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MARTIN PTSA NEWSLETTER

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Dear Martin Warrior Families,

Well it's FINALLY beginning to feel like fall! Yea! With the fall season comes end of semester testing, and many holiday extra curricular activities – all of which can cause stress for you and your student. Hang in there!!!

There are a couple of things you can do to help the crazy times. Please remember to eat together as a family whenever possible. I understand this is a huge challenge in today's world, and in my home too, but study after study shows the importance of family meal time and how it benefits student's behavior as well as improves test scores.

Secondly, schedule free time. Yes, this is another hard thing to do but knowing you have time to just sit and watch a movie together, walk the dog, or go out to dinner, can be very refreshing.

Please take note of our upcoming program on November 6. It will be advertised on the front Marquee, the Martin Website, the PTSA website, and social media. The PTSA usually sponsors at least two programs per year. After each program, we all walk away feeling a little better equipped to handle the job of parenting. It's not just a challenge for a few; everyone has struggles. The programs are free and very informative. Please join us!!

Finally, our Martin PTSA family is growing stronger every day! A BIG thank you to Aileen Bennett, our Membership Chair, for doing an outstanding job of building our PTSA "family"! Like any other family, each and every member is IMPORTANT! So if you haven't joined yet, please do so. Also, please remember that students at the high school level are encouraged to join as well. Your membership dues make a BIG difference in our school.

Go Warriors!

Melody Fowler

Martin PTSA President



## Counselors' Corner November/December 2017

### MEET YOUR COUNSELORS!

A-Brov:	David Pyatt
Brow-Dax:	Amy Benson
Daf-Gt:	Jana Lewis
Gu-Joq:	Suzanne Bandy
Jorj-Masq:	Connie David
Masr-Orth:	Barbara Moeller
Orti-Rof:	Jarita Galbreath
Rog-Thol:	Susan Kingen
Thom-Z:	Jai Davis
AVID:	Edwina Thompson
STEM:	Sara Stringer

*"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams.  
Live the life you have imagined." –Henry David Thoreau*



## **FRESHMEN...THIS IS FOR YOU!!**

Your counselors will be very busy throughout the months of November and December meeting with each of you and your parents for your PGP—Personal Graduation Plan—meeting. During your PGP, your counselor will explain the different Foundations Graduation Plans, select the endorsement that you will be working on for the next four years, and choose your classes for next year.

Your freshman year is when you begin to build your high school resume. Every class you take and every grade you make will be documented on your transcript—along with your class rank, GPA, test scores, and any performance acknowledgements you have earned. Your transcript is one of the deciding factors that colleges use to decide whether or not they'll admit you into their university... So don't blow off that PE class!! That grade still factors into your GPA—and can help it or hurt it!!

Along with good academic skills, colleges want to see what kind of student you are... Did you challenge yourself with rigorous classes? Did you participate in extra-curricular activities? Are you involved in your community? How do you spend your free time? How will YOU contribute to their university?

REMEMBER...The choices you make TODAY will affect the choices that you have TOMORROW.

Choose wisely! J

## **DO YOUR RESEARCH...**

It's never too early to start thinking about college! As a 9<sup>th</sup> grader, you can:

- Visit college campuses.

- Go online and research schools you're interested in attending. Note their tuition, average SAT/ACT scores, average GPA, and requirements for automatic admission.

- Challenge yourself with tough classes like honors/AP.

- Choose electives that fall into your endorsement area, as well as electives to help you learn about your interests.

Start a folder to keep documentation regarding:

- Awards

- Certificates

- Job shadowing/internship experiences

- Volunteer work

- Any other special acknowledgements that will help you STAND OUT on a college application.

## STUDY, STUDY, STUDY!

Transitioning from Junior High to High School can be challenging, and many students are finding out that the effort and study skills that they used in Jr. High are not yielding the same results in High School. Here are some tips to help you get started developing good study habits that will carry you into college and beyond:

