



Spring 2013 Quarterly Newsletter

Greetings:

After a long and unseasonably wet winter season, I believe Spring has finally arrived. Because we missed five days of classes, due to snow and ice, the school year has been extended. The last school day for senior students will be Thursday, May 16, with graduation and commencement ceremonies held on Sunday, May 19, 2013, in the gymnasium, beginning at 2:00. **The school year for all other students will end on Friday, May 31, with dismissal set for 1:00 on the last day.**

BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNITION

The 2012-2013 school year has been a particularly successful one for Martensdale-St. Marys students, staff, and the community in the classroom and on the fields, mats, and courts. Your elected board of education members have been significant contributors to these successes. Please join with communities throughout Iowa in honoring our elected school board members during the month of May, which is Iowa School Board Recognition Month. This year's theme-"Building Brighter Futures"-recognizes that Iowa's volunteer school board members are providing leadership, through responsibilities ranging from strong financial stewardship to ensuring high quality curriculum, to make sure all students have a bright, vibrant future ahead of them. Serving on the Martensdale-St. Marys School Board of Education are:

Nicole Bunch - President
Dave Shutt - Vice President
Dean Furness
Wade Gibson
Amy Harper

These ladies and gentlemen volunteer countless hours of unpaid time to provide the best possible education for our students and we want to recognize that in our communities. As your elected leaders, they represent you in their continuing commitment to local citizen control and decision-making for our public schools. Too often the efforts of school board members go

unrecognized and unrewarded. So, anytime during the month of May is an appropriate time to say ***Thank You.***

Two years ago the Iowa Legislature made significant changes in the governance of all Iowa public school district boards of education, including setting the normal term of office for an elected school board member at four years and reducing the frequency of school board elections to an every-other-year basis, with elections held on the second Tuesday of odd numbered years. This fall the regular terms of three current members of the Martensdale-St. Marys Board of Education (Mrs. Amy Harper, Mr. Dave Shutt, and Mr. Wade Gibson) expire. All MStM board members are elected by geographic district. If you are interested in serving as a Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District board member and live in one of the three districts currently represented by Amy, Dave, or Wade, please contact Ms. Jill Gavin, district business manager, to learn what you need to do to get your name on the September 10, 2013, ballot.

DISTRICT SECURITY

Recent incidents that have occurred throughout the United States and the world regarding intruders entering schools and attacking children and staff have heightened our awareness and the district has implemented significant security measures to limit access points for visitors to enter our school building and require guests to sign in and out when visiting. **One of the additional measures the district has taken will result in a further change in procedures when you and your children return to school in August.** We have installed a camera system and electronic lock mechanism on the main office (superintendent) entry door. The superintendent's secretary will use the electronic lock system to control visitor entry after the school day begins at 8:30 AM. While these additional security measures may seem somewhat inconvenient, I'm sure you would agree that student and staff safety is one of our primary concerns.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM INVITATION

Martensdale-St Marys teachers would love to have a minute of your time; or an hour or two--- whatever you can spare. They could also use your assistance several hours a week, if you would like to help on a regularly scheduled basis. **See the brochure included in this newsletter.** Dr. Newsum has requested help from community members to assist teachers with copying, laminating/cutting; die-cutting letters; and helping to prepare bulletin board materials, to name a few. Nancy Wilbur is in the process of compiling teacher wish lists/needs lists and is now looking for people willing to help out in their own ways. **Your district needs you!** The district can also utilize the services of someone willing to write and prepare grants. There is an untapped market of money waiting for the right grant writer!! **If you have time to share with our teachers and students, there are a variety of ways you can get involved.** Please contact Nancy Wilbur, new district volunteer coordinator, at nancy_wilbur@mstm.us or call [641-764-2653](tel:641-764-2653) if you can spare some time to make our school at better place!!

Are you interested in becoming a
VOLUNTEER?
Get **INVOLVED** at
Martensdale- St. Marys School
Looking for **Volunteers** to do

- Copying
- Laminating
- Cutting
- Preparing Flash Cards
- Tasks to help teachers in their classroom
- Grant Writing

Spend a half-hour, an hour, or six hours on your schedule to **HELP** out.

