If a student misses an academic school day to complete service hours, he will be marked for an unexcused absence, and the service hours will not be accepted.
- It is the responsibility of each student to contact possible service placements himself. In the continual effort to develop personal responsibility, the student should be the one organizing his service experience, not his parent/guardian. If he requires assistance or has questions, he can speak with his Religion teacher or the Service Coordinator. (See *table on next page.*)

Grade	Minimum Total Hours	Focus Area (Must make up to half of total hours)
8th	10 total hours (At least 5 focus hours →)	With a pre-approved non-profit organization that cares for the environment.
9th	10 total hours (At least 5 focus hours →)	With a pre-approved non-profit organization that cares for people who are elderly, sick or dying
10th	20 total hours (At least 10 focus hours →)	With a pre-approved non-profit organization that cares for people with disabilities/special needs
11th	60 total hours (At least 30 focus hours →)	With a pre-approved non-profit organization of the student's choice that involves direct service to those in need
12th	20 total hours (At least 10 focus hours →)	With a pre-approved non-profit organization that cares for people who are food-insecure, unhoused, or in poverty