Greetings from the Faculty and Staff of Bishop Martin High School. We thank all parents and guardians who attended the PTA meeting on January 7 and the Honours’ Mass on January 11. It is a pleasure to work with supportive parents.

At the same time there are a few issues in our student population we would like to get your help and support with. They are listed below.

- Some male students need haircuts and proper shaves. Please ensure that your son gets a proper haircut and/or shave by Monday, 18 January. We will have inspections and will institute consequences where necessary.

- I would like to have parents take control of the ‘style’ apparently in popularity right now of students shaving their eyebrows and painting their hair. School is not about fashion and we hope parents have control over how teenagers groom themselves. We will have to have parental conferences with some parents about this, but please realize the school’s position on these two issues: we do not support or appreciate teenagers being allowed to shave their eyebrows or paint their hair.

- Some students are also violating uniform policy without bringing notes when they do so. If your child cannot bring proper uniform for whatever reason, please ensure you provide a proper note- we should not have to call you to find out. This includes shoes, badges and ID- all are a part of uniform. Be aware also that where students try to trick us by wearing sweaters to conceal improper uniform, there will also be appropriate consequences.

Please also find below a few reminders:

- Friday, January 15: Casual Day - $2.00 contribution.
  Monday, January 18: Assembly Schedule; Junior 1 is responsible for assembly. Lunch will be from 11:25 a.m. – 12:25 p.m. Intramurals in the afternoon.
- Tuesday, January 19: Special ½ day schedule (pg. 77 School Handbook).
- Friday, January 22: Casual Day - $2.00 contribution.
- As per last academic year, in Semester II all Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors who earn an “A” and “A+” grade will be exempted from the pertinent end of Semester exams in June. Please encourage your child to work hard to earn their A+s and A’s.
- We urge all parents who have not picked up their child’s report card to do so no later than January 22. It is very important that you are aware of your child’s academic performance and to arrange any necessary teacher-conferences to ensure your child’s academic success. We also encourage all parents and guardians to register for the BMHS Cardinal Alert. We are asking for a monthly contribution of a $1.50 to cover the service cost. The text alerts serve to keep you informed of important events, changes in schedule, etc.
- Once more, a sincere thank you for your cooperation and dedication. Let’s continue working with together as we all strive to ensure the positive development of our young people. May God bless you.

The student will return the tear-off on January 15, 2016. Failure to do so will result in a slip being issued.

Re: School Activities, January 14, 2016 (This letter was given to the eldest child.)

I _______________________ acknowledge that I have read the School activities memo.

Parent/Guardian’s Signature: __________________________ Date: ___________