



# St. Martins School

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## Welcome Back ! We're Glad To See You!



Welcome back to the 2020-21 school year.

The first week of school has gone very well and the students have adjusted to the new routines very well. Mask are being worn in the hallways and there is a lot of handwashing going on each day.

I'd like to welcome Mr. Huskins back this year. This year, Mrs. Dallon will be working two days per week and I'd like to welcome Mrs. LeBlanc to

the school. She will be in the K class three days per week.

### Morning Drop Offs

If you are dropping off your child, please do so after 7:30 and remember to use the parking lot by the Community Centre. The road around the school is off limits during the day.

If you are wondering about school cancellations you can check the ASD-S website or tune into local radio

stations for information. 1-855-535-7669 [SNOW]

If you miss the message that school is cancelled please make sure there is someone at the school if you accidentally drop off your child. If you don't see anyone outside, then walk your child into the building to see if we are open.

### Bus Info

Please note that the school busses 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. This year, all bus requests must go through the District Office. If you are requesting a different pickup or drop off, you MUST fill out the online form and wait for approval before any changes take effect. At the school level, I can no longer approve these changes. Please be aware the changes may take a few days, so plan ahead.

## Dates to Remember

Thanksgiving—no school.	<b>Oct 12</b>
New K class registration.	<b>Oct 13 -16</b>
Remembrance Day—no school	<b>Nov. 11</b>
Report Card Prep—no school	<b>Nov. 20</b>
Report Cards go home	<b>Dec. 1</b>
Parent Teacher—no school	<b>Dec. 4</b>

**All Visitors please wait outside and press the buzzer to talk to the office. If you are dropping off anything, we will come out and get it.**

### Milk Allergy

**We also have a student in Grade 1 who is allergic to milk and milk products. Students are now eating their snacks in the classrooms instead of outside and all students are washing their hands after recess and lunch to reduce the spreading of milk products throughout the school.**

### 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 other students, please send an updated copy of your immunizations records if you did not last year.

### School Entry Information

This year schools all across the province are being limited to just staff & students as much as possible. This means parents won't be able to come into the building as they used to. One the first days of school, if you are dropping your children off, especially the new Kindergarten students, the kindergarten teachers will be outside to greet them and then bring them into the building. I know this is very different from years gone by and I hope you understand our new practices. Any parent who wants to meet with a teacher, should try though a phone conversation first then, if necessary, we will set up a meeting time. Please note, all visitors coming into the school have to self screen, sanitize, wear a mask and sign in at the office.

## Staff List 2020—2021

Principal	Mr. MacDougall
Kindergarten	Mrs. Dallon/Mrs. LeBlanc
Grade 1	Mrs. Duplisea
Grade 2/3	Mrs. Bennett
Grade 4/5	Mr. Huskins
Resource	Mrs. Steele
Guidance	Mrs. Hossack
Secretary	Mrs. Huttges
Custodians	Mrs. M. Bennett
	Mrs. Speight
EAs	Mrs. King
	Mrs. Belding

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### A Few Reminders.....

- All schools in ASD-S adhere to a **Scent Free Policy**. This means that strong perfumes, deodorants, sprays and the like are not permitted in the building. Students who have a strong scent might 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.

- Cellphones, recording devices and cameras are best left home. Devices like electronic games are not to be used during instructional time. **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.

Community masks— Students should have two community masks while at school. This mask should be worn while getting off the bus, in the hallways during the day and in the washrooms. The masks should be taken home every night and cleaned. You may want to have a separate mask for each day of the week and perhaps an extra one in their bookbag just in case one is lost.

Our Operation Plan was posted on the school's website on Thursday, September 3. It gives you detailed information on how our day will go with the new COVID practices. I encourage you to take a look as it is quite detailed.

## COVID Questions

Does my child need to be screened for COVID-19 symptoms every day before school? **YES**.

What does that look like?

Parents are responsible for reviewing the screening questions with their child(ren) prior to leaving for school and only sending their child to school when they are well.

If a child has **2 or more** of these symptoms of COVID-19, families should keep the child home from school and call 811 or their primary healthcare provider for advice:

- Fever above 38 degrees Celsius
- A new cough, or worsening chronic cough
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Headache
- A new onset of fatigue
- A new onset of muscle pain
- Diarrhea
- Loss of sense of taste
- Loss of sense of smell
- In children, purple markings on the fingers and toes •
- Difficulty breathing

It is important to talk to your children about these symptoms so they can be aware of them and self-identify them to you or their teacher.

### **Peanut/Nut Free School**

In accordance with ASD policy our school is **peanut/nut free** so please do not send any nut products into the building.

## Cashless Schools

Payments for student fees and milk can be made through Cashless schools. Register here:  
<https://asd-s.schoolcashonline.com/>

### Microsoft Teams

If we move to “at home learning” this year, teachers will be using Microsoft Teams as the main way to communicate with the home and students. Students would receive invites to join online meetings with their teachers and classmates.