

ST. MARTIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 4	First Day of School
Sept 14	Welcome Back Liturgy 9:30 am Gym
Sept 18	Welcome Back BBQ 5:00 –7:00 pm
Sept 27	Non-uniform Day
Sept. 28	PD Day
Oct 2	Mass 9:30 am
Oct 2	School Council Mtg 6:30
Oct 8	Thanksgiving
Oct 12	Gr 7 Immunizations
Oct 25	School Photos
Oct 26	PD Day
Oct 31	Black & Orange Day

WELCOME

St. Martin Catholic School has an amazing team of Catholic educators who are all looking forward to an exciting year of learning, laughing, playing and praying together.

Welcome to the 2018—2019 St. Martin Staff!

Mrs. Cornelius Principal	Ms. Sanchez Gr 3/4	Mr. Dodd ESL
Mrs. Peaker Secretary	Ms. Wilson Gr 4	Mrs. King JK/SK Prep
Mrs. Lepore JK/SK	Ms. Tania Gr 4/5	Ms. Moretti Librarian
Mrs. Nicholson ECE	Ms. Moro Gr 5/6	Ms. Vettraino Librarian
Ms. Dalrymple JK/SK	Mr. Kurowski Gr 6/7	Ms. Abell EA
Ms. Zaplatar ECE	Mr. Liston Gr 7/8	Mrs. Glen EA
Mrs. Chouinard JK/SK	Mrs. Mansfield Gr 7/8	Mrs. McManus EA
Mrs. LaHaie Gr 1	Mme. Ramsay FSL	Mr. Moore EA
Mrs. Cardoso Gr 1	M. Vaillancourt FSL	Mr. Gubb EA
Mrs. Slota Gr 2	Mrs. Montag SPST	Ms. Post Custodian
Mrs. Emery Gr 2/3	Mr. Corneil Music	Mr. Freeburn Custodian

STUDENT AGENDAS

Each student in grades 1 to 8 will receive a student agenda. This helps students develop important learning skills, plan for tests and assignments and for parents and teachers to communicate on a regular basis.

Thanks to the financial support of our Catholic School Council, the cost of the agenda is only \$5.00 per student and may be given to your child's teacher within the first week of school.



SCHOOL COMMUNITY BBQ SEPTEMBER 18

All families are invited to attend our annual **Welcome Back BBQ on Tuesday September 18th at 5:00pm.**

This event is a great way to meet other Hawks families and school staff. Food and drinks will be for sale. We hope you can join us.



KEEP US UP-TO-DATE AND CONNECTED

Please review, edit and return your child's **STUDENT VERIFICATION FORM** included with this newsletter. Updated family information is very important for the school to have on file as our new attendance management system **SchoolMessenger** utilizes the contact information (phone #'s, email addresses) the school has on file.

Please review the FAQ's page to register for **SchoolMessenger**



ST. MARTIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

As we begin this new school year, the St. Martin Catholic School Council is looking forward to working in partnership with staff to support the great things happening at our school. Last year, with your help, we enhanced learning and school spirit by funding field trips and special events, and supporting our faith programs.

We are a blessed school. We have an incredible group of educators caring for our children and a generous community which supports various initiatives that we believe enhances opportunities and experiences for our children.

Our Catholic School Council will be forming on October 2nd and new members are always welcome. If you are interested in becoming a member of the St. Martin Catholic School Council please complete the self-nomination form included with this newsletter. Information regarding meeting nights is included on the nomination form.

Thank you for supporting your Catholic School Council.



BUS TRANSPORTATION

School bus arrangements for students can be viewed at www.mybigyellowbus.ca.

For safety reasons, students must use their assigned bus and bus stop only. Parents are asked to send a note to their child's teacher when there is a change to the regular bus routine.

Students riding a school bus are expected to conduct themselves in a safe and orderly manner. Specific expectations include:

- Arrive at your assigned stop on time
- Always be respectful and courteous to others.
- Follow the instructions of the bus driver.
- Remain in your seat.
- Keep arms and head inside the bus at all times.



SCHOOLCASH ONLINE

We are very excited that our school continues to offer School Cash Online, which provides you with the convenience

of paying online for school items such as hot lunch, milk, trips, club/athletic fees, and spirit wear. This is a great way to pay without the need for cash or cheques!

School Cash Online also helps you stay informed of upcoming events and helps you keep track of which school fees require your attention.

Registration is available at <https://ldcsb.schoolcashionline.com>



SCHOOL HOURS

Supervised Student Arrival	8:45 - 8:55
Morning Entry Bell	8:55
Morning Recess	10:20 - 10:35
Lunch Break	11:55 - 12:55
Afternoon Recess	2:15 - 2:30
Supervised Dismissal	3:30 - 3:40

The school and washrooms are only available before 8:45am and after 3:40pm for students participating in pre-arranged activities supervised by staff to ensure student safety.



USE OF PED'S

St. Martin Catholic School staff strives to provide a faithfilled, safe environment which enhances the academic, social and spiritual development of every student. Use of PED's (personal electronic devices) including cell phones are limited to situations authorized by staff to respect the safety and dignity of all students and staff. PED's will be collected in all classes each day, stored in a safe location and distributed for use in class to enhance instruction and learning. Please review the PED policy with your child found in the student agenda.



SCHOOL SECURITY

The London District Catholic School Board has undertaken a number of measures to ensure that students and staff are safe and secure at school. A reminder that all school exterior doors will be locked throughout the day. Parents and visitors wishing to enter the school will need to use the video intercom (located by the front door) and check in at the office.

Parents picking up children at the end of the school day (3:30 p.m.) are asked to remain outside of the school building and meet children near their dismissal door. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with efforts to keep students safe at school.

LEAVING SCHOOL

The staff at St. Martin Catholic School take great care to ensure that students are safe at school. Students needing to leave the school grounds at any time throughout the day must have prior written permission and be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Students must remain at school for the lunch break unless they regularly go home for lunch or are being picked up by a parent.

A reminder to parents that we love dogs, but they are not permitted on school property during arrival, dismissal, school hours, and after school functions.



ALLERGY ALERT

St. Martin Catholic School welcomes many children who require particular care and support for medical conditions including severe allergies. Anaphylaxis is a severe, life-threatening allergic reaction.

St. Martin Catholic School is an allergy safe and nut safe environment. Products and food items that contain peanuts or nuts or are not permitted. Specific details about other allergies in your child's class will be communicated to you by the classroom teacher. Thank you for making our school a safe place for all students and staff with life-threatening allergies.



