



St. Martins School

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Welcome Back to School!

Welcome back to the 2014-15 school year.

We had a great first week and are pleased to see all the students settling back into their routines. We want to welcome the new kindergarten students and know they will enjoy their time here at the school.

I'd like to welcome back Mrs. Steele after her year-long maternity leave. This year she will be working three days per week (Mon-Wed) while Mrs. Train (formerly Miss Mott) will be in on Thursday and Fridays for Mrs. Steele. Also this year, we have Mr. Porter back to the school after a four year absence. He is the grade four teacher this year.

If you haven't had the chance, please drop by sometime and take a look at the lighthouse that was carved into the tree stump last June. It looks great and thanks to Mr. Huskins' class, it now has a fresh coat of varnish.

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.

School Pictures

School picture day is **Tuesday, October 6th**. Again this year Lifetouch is our picture provider.

Peanut/Nut Free School

In accordance with ASD policy our school is now **peanut/nut free** so please do not send any nut products into the building. I understand this is different from what we did last year, however, this is now a district-wide policy.

Dates to Remember

Open House 6:00 -7:00	Sep. 9
Terry Fox Walk/Run. 12:20 pm	Sep. 26
Vaccinations gr. 7	Sep. 23
School Pictures	Oct. 6
P D Day—No school	Oct. 9 & 10
Thanksgiving Day—No school	Oct. 13
Remembrance Day— No school	Nov. 11

All Visitors please report to the office when entering the school. There, you can sign your child in or out for the day. If you are picking students up after school, please wait at the front door.

Open House

The Open House/Meet the Teacher night is **Tuesday, September 9th, from 6:00 – 7:00** in the school gym. When you come to visit that evening you will see the teachers showcasing some of the activities or teaching practices they do in the classrooms. We also have four spots vacant on the PSSC (Parent School Support Committee). If you are interested in becoming

a member or want more information please give the school a call or drop into the office for an application form.

Cell Phones

Please note that cell phones are no longer permitted during school hours. Students must have them in their lockers and turned off during the instructional day.

Medic Alert Bracelets.

No Child Without – Free MedicAlert Membership for Students at our Schools: The Canadian MedicAlert Foundation has developed a program to protect children and provide school officials with the help they need to address concerns about students living with chronic medical conditions, allergies, or special needs. No Child Without is for students kindergarten up to their 14th birthday receive Medic alert protection at no cost to the parent or school. Visit www.nochildwithout.ca to learn more about the program or contact the school for a brochure.

Staff List 2014—2015

Principal	Mr. D MacDougall
Kindergarten	Mrs. N. Kennedy/Miss M. Pitman
Grade 1/2	Mrs. T. Duplisea
Grade 2/3	Mrs. B. Dallon
Grade 4	Mr. J. Porter
Grade 5	Mr. A. Huskins
Grade 6/7	Mrs. Steele/Mrs. Train (Mott)
Grade 8	Mrs. D. Bennett
Middle School	Mrs. Arseneault
Phys. Ed.	Mrs. Steele
Resource	Mrs. Arseneault
French	Mr. A. Huskins
Middle School Art	Mrs. D. Bennett
Guidance	Mrs. S. Mawhinney
Music	Mrs. D. Bennett
Secretary	Mrs. D. Huttges
Custodians	Mr. D. Richardson
	Mr. H Gillcris
EAs	Mrs. King
	Mrs. Brown

Immunizations

For parents of children entering Kindergarten, please bring an updated immunization record to the school. The record should include the 4 year old booster. If you have any questions, please call your local public health office at Saint John- 658-2285 or Sussex- 432-7527. Also, for parents of grade 1 students, please send an updated copy if you did not last year.

A call for volunteer reading tutors in local schools!

Are you looking to share your love of reading and get involved in your community? Elementary Literacy Inc. is a not-for-profit charitable organization with the mission to work closely with educators, parents and communities for increasing literacy rates across New Brunswick. To support this effort, Elementary Literacy Inc. offers the Elementary Literacy Friends Program (Elf) in Anglophone schools across NB.

The Elf Program is a one-on-one reading achievement program matching trained community volunteers with grade 2 children who require additional reading practice. The volunteer commitment is one hour, twice a week for ten weeks. Volunteer sessions take place in the school at the end of the day. St. Martins School is looking for volunteers!

If you are interested in becoming an Elf volunteer you can register online at elfnb.com or call 1-855-898-2533. Visit us online for more information about the program and other ways to help!

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.**

- 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.