- 1. Manage Your Time Wisely**--Get used to keeping track of your time in high school and it will pay off for you in college. You might take as few as three or four classes per semester in college, which is only about 15 hours per week actually spent in class. While you may not sit in class for as many hours as you did in high school, your reading assignments in college will be doubled. Managing your free time is as important as managing your "busy" time.
- 2. Organize!**--Keep a weekly or monthly planner or use a journal. If planners aren't your thing, try making "to do" lists, or using your phone calendar to keep track of assignments and important dates and events. Relying on "just remembering" can be difficult when your obligations and assignments start to pile on.
- 3. Identify How You Learn**--Find out what works for you. Are you a flash card girl? Maybe you're a guy who writes down vocabulary words 20 times each to learn them. Experiment with new things, but stick to the tried-and-true study skills that have worked for you in the past.
- 4. Is There a Better Way to Study?**--A lot of people cram for tests by studying into the wee hours the night before. Take an honest look at your study habits. Repeated, short sessions of studying are much more effective than a six-hour cram session the night before a final.
- 5. Catch Some Zzz's**--Don't stay up until 4 a.m. studying for a test! It won't work now and it won't work in college. Sleep has been scientifically documented to be a significant factor on your GPA as well as how well you perform on other tasks.
- 6. Attend Class**--While high school attendance is a strict business, it's good practice for college. Most college classes will only meet once or twice per week, so they will count that much more. Many professors only allow two to three absences for the entire semester. Miss more than that and you're grade sinks – or worse.
- 7. Ask Questions**--Don't be afraid to ask your teachers for help! They aren't there to scare you; they're a valuable resource. Students in your class are another great source of information and support. Be sure to exchange phone numbers and email addresses with them during your first few weeks of class. They will not only help with schoolwork, but some of them may even turn into long-time friends.
- 8. Make Study Groups**--Studying with other students and working on assignments together can be helpful too. You can clarify points you may not understand, and help others by explaining the parts they find hard. Teaching others may even help you grasp a better understanding of the information as well.
- 9. Hone Those Writing Skills**--Learn the fine art of the college essay and also be sure to take notes in class. Writing and note taking are important study skills for high school students transitioning into college. Don't write everything your teacher says, but be sure to highlight the important points. You can also compare notes in with other students to review parts of the lecture you found difficult or may have missed.
- 10. Study Outside**--Don't just study in the library. Choosing multiple places to study will keep your boredom level low and may even help you perform better on tests.

\*Learn more at <http://www.campusexplorer.com/college-advice-tips>

## PARENTS OF FRESHMEN!!

Counselors met with ninth grade classes during the PSAT testing day to share information on how they need to be prepared **PRIOR to their PGP meeting...**

Students should:

Enter their course selections for the 2018-2019 school year into **Career Cruising**.

Look over the **Endorsement Guide** and select an Endorsement to pursue.

Students were given a PGP Worksheet, an Accelerate Your Career Magazine, and an Endorsement Guide that will help them prepare for the upcoming PGP meeting and develop a plan for high school and beyond.

### Personal Graduation Plan (PGP) Worksheet

**Before meeting with your counselor, enter your class selections into Career Cruising @ [careercruising.com](http://careercruising.com):**

Step 1: Log In to Search

Username: warriors

Password: arlington

Step 2: Log In to Build and Save Your Classes

Username: **YOUR** Student ID#

Password: First 5 letters of your LAST name PLUS your ID#

Example: benso343455

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Your classes for next year should include:

**ENGLISH:** English 2 (LA1220) or PAP English 2 (LA1320)

**MATH:**

If you are currently in ALGEBRA, choose Geometry (MA1245) or PAP Geometry (MA1345)

If you are currently in GEOMETRY, choose Algebra II (MA1230) or PAP Algebra II (MA1320)

**SCIENCE:** Chemistry (SC1250) or IPC\* (SC1210) \*If Bio and

Alg grades are low

**SOCIAL STUDIES:** World History (SS1211) or AP World History (SS1311)

\*If you have World History THIS year, choose World Geography (SS1212), PAP World Geography (SS1313) or AP Human Geography (SS1312)

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE:**

If you have not started your Foreign Language, choose it now! J

(You need two years of the SAME Foreign Language to Graduate!!)

If you are already in a Foreign Language, choose the SECOND LEVEL of that same language.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION OR ELECTIVE:** You need ONE CREDIT of PE to graduate. If you don't have it, choose it now!

**FINE ARTS OR ELECTIVE:** You need ONE CREDIT of a Fine Art to graduate. If you don't have it, choose it now!  
(Band, Orchestra, Choir, Art, Theater Arts, Art Hist., Music Hist.)