Take **home** or work at the **school**.

CONTACT: Nancy Wilbur (641) 764-2653
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BLUE DEVIL IMAGE CONTEST

Your district communications advisory committee met on Wednesday, April 17, and selected six original Blue Devil image contest entries from a pool of more than 30 entries for consideration as the 'official' district Blue Devil image. These six Blue Devil images are included in the Spring Quarter district newsletter that has been mailed to each district patron home address and post office box during the first week in May, along with a ballot for you to cast your vote. The six Blue Devil images, along with an electronic ballot, are also included at a link on the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District website. We also have the six images, with ballots, displayed near the elementary and main administrative offices. You may stop in and cast your vote using any of this variety of methods. All elementary, middle school, and high school students and faculty voted during the first full week in May. Voting began on Monday, May 6, and will continue through Friday, May 24. The communications advisory committee will tabulate votes at their next meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, May 29, and announce first, second, and third place winners shortly thereafter. The top Blue Devil image, selected by your vote, will be included in the district style guide and may be used on team uniforms, apparel, signage, and other correspondence.

Win a Custom **MStM** Golf Cart



All proceeds will benefit the Mar Mar Community Scholarship Fund

\$20.00 per Raffle Ticket

For raffle tickets or questions call Dean 515-205-7638 or Bill 515-360-6477



VISIONQUEST

Drawing on August 10th at the

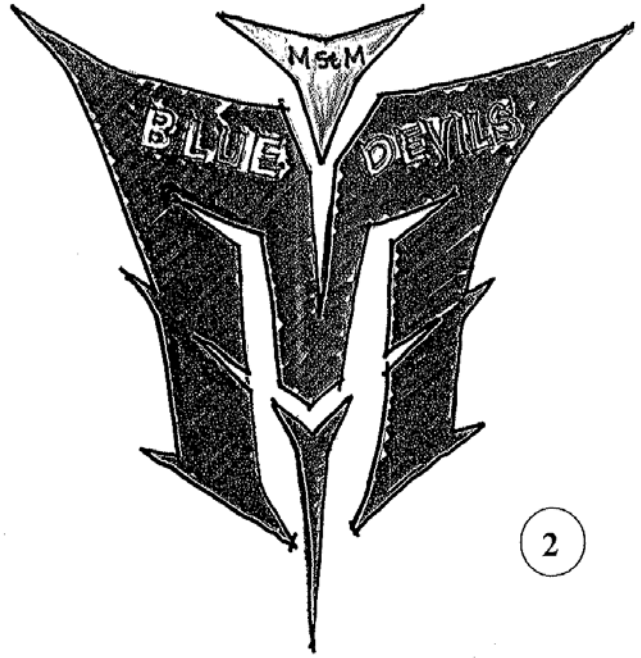


VISIONQUEST

Vision Quest/Mar Mar Golf Tournament



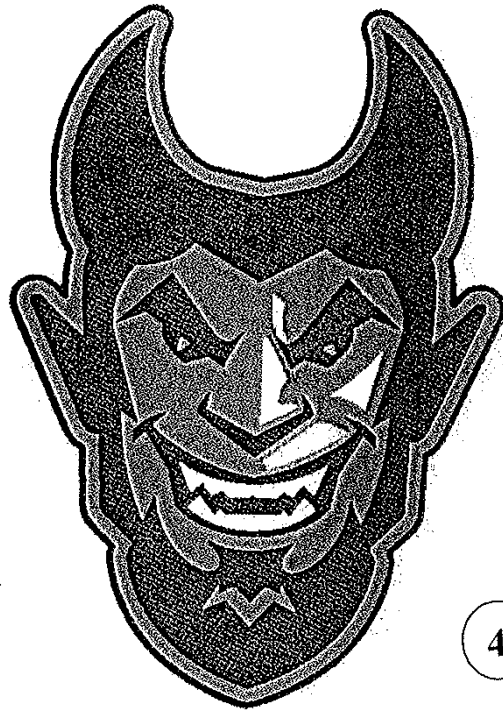
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Please review the six Blue Devil images and decide which ONE of them you would be most comfortable with as the image for use on athletic uniforms, apparel, and correspondence. Mark the number of one of the six images on the ballot below, remove the ballot from your Spring 2013 Newsletter and submit it to Karen Tomlinson at the district business office by FRIDAY, MAY 24. Votes submitted via this ballot method will be combined with electronic votes submitted on the district website and votes cast at school by students and staff and will be reviewed by the district communications advisory committee on Wednesday, May 29. Winning Blue Devil images will be announced in the regular June 2013 district newsletter and on the district website.

