



St. Martins School

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Welcome Back to School!

Welcome back to the 2012-13 school year. We have some changes to the staff this year with two new teachers and one long-time staff member who retired.

Mr. Huskins is off this year and we are pleased to welcome Miss MacKenzie to the staff until April when Mrs. Robertson will then be teaching the class until the end of the school year. Mr. Huskins will be returning to the school next year.

Thanks Betty for everything!

As some of you may already be aware, Betty Thibodeau retired over the summer. She was at the school for over 30 years and was truly the cornerstone of the school and has seen a couple of generations of students come through the doors. All of the staff wants to wish her a happy retirement and we know we will see her in the community with her many volunteer activities.

Grade 4/5

This year most of the classes in the school are combined classes and as you can see on page two, there is a list of the teachers for each class. Since the grade fours are with the fives (4/5 split) the grade fours will be participating in the grade 5 Intensive French Program that all grade fives in the province undergo. In short, this means the grade fours and fives will spend the first half of their year learning and being taught most of their day in French while classes like math, phys. ed and music are still taught in English. This continues until the start of February when the class switches back to English instruction. By the end of January you will be very surprised with how much French the students can speak and understand. If you have any questions about this program please call the school.

Home & School

The Home & School Association will be starting soon and are always looking for new members and especially anyone who can volunteer their time to assist with the Hot Lunch Program. Relatives like grandparents, aunts, uncles or a neighbour who wants to help out in the school can volunteer as little as an hour of their time. The Hot Lunch Program is entirely parent operated and run and can use more helping hands. Please look for their newsletter in the next few weeks and give an hour of your time.

Name Change

We are no longer District 8. We are now the **Anglophone School District—South**. This extends from St. Stephen to Sussex. The former District 8 schools are now part of the Saint John Education Centre within the new District.

Dates to Remember

Open House 6:30 –8:00	Sep. 18
Terry Fox Walk/Run. 10:00 am	Sep. 27
School Pictures	Oct. 11
Thanksgiving Day—No school	Oct. 8
Professional Learning—No school	Oct. 9
Remembrance Day—no classes	Nov. 12
Evening Parent teacher	Nov. 28.
Parent Teacher Meeting—no	Nov. 30

Morning Drop Offs

Morning duty for the teachers does not start until 7:30 am. Please do not drop off your children before 7:30 in the morning as there is no teacher on supervision duty.

Volunteers

As a school we are always looking for parents who

want to help out in the classrooms, reading to children or coaching after school sports teams. If you are interested in any of these activities, please drop us a note with what you would like to do.

Terry Fox Walk & Run

On **Thursday, September 27** we will have our Terry Fox walk. New this year, students in

grades 5–8 will be able to run the course from the school to the Caves. For those who will be walking we are inviting parents to join us on our route. As a parent, you can walk the course with us or run the course to the Caves to show your support. It all starts at **10:00 on Thursday, September 27.**

Open House

Our Meet the Teacher/Open House is on **Tuesday, September 18.** We will meet in the gym and you can also join us for some ice cream while you mingle with the teachers. Learn more about our plans to celebrate the school's 40th anniversary, school clothing and sign up for the Terry Fox Walk. See you **Tuesday** night!

Staff List - 2012-2013

Principal	Mr. D MacDougall
Kindergarten/1	Mrs. N. Kennedy/Mrs. M. Pitman
Grade 1/2	Mrs. T. Duplisea
Grade 3/4	Mrs. B. Dallon
Grade 4/5	Mrs. P. MacKenzie
Grade 6	Mrs. A. Steele/Mrs. Arseneault
Grade 7/8	Mrs. D. Bennett
Middle School	Mrs. P. Murray
Phys. Ed.	Mrs. A. Steele/Mrs. Arseneault
Resource	Mrs. A. Steele/Mrs. Arseneault
French	Miss. P. MacKenzie
Middle School Art	Mrs. D. Bennett
Music	Mr. J. Aldous
Secretary	Mrs. Huttges
Custodians	Mrs. G. Camick & Mr. H Gillcris

School Cheer

St. Martins, St. Martins is the place to be.
We're the school by the sea.
Mariners, Mariners that's who we are.
If you go here then you're a star.
We're not like all the rest.
St. Martins' Mariners are the best!

Code of Conduct

I will respect myself
I will respect others
I will respect my environment

A Few Reminders.....

- All schools in ASD-S adhere to a **Scent Free Policy**. This means that strong perfumes, deodorants, sprays (i.e. AXE & TAG) and the like are not permitted in the building. Students who have a strong scent will be sent home until the scent is gone. We have people in the building who react strongly to strong scents and will experience adverse reactions.

- If you are dropping off your children in the morning, please do so in the Community Hall parking lot and have them cross in front of any bus, not behind. The main roadway in front of the school is for school busses only. Also, please shut off your engine if you are staying for an extended length of time.

- Please send written excuses if your child misses any time from school. These written excuses are for the home room teacher and help to keep our records up to date.

- Camera phones, recording devices and cameras are not permitted. Devices such as MP3 players, iPods and electronic games are not to be used or seen during instructional time. **Electronic games, collector cards and any other items of value or importance are best left at home. St. Martins School assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen items. Students with cell phones are only permitted to use them during the outside break at noon. Any student caught using a cell phone outside of this time will have to turn the phone into the office. Repeated inappropriate uses of the phone will result in the parent picking up the phone after a meeting.**

- Take some time to discuss with your child the rules about playing safe and fair in the playground and in the building in general. St. Martins School has its **Code of Conduct** and these are the guidelines we expect all students to abide by.