**ELECTIVE CREDIT:** Choose an elective course that is in your **ENDORSEMENT AREA!**



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**MONDAY NOVEMBER 6TH**

**7:00PM**

**MARTIN CAFETERIA**

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**SENIORS!**  
**FOLLOW**  
**BAHAMAMA**  
**BASH**  
**2018**

**ON**  
**TWITTER**  
**AND**  
**FACEBOOK**



Every  
Tuesday during  
lunch  
\$3, \$4, or \$5



# KONA ICE

# Brownies

Cookies,  
Candy, and  
Treats

Every Wednesday and Friday  
during lunch in the  
Upper Gym Lobby

***MARTIN***



***BOWLING***

**There is still time to  
become part of the  
team. First match is  
Nov 12. See Mrs.  
Davis for details in  
room 287C**



# MARTIN CHOIR

*A Tradition of Excellence*



## 2017-2018 Calendar of Events

Fri Nov 3	Choir Mystery Halloween Party – 6 PM (Place TBA)
Sat Nov 4	Cluster Choir Concert - Chorale, Varsity Show Choir, and JV Show Choir perform
Tues Nov 7	Choir Booster Club Executive Board Meeting 6:00 PM in the Choir Room & General Meeting 7:00 PM in the Library with presentation by Doug Bryan
Fri Nov 10	All-State Round 3 Auditions (location TBA)
Sat Nov 11	All-Region Clinic and Concert at the Mansfield PAC (rehearsal and concert times TBA)
Wed Nov 15	Chic-Fil-A on Little Road Fundraiser from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Mon Nov 27	Show Choir Rehearsal Varsity 6 PM to 7:30 PM and JV 7 PM to 8:30 PM in rooms 265, 266, and Upper Gym Lobby
Tues Nov 28	Show Choir Performance at Barnes and Noble in the Parks Mall 6 PM to 9 PM
Thur Nov 30	Dinner Theater – AISD Professional Development Center 7 PM to 9 PM (Show Choirs and Chorale Choir perform)
Fri Dec 1	Show Choir Elementary Tour
Fri Dec 1	Dinner Theater – AISD Professional Development Center 7 PM to 9 PM (Show Choirs and Chamber Choir perform)
Sat Dec 2	Dessert Theater – AISD Professional Development Center 2 PM to 4 PM (Show Choirs and Chamber Choir perform)
Mon Dec 11	JV Choir Winter Concert – First Baptist Church of Arlington - 7:30 PM
Tues Dec 12	Varsity Choir and Orchestra Winter Concert – Arborlawn United Methodist Church 7 PM to 9:30 PM (call time 5:30 PM)
Thur Dec 14	Chic-Fil-A on Little Road Fundraiser from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Thur Jan 11	Musical Meeting 7 PM to 8 PM in the Little Theater
Sat Jan 13	Area Choir Auditions at UTA (times TBA)
Tues Jan 16	Musical Dance Learning Session 3 PM to 5 PM in rooms 265,266, and the Auditorium
Wed Jan 17-Fri Jan 19	Musical Auditions 3 PM to 6 PM in rooms 265, Upper Gym Lobby, and the Auditorium
Fri Jan 26	Potbelly Sandwich Shoppe in the Highlands Fundraiser from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM- Choir students will be performing
Tues Feb 6	Chic-Fil-A on Little Road Fundraiser from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Tues Feb 6	Choir Booster Club Executive Board Meeting 6:00 PM and General Meeting 7:00 PM in the Choir Room
Wed Feb 14-Sat Feb 17	TMEA Convention in San Antonio
Thur Feb 22	Show Choir Rehearsal 6 PM to 7 PM in the Auditorium
Fri Feb 23	Show Choir Showcase 7 PM to 8 PM Arlington High School
Tues Feb 27	Show Choir Pops Dress Rehearsal Varsity 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM and JV 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in rooms 265,266, UGL, Auditorium
Sat Mar 3	Pops Rehearsal and Concert in the Auditorium (rehearsal time TBA) Show Time is 7:30 PM
Sat Mar 3	Solo and Ensemble Contest at Lamar HS (times TBA)
Fri Mar 9-Mon Mar 12	Spring Choir Trip - Location TBA
Mon Mar 19	Musical Rehearsals <i>Begin</i> 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM in rooms 265, 266, and the Auditorium
Tues Apr 3	Choir Pre-UIL 3:00 PM to 8:30 PM in rooms 265, 266, 267, and the Auditorium
Mon Apr 9	Pei Wei Fundraiser 4133 S Cooper Street (all day fundraiser – teacher orders may be taken in advance and delivered to the school)
Tues Apr 10	Choir Booster Club Executive Board Meeting 6:00 PM in the Choir Room
Tues Apr 17-Thur Apr 19	Choir UIL Contest at the Mansfield PAC (times TBA)
Thur May 3	Choir Spring Concert at 7:00 PM
Tues May 8	Choir Executive Board Meeting 6:00 PM and General Meeting at 7:00 PM in the Choir Room
Wed May 9	Chic-Fil-A on Little Road Fundraiser from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Mon May 21-Wed May 23	Musical Dress Rehearsal 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Thu May 24-Sat May 26	Musical Performance at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium (2 PM <i>and</i> 7 PM show on Sat)
Sun May 27	Choir Executive Board Installation Dinner at 7:00 PM (place TBA)
Date TBA	Varsity Show Choir Learning Session (time TBA)
Date TBA	Varsity Show Choir Auditions (time TBA)
Fri June 1	Choir Banquet at 7:00 PM at the Fort Worth Club

