



St. Martins School

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Welcome Back to School!

Welcome back to the 2013-14 school year.

Mr. Huskins is back after his year off and has settled in nicely to his new room. We are pleased to welcome Miss Riley back in the kindergarten class until March when Mrs. Kennedy returns from maternity leave. We also wish Mrs. Steele all the best as she is home with her new baby boy this year.

Also, welcome to Mrs. Laird our Guidance Councillor this year.

Debbie Huttges will be manning the office at least until the end of October. Starting in November, Wendy Clark will join us here at the school as the school secretary.

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 second 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.

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.

Bus Changes

Please note that the school buses provide transportation for students to and from school. This means the students are picked up at one location in the morning and dropped off at one location in the evening. If you require a change, then the driver must be able to accommodate the student on the bus, the different stop must be on an existing route and the change must be for an extended period of time. For example, a student is picked up at home in the morning and dropped off at a sitter's after school—that's fine so long as the sitter is on a driver's route. However, going home on Monday and Wednesday and the sitter's the other days of the week is not permitted. Also the drivers are not permitted to transport students to events like birthday parties or study groups. Any bus changes need a few days for approval so please keep this in mind.

Dates to Remember

Open House 6:00 -7:30	Sep. 17
Terry Fox Walk/Run. 12:20 pm	Sep. 24
HPV—Vaccinations gr. 7	Oct. 2
School Pictures	Oct. 15
Thanksgiving Day—No school	Oct. 14
Professional Learning—No school	Oct. 10 & 11
Remembrance Day—no school	Nov. 11
Remembrance Day Service	Nov. 8

Terry Fox Walk & Run

On **Tuesday, September 24** 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 if we have enough interest from students. 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 **12:20 on Tuesday, September 24**. Please send a Toonie to show your support!

Open House

Our Meet the Teacher/Open House is on **Tuesday, September 17 from 6:00—7:30**. We will meet in the gym and you mingle with the teachers. This year we also

have two positions open on the PSSC. This group meets during the year and helps with the School Improvement Plan and parent input to the school. If you are interested then please ask for an application form from the office.

Milk & Breakfast

The Breakfast Program is now up and running. Students can have a free breakfast before school starts if they choose. Any financial donations or Grocery Store Gift cards are always appreciated. Students can now buy milk from the school for \$.45 per carton per day. You may send the money and forms into your child's teacher anytime.

Staff List - 2013-2014

Principal	Mr. D MacDougall
Kindergarten/1	Misss. H. Riley/Mrs. M. Pitman
Grade 1/2	Mrs. T. Duplisea
Grade 3	Mrs. B. Dallon
Grade 4/5	Mr. A. Huskins
Grade 6/7	Mrs. Arseneault
Grade 8	Mrs. D. Bennett
Middle School	Mrs. P. Murray
Phys. Ed.	Mrs. Arseneault
Resource	Mrs. Arseneault
French	Mr. A. Huskins
Middle School Art	Mrs. D. Bennett
Guidance	Mrs. D. Laird
Music	Mr. J. Aldous/Mrs. Bennett
Educational Assistant	Mrs. M. Brown
Secretary	Mrs. Huttges

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.