BLUE DEVIL IMAGE CONTEST

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MARTENSDALE-ST. MARYS BASEBALL SCHEDULE 2013

NOTE: All conference road games and home games are JUNIOR VARSITY first, with VARSITY to follow.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>What Team(s)</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>When</u>
May 20	Guthrie Center	Jr. Var./Varsity	Away	5:30
May 21	Glidden-Ralston	Jr. Var./Varsity	Away	6:00
May 22	Panorama	Jr. Var./Varsity	Away	5:30
May 23	Oskaloosa	Jr. Var./Varsity	Away	6:00
May 24	Earlham	Jr. Var./Varsity	Home	6:00
May 25	Madrid	Jr. Var./Varsity	Home	12:00
May 28	Pleasantville	Jr. Var./Varsity	Home	6:00
May 29	Adair-Casey	Jr. Var./Varsity	Home	6:00
May 30	Interstate 35	Jr. Var./Varsity	Away	4:00
May 31	Lenox	Jr. Var./Varsity	Home	6:00
June 1	MStM Tourney	Varsity	Home	10:00
June 4	Southeast Warren	Jr. Var./Varsity	Away	4:00
June 6	Central Decatur	Jr. Var./Varsity	Home	4:00
June 7	Corning	Jr. Var./Varsity	Away	6:00
June 10	Twin Cedars	Jr. Var./Varsity	Away	6:00
June 11	Wayne	Jr. Var./Varsity	Home	6:00
June 13	Winterset	Jr. Var./Varsity	Home	4:00
June 14	Bedford	Jr. Var./Varsity	Home	6:00
June 15	Clarke Tournament	Varsity	Away	10:00
June 18	Pleasantville	Jr. Var./Varsity	Away	6:00
June 20	Interstate 35	Jr. Var./Varsity	Home	6:00
June 21	Nodaway Valley	Jr. Var./Varsity	Away	6:00
June 25	Southeast Warren	Jr. Var./Varsity	Home	6:00
June 26	Van Meter	Jr. Var./Varsity	Away	4:00
June 27	Central Decatur	Jr. Var./Varsity	Away	6:00
June 28	Mount Ayr	Jr. Var./Varsity	Home	6:00
June 29	Saydel Tournament	Varsity	Away	10:00
July 1	Perry	Jr. Var./Varsity	Away	2:00
July 2	Wayne	Jr. Var./Varsity	Away	6:00
July 3	Carlisle	Jr. Var./Varsity	Away	4:00
July 5	East Union	Jr. Var./Varsity	Away	6:00
July 8	Creston	Jr. Var./Varsity	Home	6:00
July 9	Roland-Story	Jr. Var./Varsity	Home	6:00
July 10	Bondurant-Farrar	Jr. Var./Varsity	Home	6:00
July 11	Des Moines East	Jr. Var./Varsity	Home	6:00
July 13	Districts	Varsity	TBA	TBA
July 16	Districts	Varsity	TBA	TBA
July 18	Districts	Varsity	TBA	TBA
July 20	Districts	Varsity	TBA	TBA
July 23	Substate	Varsity	TBA	TBA
July 27	State	Varsity	Des Moines	TBA
August 1	State	Varsity	Des Moines	TBA
August 3	State	Varsity	Des Moines	TBA

MARTENSDALE-ST. MARYS SOFTBALL SCHEDULE 2013

NOTE: All conference road games and home games are JUNIOR VARSITY first, with VARSITY to follow.




