

The reasons why we are strongly urging parents not to bring siblings to Holiday Parties (as with all Martin School activities requiring parental supervision, i.e., field trips, computer room, library). are the following:

1. Our classrooms are not child proof. Many have paper cutters, paints, chemicals for experiments, etc. The safety of your younger child (children) is of utmost importance to us.

You know as a parent how difficult it is to multi-task. Helping 24 students with a craft will give you very little time to anticipate a dangerous item a younger sibling might find intriguing.

2. Although your child is part of a family, each child likes to know mom and dad love him/her individually. It is your child's party and his/her time to have you do something special without other family members.
3. Many of our classes have a few challenging students who will need your extra attention, direction, support, and patience.

In summary, I am recommending for the above reasons that room parents and volunteers do not bring siblings to the holiday party (or any other activity involving parental supervision).

If there are extenuating circumstances and you must bring a younger child, please call me. This "no sibling" policy will, in fact, be in full force and effect for all future events involving parental supervision. Once again, thank you for your consideration and help.

Michael T. Luce, Principal