## St. Martin of Tours Catholic School Newsletter December 22, 2022

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## To all of our St. Martin of Tours Catholic School Families and Community

I would like to thank all of you for your support of our students and school community, particularly all of you who participated, helped or supported any of our special Christmas activities such as our School Mass, Trip to the Play Cinderellie, Food Drive, Bake Sale, Christmas Concert, and 50/50 Fundraiser! It has been a busy season, but has been so much fun for all of our children!

Your support and volunteerism has been incredibly generous and for that we are all very grateful! You are each and important part of making our school a wonderful place of learning and love for our children! Thank you!

From all of us here at St. Martin of Tours, I would like to extend wishes for each of you to enjoy a wonderful, peaceful Merry Christmas! We hope that you will take time to enjoy this blessed season with your children and celebrate and treasure the miracle of Christmas with them!

'An Irish Christmas Blessing' The light of the Christmas star to you, The warmth of home and hearth to you, The cheer and good will of friends to you, The hope of a childlike heart to you, The joy of a thousand angels to you, The love of the Son, And God's peace to you.

With love from all of us at St. Martin of Tours School, Sincerely, Tara McEnery Trustee: Dr. Peter McEnery School Council Chair: Stacey Finch Pastor: Father Malachy School Phone: 613-637-2720 School Fax: 613-637-2873 OLM Phone: 613-332-3300

## "TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS"



'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the town, St. Joseph was searching, walking up roads and down; Our Lady was waiting, so meek and so mild, While Joseph was seeking a place for the Child;

The children were nestled, each snug in their beds, The grown-ups wouldn't bother, there's no room they said;

When even the innkeeper sent them away, Joseph was wondering, where they would stay;

He thought of the caves in the side of the hills, Let's go there said Mary, it's silent and still; The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow, Made pathways of light for their tired feet to go;

And there in a cave, in a cradle of hay, Our Saviour was born on that first Christmas Day! The Father was watching in heaven above, He sent for His angels, His couriers of love;

More rapid than eagles God's bright angels came; Rejoicing and eager as each heard His name; Come Power, Come Cherubs, Come Virtues, Come Raphael, Come Thrones and Dominions, Come Michael and Gabriel;

Now fly to the earth, where My poor people live, Announce the glad tiding My Son comes to give; The Shepherds were watching their flocks on this night, And saw in the heavens an unearthly light;



Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board 151 Dairy Avenue, Napanee, Ontario K7R 4B2 (613) 354-2255 / 1-800-581-1116 Fax: (613) 354-4772 The Angels assured them, they'd nothing to fear, It's Christmas they said, the Saviour is here! They hastened to find Him, and stood at the door, Till Mary invited them in to adore;

He was swaddled in bands from His head to His feet, Never did the Shepherds see a baby so sweet! He spoke not a word, but the shepherds all knew, He was telling them secrets and blessing them too;

Then softly they left Him, The Babe in the hay, And rejoiced with great joy on that first Christmas Day; Mary heard them exclaim as they walked up the hill, Glory to God in the Highest, Peace to men of good will.