Times and dates subject to change: visit [www.martinchoir.com](http://www.martinchoir.com) and view the *Choir Calendar* for updated information. Twitter updates texted to you from @MartinChoir: text Follow @MartinChoir to 40404. \*\*\*Remind 101 from the Booster Club text @mhschoirbc to 81010.



# MHS CHOIR

## *A Tradition of Excellence*

**November Fundraiser:** Chic-Fli-A on Little Road Wednesday November 15th from 5 PM to 8 PM  
**Choir Spirit Wear:** Spirit wear is always on sale - pictures of the items and an order form will be in the choir room. Wear the spirit wear and proudly support the Choir!

**All-State Round 2 Audition Results for MHS Choir**  
**Congratulations to the 53 Choir Students advancing to Round 3!**

**Soprano 1**

Emma G - 2  
 Elizabeth P - 5  
 Abby P - 19 (Alt)

**Soprano 2**

Blossom N - 4  
 Emma C - 8  
 Kaylie J - 16  
 Jasmine O - 19 (Alt)

**Alto 1**

Grace W - 2  
 Maty T - 3  
 Megan T - 5  
 MacKayla B - 6  
 Elizabeth E - 7  
 Shannon M - 11  
 Whitney P - 12  
 Maddie C - 13  
 Callie D - 17  
 Hannah P - 18  
 Alexa B - 20 (Alt)

**Alto 2**

Gloria E - 2  
 Nadia D - 4  
 Brianna S - 6  
 Katie C - 8  
 Haley L - 11  
 Beth G - 12

Braxton S - 13  
 Bella T - 17  
 Anna M - 20 (Alt)

**Tenor 1**

Brady W - 8  
 Clay F - 9  
 Alex W - 14  
 Sam M - 16

**Tenor 2**

Johnathon H - 1  
 Caleb C - 3  
 Hein D - 4  
 Alex F - 6  
 Carson O - 9  
 Grayson S - 15  
 Landry B - 16  
 Bryce K - 18  
 Ryan R - 20 (Alt)

**Bass 1**

Ryan O - 1  
 Brady F - 3  
 Caleb M - 5  
 Anthony W - 6  
 Paul L - 17  
 Cameron H - 18

**Bass 2**

Brock M - 5  
 Zach Z - 6  
 Garrison H - 9  
 Nathan T - 11  
 Matt G - 12

<b><u>District Treble Choir</u></b>
<b><u>Soprano 1</u></b>
Erica H
Josephine W
<b><u>Soprano 2</u></b>
Sara P
Shelby M
<b><u>Alto 1</u></b>
Jessica M
Olivia D
Mandy L
Ashlyn P
McCaille S
<b><u>Alto 2</u></b>
Larissa H
Elena M
Anna S
Elena R

Wade C - 18  
 Taidhgin S - 19 (Alt)

# 2017 / 2018 Martin PTSA Membership Form

Senior Students **MUST** be a member to be eligible for PTSA Scholarships.  
 Parents of Seniors **MUST** be a member to work Bahama Bash.  
 Texas PTSA members are entitled to special discounts from the following businesses:



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

(Email needed especially for parents of senior students)

Name joining PTSA	Check One		Check One			Student-Grade
	Regu- lar	if Awarded Texas Life Membership	Par- ent	Student	Teacher/ Faculty	