<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>What Team(s)</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>Time</u>
May 20	Audubon	Jr. Var./Varsity	Home	6:00
May 21	Adair-Casey	Jr. Var./Varsity	Home	6:00
May 22	Knoxville	Jr. Var./Varsity	Home	4:30
May 23	Wayne	Jr. Var./Varsity	Away	6:00
May 24	East Union	Jr. Var./Varsity	Away	6:00
May 28	Pleasantville	Jr. Var./Varsity	Home	6:00
May 30	Interstate 35	Jr. Var./Varsity	Away	6:00
May 31	Murray Tournament	Varsity	Away	TBA
June 1	Murray Tournament	Varsity	Away	TBA
June 4	Southeast Warren	Jr. Var./Varsity	Away	6:00
June 5	Earlham	Jr. Var./Varsity	Away	6:00
June 6	Central Decatur	Jr. Var./Varsity	Home	6:00
June 7	Corning	Jr. Var./Varsity	Away	6:00
June 8	Woodward-Granger Tourney	Varsity	Away	TBA
June 11	Wayne	Jr. Var./Varsity	Home	6:00
June 12	Van Meter	Jr. Var./Varsity	Home	6:00
June 13	Lenox	Jr. Var./Varsity	Away	6:00
June 14	Bedford	Jr. Var./Varsity	Home	6:00
June 15	Eyberg and Riebkes Tourney	Varsity	Home	9:00
June 18	Pleasantville	Jr. Var./Varsity	Away	6:00
June 20	Interstate 35	Jr. Var./Varsity	Home	6:00
June 21	Nodaway Valley	Jr. Var./Varsity	Home	6:00
June 22	Garner-Hayfield Tourney	Varsity	Away	TBA
June 24	Melcher Dallas	Jr. Var./Varsity	Away	6:00
June 25	Southeast Warren	Jr. Var./Varsity	Home	6:00
June 26	Lamoni	Jr. Var./Varsity	Home	6:00
June 27	Central Decatur	Jr. Var./Varsity	Away	6:00
June 28	Mount Ayr	Jr. Var./Varsity	Home	6:00
June 29	Mount Ayr Classic	Varsity	Away	TBA
July 2	Central City	Varsity	Away	7:30
July 3	Des Moines Christian	Jr. Var./Varsity	Away	5:30
July 5	Colfax-Mingo	Jr. Var./Varsity	Home	6:00
July 6	Ballard Tournament	Varsity	Away	TBA
July 8	Regionals	Varsity	TBA	TBA
July 10	Regionals	Varsity	TBA	TBA
July 12	Regionals	Varsity	TBA	TBA
July 15	Regionals	Varsity	TBA	TBA
July 22-26	State Softball Tourney	Varsity	Fort Dodge	TBA

Instructions

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CALENDAR LEGEND

Start		45% Grey (Font color needs to be changed to white)
Six Weeks		Gold
Quarter		Blue (Font color needs to be changed to white)
End		Lavender
Holidays		Rose
Vacation Days		Lime

Student Days

The student days are counted from the day of starting class to ending day of class. These numbers are placed in the far right hand grey column. (Must have 180 days attendance)

2013-2014 Martensdale-St. Marys School Calendar

Summary of Calendar
 Days in classroom:
 First Semester 90
 Second Semester 90
TOTAL CALENDAR DAYS 180

