

# St. Martin of Tours Catholic School

## Newsletter

### September 7, 2021



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### Welcome Back Students!

Welcome back St. Martin of Tours families! We are so very excited to be back at school in-person with your children! We are also very excited to be welcoming some new friends to our school this year!

We are delighted to have our teaching a little bit more 'normal' and to have face to face time as a community again! As you know, we have had to make some changes to our usual practices while trying to keep things as safe and comfortable as possible for your children and also ensure they are learning effectively! We are so fortunate in the amount of space we have here at St. Martin of Tours to spread ourselves out! At this point students are able to take their masks off while outdoors and are able to share materials both indoors and outdoors. However, we are very blessed at St. Martin of Tours to have access to enough materials to allow for one-to-one use of much equipment such as iPads and laptops, instruments including ukuleles and drums as well as many physical education materials such as balls and ping pong paddles should the safety protocols change.

I am particularly thrilled with our outdoor classroom which has been seeing improvements and additions almost every day. We know that the spread of COVID-19 and other communicable illnesses such as colds and flu is significantly reduced when people are outside and spread out, so we are planning to be out there as much as possible breathing fresh air!

Please ensure that your children dress in layers and are ready for the weather. The students seem to really enjoy being outside and being able to take off their masks as long as they are warm enough. We are going to try to be out there for part of every day!

Please know that we are working hard and doing our best to serve your children's learning needs. We welcome your feedback and encourage you to come forward with any questions or concerns you may have at any time. We are only a phone call away!

Personally, I am looking forward to a great year! We are so energized and excited to be back at school! We have been planning many fun and interesting activities for our students and are hoping that your children will have their best year ever here at St. Martin of Tours!

God Bless!  
Tara McEnery

**WELCOME  
BACK  
to  
School**

### COVID-19 Self Assessment

Reminder to everyone to please complete the Covid-19 self assessment before coming to school every day. <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>



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## Welcome Back Everyone!

I am really happy to be back at school! It is so nice to see all of our students again and meet our new students as well!

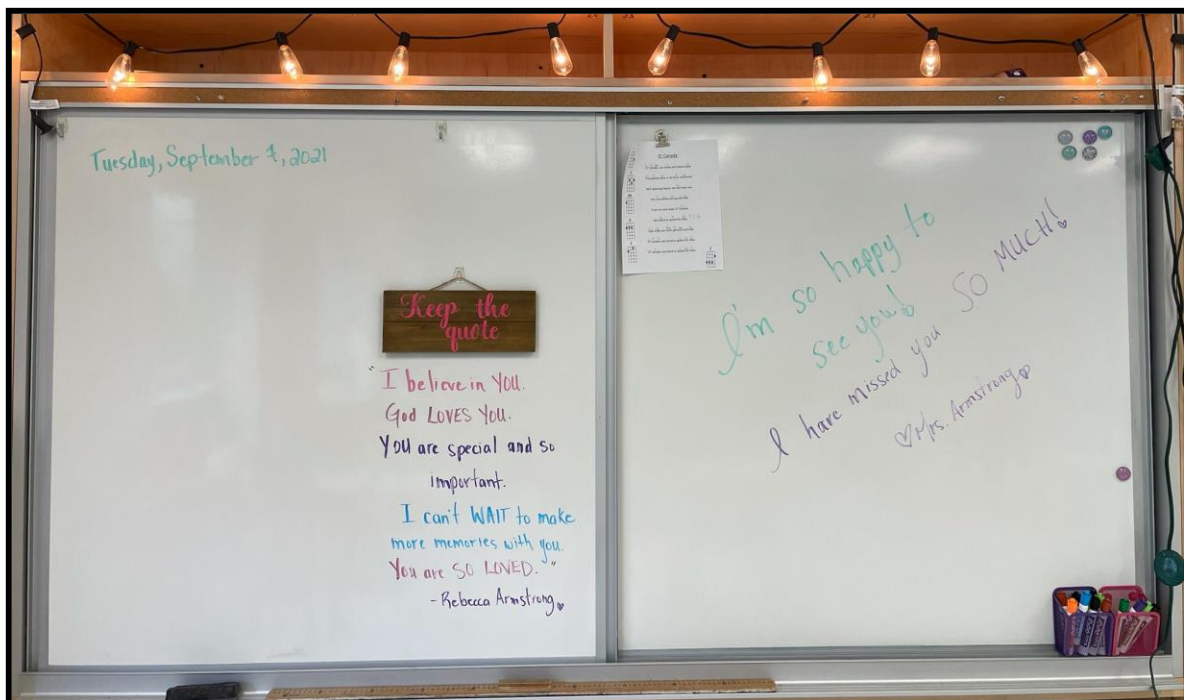
It was so nice to see all of our students, their smiling faces and positive attitudes! They were missed dearly!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support during the Remote Learning experience. I know it was stressful and difficult, but I would like you to know that I appreciated all of your effort, understanding and kindness during that time.

All of the staff members at St. Martin of Tours are committed to ensuring that your children are safe, comfortable and content. We will continue to work together, with all of the students and families, to make this school year awesome!

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I'm always available by phone!

Blessings Always,  
Rebecca Armstrong





## New Students

The St. Martin of Tours Catholic School. is pleased to welcome new students Carter, Sadie and Danyka to our school community. We are so excited to have you all here with us!



## 2020-2021 Graduates



We would like to wish all of our Graduates all the best in their future endeavours and hope you have a wonderful time in high school this year! We will miss you all and we wish you and your families wonderful bright futures!