Total Regular Members  × \$10.00 =

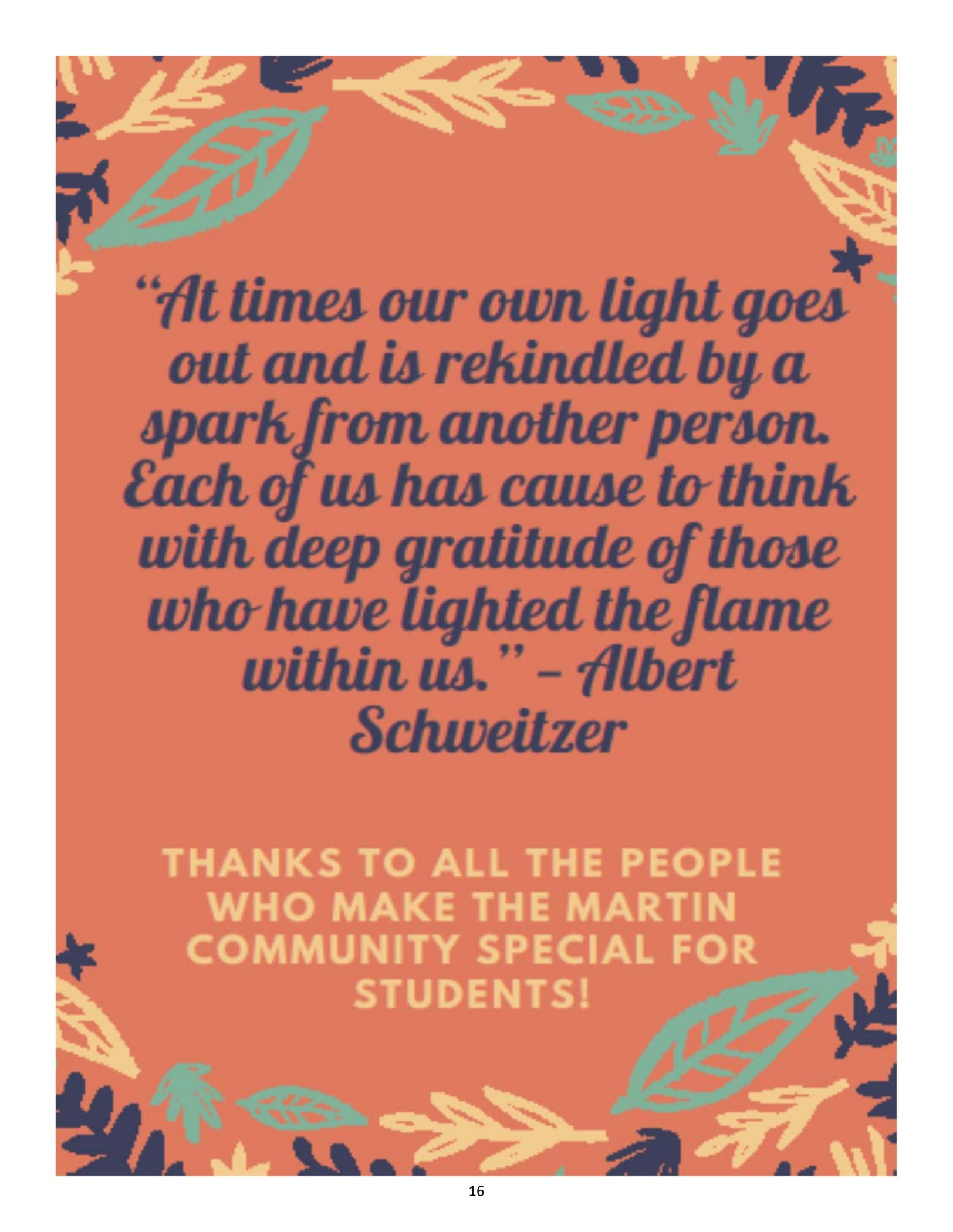
Total Life Members  × \$ 7.75 =

Donations to Scholarship Fund (donation amount)

(Tax deductible donation/Scholarships given to graduating seniors.)  
 Total Payment

**Mail checks payable to MHS PTSA and mail to  
 Aileen Bennett, P.O. Box 175188, Arlington, TX 76003**

To be completed by PTSA:  
 Joined by/date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Card(s) Given \_\_\_\_\_

The page features a decorative border with stylized leaves and stars in shades of green, yellow, and dark blue against an orange background. The main text is a quote by Albert Schweitzer, written in a dark blue, cursive-style font.

*“At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.” – Albert Schweitzer*

**THANKS TO ALL THE PEOPLE  
WHO MAKE THE MARTIN  
COMMUNITY SPECIAL FOR  
STUDENTS!**