

News from GREEN ACRES

Alumni Newsletter

September 2023

Message from *Whitney Samuel Drennan '94*



Dear Fellow Alumni,

I cannot begin to tell you how rewarding it is to be back on campus leading our alma mater. On the first day of school, we welcomed everyone back to campus with a special all-school chapel service, which we ended by singing the alma mater. Seeing everyone from our littlest Saints to our seniors swaying and singing the alma mater is something I will never forget. The pride in our school that our current students possess is something that everyone should witness. It truly is an amazing time to "Be A Saint!"

This month, we celebrated Homecoming as an entire community. The various spirit dress days across divisions, the Upper School hall decorations, daily competitions, pep rally, Fall Fellowship party, Hall of Fame induction, the National Anthem performance, our 30-point winning football game, and the Homecoming dance were clear demonstrations of the community spirit that still lives on at StM!

As an alum, I remember our dedicated teachers who took the time to instruct, inspire, and ensure students knew they mattered. It is wonderful to witness the same level of engagement and teaching is still being offered today. Today's faculty continues to create a welcoming environment where our students learn and thrive in the classroom, on the field and on the stage, and so much more. While our campus has changed with the addition of new state-of-the-art buildings, the feeling of community still remains. There is just something about our St. Martin's community that makes it feel like home.

We will be communicating with you quite frequently so you can be aware of the many things happening here. Communication is a two-way street, so please

reach out to us and let us hear about your time at St. Martin's and what you are doing now. Also, please keep a lookout in the coming weeks for a survey in your inbox that has been specifically created for our alumni. Your participation is very appreciated; it will help us learn more about where you are now in life, and what St. Martin's has done and can continue to do for you.

I am so grateful for the opportunity to lead our alma mater; our community is strong and will only be made stronger by continued alumni participation in school events. St. Martin's should always feel like home, and I look forward to welcoming you back to campus soon.

Sincerely,

Whitney Samuel Drennan '94

Alumni Spotlight - *Mary Lee Wayman Saucier '91*

Coordinator for Innovation + Design and Computer Science for Lower School



Time as a student at StM:

1st through 12th grade

Favorite StM Memory: "Reading in the bathtub in Mrs. Brady's third grade classroom."

Most Influential Teacher: "I couldn't have gotten through this world without Eileen Beckman! She was a tough teacher, but she taught me how to communicate and express myself coherently. Her class gave me such a strong foundation, and it prepared me for college and beyond. I am forever thankful for her teaching!"

Parent of: Malorie '20, Colin '22 and Branden, '27

"I chose St. Martin's for my children because the school always felt like home to me when I was here. The school was like my family, and I wanted my children to have that same experience."

This school year marks Mary Lee's 20th year of teaching at St. Martin's. She is the Coordinator for Innovation + Design in the Lower School, and also teaches Computer Science to students in Pre-K through 4th grades. The STeam curriculum at St. Martin's introduces students the design thinking steps, which they will use for problem solving across all areas and subjects.

The Design Thinking Process:

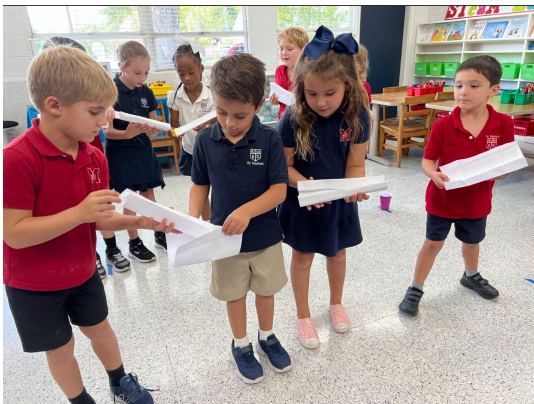
GATHER
FOCUS
IMAGINE

***PROTOTYPE
BUILD
DELIVER***

This semester, Mary Lee launched the first series of STeaM enrichment programs for the school's Beyond The Bell after school program, Robot Ruckus and Tech Time. Robot Ruckus introduces Pre-K, K and 1st graders to coding skills using a variety of robots in the STeaM Lab, including Beebots, Indi cars, and Dash robots to design programs to complete various tasks and challenges. In addition to coding skills, students will develop critical thinking and problem solving skills, as well as computational and critical thinking skills. Tech Time is a graphic design foundation class for students in 2nd through 4th grade. Students will learn design skills using Canva for Education to make their own creations and edit original videos.