## Thank you to School Council

We would like to extend a big THANK YOU to school council for their contributions in the spring for graduation by purchasing cakes and balloons, their help in purchasing new classroom items, art sets and diamond art kits as well. We are so blessed to have you looking out for our students and our school!

## Please Note

There is no staff supervision available on the yard before 8:30 a.m. (when the first bus arrives at the school). Therefore, we ask that if parents are driving their children to school that they do not drop them off before 8:30 a.m.

## Important Notice for Parents Regarding Student Absences

**It is important that you notify the school in the morning if your child is going to be absent. Please ensure that if children have any symptoms of Covid-19, that they are reported accordingly to the school and your healthcare provider. Your child's safe arrival at school is verified by Ms. Walczak by 9:00 a.m., so if you inform her between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00a.m., this will assist us in implementing the most efficient process of confirmation of student safe arrival or absence. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.**

Please note that we are also required to report all student absences (e.g., an illness, parental permission, bereavement, medical appointment, etc.). Parents are required to call the school and/or write a note to the school explaining the reason for the absence or lateness of your child. You need not reveal any personal details, just the general reason for the absence.

## Newsletter

We will be producing a newsletter every second Tuesday. We will keep you updated on any items that are time sensitive. We will be sending newsletters, and all other news electronically as often as possible. Please ensure that you have provided an e-mail address that will be checked most often to the office.

## Important Notice to Parents

It is imperative that you inform the school immediately whenever a change occurs in your family information (e.g., change of address, telephone number, busing information, childcare information, etc.). Also, if applicable, the school must receive copies of legal documents. **The school can only enforce child custody orders by following written court directives.**

## Nutritional Snacks



Positive self-esteem and body image, healthy eating and physical activity are fundamental to healthy development for children as they grow. Children need snacks between meals to ensure that they consume adequate intake of food groups. Nutritional snack examples include fruit, vegetables and yogurt dip, oatmeal cookies and milk, crackers and cheese. Please avoid sending things like pop or candy as snack items. Many studies have identified the correlation between nutrition and academic performance and conclude a child's academic performance is directly affected if his/her nutritional needs are not met. Learning sound nutritional habits is not merely an academic exercise. Help us put what your child learns into practice!

### **Medication Protocol**

All medication (excluding puffers) to be taken by students during the school day must be kept in the office and administered under the supervision of an adult (usually the principal or secretary). If medication is necessary, parents must fill out an "Administration of Medication" consent form which indicates the reason for the medication, name of drug, routine of administration, and parent's authorization for designated staff to supervise or administer medication. All medication is carefully labelled, and a log of all administered doses is kept in the office. **Medication cannot be administered until forms are completed.**

### **Student Health Considerations**

Parents/guardians should inform the school immediately of any health issues that we should be aware of (e.g., severe allergies, asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, physical limitations, etc.).

### **Pediculosis (Head Lice) Control**

Spring and fall are the seasons when head lice commonly sneak onto school children. While lice are not considered a health hazard, they can, if untreated, cause problems such as infection, loss of attention and social trauma to students. Please check your child's head weekly. If you find evidence of head lice or nits, information about how to remove them is available from your family doctor, health unit and most pharmacies.

### **Hot Lunches and Healthy Snacks**

At this time, we have been told that we can continue providing healthy snack to our students, and we will be able to start organizing hot lunches again soon!

### **Indoor Shoes**

All students must have indoor shoes at school to put on when they come in from the yard. Outdoor shoes/boots are taken off when they

enter the school. If there is a fire drill or an emergency situation that requires students to evacuate, there is not time for students to put on their shoes before exiting the school.

### **Policy on Appropriate use of Technology and Devices**

A reminder that as stated in our school's Code of Conduct, the following expectations with respect to the appropriate use of technology apply during school hours. Students are to visit only school related websites; devices will be used only if / when advised by teacher and as part of direct instruction / lesson; devices will not be used during recess or lunch time.

### **Bringing of Personal Items to School**

Students should only bring to school items that are related to instruction but may occasionally wish to bring an item for recess, etc. Please have your child show any item that they choose to bring to school to the staff as soon as they arrive to verify that it is approved for their use at school. Should students choose to bring their own devices to school for instructional purposes they will assume the risk of loss, damage, and/or possible theft. Classroom teachers, in consultation with the Principal and their students, will develop classroom protocols regarding the use of personal devices. Items not approved by the Principal or classroom teacher will be taken and parents will be contacted.

### **Student Pick-Ups and Transportation Changes**

If parents need to pick up their child(ren) early in the day, we ask that they please call ahead, and we will have your child(ren) meet you at the front doors. Parents are encouraged to contact the office before 1:00 p.m. if at all possible, as the phone is only checked periodically after 1:00 p.m.

We ask that all changes for transportation or pick up be made in writing. Changes over the phone will be accepted in emergency situations.





This program provides students, from age 4 to 14, with 24 hour protection of MedicAlert emergency information services at no cost. Some conditions emergency responders need to know are: Anaphylaxis, diabetes, food allergies, asthma, needs EpiPen, Autism, ADHD. Please contact the school for the brochure that will allow you to order a MedicAlert bracelet/necklace.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED  
COOPERATION AND SUPPORT OF THESE SAFETY  
MEASURES**

### Upcoming Events



**THE TERRY FOX  
FOUNDATION**

Our Annual Terry Fox Run is scheduled for Monday, September 27, 2020.

On Monday, September 27<sup>st</sup>, please ensure your child(ren) is/are prepared to be outside to participate in the run.

St. Martin of Tours C.S. is proud to take part in this year's 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope.

Please help show your support by donating to: <http://www.terryfox.ca/StMartinofToursCESWhitney>