



St. Martins School

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December News
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Penny Drive a Huge Success!

The Penny Drive was a huge success and over \$400.00 was raised and donated to the Empty Stocking Fund. Many of the classes took a day to roll the pennies and made it into an educational moment too by having to count out and group the coins.

A reminder too that the school is collecting nonperishable food items for Lake Wood Headstart. The items will be given to LHS in time for distribution for the Christmas Holidays.

Christmas Concert

This year's concert is on

Monday, December 20 at 12:30. Students from the K-5 classes will be singing seasonal songs while some of the middle school students will be performing and helping with the organization.

D.A.R.E Grad

The student's from Mr. Huskins class have been working with Cst. Adams from the Grand Bay - Westfield RCMP detachment as part of the D.A.R.E. program. Every Wednesday Cst. Adams greets the class with a resounding "GOOD MORNING!" He has been working with the class to

build their skills on being assertive and making the right choices when it comes to alcohol and drug awareness. The graduation ceremony will take place on **Wednesday, December 8 at 9:00 am** in the gym. Parents and relatives are encouraged to attend this ceremony.

Perception Surveys

Please look for an envelope containing the NB School Perception Surveys. If you can fill out the questionnaire and return it to the school as soon as possible that will help us with our planning.

Dates to Remember

Welcome to Kindergarten 2:30-4:00	Dec. 2
D.A.R.E. Grad. 9:00 am	Dec 8
Grade 7 girls HPV vaccination	Dec. 16
Anti-Bully Day—Wear BLUE	Dec. 17
Christmas Concert 12:30	Dec. 20
Last day before the break	Dec. 23
No school for students.	Jan. 10

The Mill Rats are coming to the school

We're lucky to have some players from Saint John's basketball team, *The Mill Rats*, come to the school in early January to talk to the students about setting and achieving their goals. The players will then give a basketball demo for the students. We're excited about having the players come to the school as part of their commitment to the community.

LifeTouch Picture Retakes

If you had picture retakes done and want to place an order please have your form into the school by Thursday, December 2nd at the latest. These will be sent to the company on Friday. Any orders received after that will have to be sent to the company by the parent.

December 17—Anti Bully Day

December 17 is Anti-Bully day in the province and we are participating too. Students are asked to wear blue that day as a sign of anti-bully awareness.

Last week our Elementary Guidance Councillor, Mr. Cormier, spoke to the entire school on strategies and skills when dealing with conflict between people.

School Supplies

Please remember to send your child to school with the clothing for the weather. The days are getting colder and students need hats, mittens and warm coats. Also don't forget to pack a spoon in the lunch box if your child needs one for their pudding, soup and/or fruit cups. If you want to send in a package of plastic spoons to your child's teacher, please feel free.

St. Martins School New Code of Conduct

I will respect myself

I will respect others

I will respect my environment

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As part of our new School Connects Talkmail service you have the opportunity to receive messages from the school via email. If you wish to have your email address added to our database then please fill out the form below and return it to your child's teacher.

Parent's Name _____

Student's Name _____

Email address _____

Teacher _____

SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

The following options are considered when deciding what to do during inclement weather situations:

- Schools are open as usual in which case no radio announcement will be made.
- All schools are closed for the day with an appropriate announcement being relayed to radio stations prior to 6:30 a.m. Parents are urged to listen to the radio early in the morning particularly on days when the weather is inclement.
- Some schools in the district are closed with appropriate radio announcements being made.
- All school bus routes are delayed one hour. On these occasions, all schools in the district will be open at their regular time to receive students. Students arriving late will not be penalized.
- Schools may be closed early on days when the weather conditions are anticipated to deteriorate significantly during the day. Every effort will be made to notify parents via the radio or by telephone. Parents are reminded of the importance to ensure an alternate arrangement for their child in cases when they or another adult will not be available to be home when students arrive.

During the winter months there may be occasions when the condition of a particular road along a bus driver's route is hazardous. Individual school bus drivers have a responsibility to recommend to their supervisor either the cancellation or delay of their individual bus runs should they have a particular safety concern. Whenever possible, such cancellation or late bus will be announced on the radio.

While the loss of valuable instruction time is always a concern, the safety of students is paramount. The decision to close schools is always with this in mind. If schools remain open, and you as parents find that conditions in your area are not conducive to your child going to school, then ultimately you have the final decision whether to send your child to school.

Absences on these days will not be a factor in a student's attendance record.

School District 8 has also established a telephone line with a recorded message to inform the public of school closures because of inclement weather **643-SNOW(7669)**. Please feel free to call this line at any time.