What do you love most about your current role in Lower School?

I love the fact that I get to know each and every student in Lower School. I get the rare opportunity to teach each of them for six years and build meaningful relationships with the students over time.



[Click here to read more about Mary Lee's STeaM curriculum](#)

Congratulations to our 2023 *Hall of Fame* Inductees



What a fantastic Homecoming week! Our loving, supportive community came out in full force to celebrate St. Martin's — past and present. The day of Homecoming began with the induction of the 2023 members of the Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame, including **Greg Page '93**, **Wendy Manard '95** and the **2002 State Champion Boys' Soccer Team and Coaches**. The speeches were emotional and inspirational, poignant and funny, and set the perfect tone to kickoff a day filled with Saints spirit and pride. To view more photos from the Hall of Fame and Homecoming week, click the links below.

[Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame \(Photos\)](#)

[George Cottage Pep Rally \(Video\)](#)

[Homecoming Pep Rally \(Video\)](#)

[Fall Fellowship \(Video\)](#)

[St. Martin's vs. Riverdale \(Photos\)](#)

[Homecoming Dance \(Photos\)](#)



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Upcoming Events

2ND ANNUAL
**JAMBALAYA
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Sponsored by the StM Booster Club



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ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

Open House

George Cottage and Lower School November 4	Middle School and Upper School October 21
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Help Us Spread the Word About Your Alma Mater

Please help us spread the word about St. Martin's this fall. Do you have friends or family members interested in learning more about an StM education? Please feel free to forward this email to them.

Interested in serving as an Admissions Ambassador? If you would like to help with Open House, meet prospective families, and share your own St. Martin's experience, please consider signing up for the ambassador program.

[Learn More](#)



Save the Date

NOVEMBER 3

CHATEAU GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB



Wednesday, November 8

Alumni Brown Bag Lunch (invitation coming soon) on the Van Slate Lawn

Tuesday, November 21

Grandfriends' Day

Saturday, March 16, 2024

StM Annual Gala, "Havana Nights" on the Van Slate Lawn

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Alumni Easter Egg Hunt on the Lower School Playground

Friday, May 10 - Saturday, May 11, 2024

Alumni Spirits Weekend

Alumni Resources

- Contribute to our Scattered Saints section in [The Bell](#).
- Please submit your nominations for our [Alumni and Community Awards](#).
- Can't get to campus? [View photos from StM events on our Flickr site](#)
- Need to update your contact info with us? [Contact the Alumni Office](#).

Treasured Traditions



The Homecoming Court

For decades, the Upper School has selected a homecoming court, which is historically presented at halftime during the Homecoming Football Game. On September 16, St. Martin's crowned its 2023 Homecoming Queen and King, seniors Emerson Arensman and Manny Bejaran, on Saturday evening in the Solomon Theater. Can you identify the classes who are shown here alongside the 2023 Homecoming Court? **Reply to this email for the answers!**





The banner features a dark blue background with a large red 'M' on the left containing the letters 'ST' in white. To the right of the 'M' is the word 'ATHLETICS' in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below this, a red horizontal bar contains the words 'ONLINE TICKETING' in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

Saints Fans: Avoid the Lines and Purchase Tickets Online!

Our big game against Riverside is coming up on October 6. ***Don't wait until you're at the gate! Avoid the lines and purchase your tickets ahead of time.*** Purchase via the StM website at the link below.

*“Long live our dear
St. Martin’s that we
cherish and we love.”*



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