CALENDAR LEGEND

Start
 Nine Weeks
 Quarter
 End
 Holidays
 Vacation Days

CALENDAR
2013-2014
 Approved February 11, 2013

SNOW MAKE-UP DAYS
 May 23
 May 27
 May 28
 May 29
 May 30
 February 26
 March 21

August					Student Days
M	T	W	Th	F	
			1	2	
5	6	7	8	9	
12	13	14	15	16	
19	20	21	22	23	3
26	27	28	29	30	8
September					
2	3	4	5	6	12
9	10	11	12	13	17
16	17	18	19	20	22
23	24	25	26	27	27
30					28
October					
	1	2	3	4	32
7	8	9	10	11	37
14	15	16	17	18	42
21	22	23	24	25	47
28	29	30	31		51
November					
				1	52
4	5	6	7	8	57
11	12	13	14	15	62
18	19	20	21	22	67
25	26	27	28	29	70
December					
2	3	4	5	6	75
9	10	11	12	13	80
16	17	18	19	20	85
23	24	25	26	27	
30	31				
January					
		1	2	3	87
6	7	8	9	10	92
13	14	15	16	17	97
20	21	22	23	24	102
27	28	29	30	31	107
February					
3	4	5	6	7	112
10	11	12	13	14	117
17	18	19	20	21	122
24	25	26	27	28	126
March					
3	4	5	6	7	131
10	11	12	13	14	136
17	18	19	20	21	
24	25	26	27	28	141
31					142
April					
	1	2	3	4	146
7	8	9	10	11	151
14	15	16	17	18	156
21	22	23	24	25	161
28	29	30			164
May					
			1	2	166
5	6	7	8	9	171
12	13	14	15	16	176
19	20	21	22	23	180
26	27	28	29	30	
June					
2	3	4	5	6	
9	10	11	12	13	
16	17	18	19	20	

180 Day Calendar

Date	Events
Aug. 12, 13	Registration
Aug. 15	New Teacher Invitational
Aug. 16, 19, 20	Full Day PD for all teachers
Aug. 20	Open House 6:30-7:30 PM
Aug. 21	School begins (2:15 dismissal)
Aug. 21, 22, 23	2:15 Dismissal
Aug. 26	Pre-school begins
Aug. 29	School Picture Day
Aug. 30	1:00 Dismissal
Sept. 2	Labor Day (No School)
Sept. 10	School Board Election
Sept. 11	2 hrs. PD – 1:00 Dismissal
Sept. 18	2 hrs. PD – 1:00 Dismissal
Oct. 2	2 hrs. PD – 1:00 Dismissal
Oct. 9	2 hrs. PD – 1:00 Dismissal
Oct. 23	End First Quarter (45 days)
Oct 28	P/T Conferences (4:00-8:00)
Oct 29	Early dismiss 2:15
Oct 29	P/T Conferences (3:30-7:30)
Oct. 30	2 hrs. PD – 1:00 Dismissal
Nov. 1	No School – Comp. Day
Nov. 5	General Election
Nov. 13	2 hrs. PD – 1:00 Dismissal
Nov. 27	1:00 Dismissal
Nov. 28, 29	Thanksgiving (No School)
Dec. 4	2 hrs. PD – 1:00 Dismissal
Dec. 11	2 hrs. PD – 1:00 Dismissal
Dec. 20	1:00 Dismissal
Dec. 23-Jan. 1	Winter Break (No School)
Jan. 2	Classes resume
Jan. 8	Second Quarter (45 Days) End 1 st Semester (90 Days)
Jan. 9	Begin Second Semester
Jan. 15	2 hrs. PD – 1:00 Dismissal
Jan. 22	2 hrs. PD – 1:00 Dismissal
Feb. 5	2 hrs. PD – 1:00 Dismissal
Feb. 12	2 hrs. PD – 1:00 Dismissal
Feb. 26	Full Day PD
Mar. 5	2 hrs. PD – 1:00 Dismissal
Mar. 11	P/T Conferences (4:00-8:00)
Mar. 12	2 hrs. PD – 1:00 Dismissal
Mar. 13	One hour early dismiss 2:15
Mar. 13	P/T Conferences (3:30-7:30)
Mar. 13	End Third Quarter (45Days)
Mar. 14	No School – Comp Day
Mar. 17-21	Spring Break
Apr. 16	2 hrs. PD – 1:00 Dismissal
Apr. 18	1:00 Good Friday
Apr. 23	2 hrs. PD – 1:00 Dismissal
May 7	2 hrs. PD – 1:00 Dismissal
May 14	2 hrs. PD – 1:00 Dismissal
May 15	Seniors' Last Day
May 18	Graduation – 2:00 PM
May 22	End Fourth Quarter (45 Days) End 2nd Semester (90 Days)
May 23	Full Day PD for Teachers
May 26	Memorial Day (No School)