



St. Martin of Tours Catholic School



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Merry Christmas



A Christmas Message

As Christmas Day draws nearer, we often feel overwhelmed with what is still left to be done and we rush around trying to make sure everything is perfect. We may need to slow down and consider that Our Lord's birthplace was not a place of splendour but a lowly stable. The people of the time may have expected a display of power, but were

confronted with a picture of humility. They may have looked for a mighty ruler, but were greeted by a lowly baby. May we reassess our expectations this Christmas with the realism of that first Christmas and be ready to greet Our Lord as a "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace." May the light of Christ be bright and warm in our lives. May we be filled with new light by the coming of Jesus.

*St. Martin of Tours Catholic School staff wish you and yours
a blessed holiday filled with that special peace and wonder that only
children can bring.*

OPEN HOUSE CANCELLED



Unfortunately due to the weather, we had to cancel our Open House. We will provide a new date shortly.

Stay tuned!

SPIRIT DAYS

Our upcoming Spirit Days for the last week of school prior to Christmas is as follows:



Monday, December 18th

Pajama Day



Tuesday, December 19th

Sparkle & Shine Day



Wednesday, December 20th

Santa's Helper—Reindeer, Elf, Toy Maker.... Whichever helper you choose.



Thursday, December 21st

Jersday—Wear your favourite team sweater.



Friday, December 22nd

Candy Cane Day—Wear the colours of candy canes.

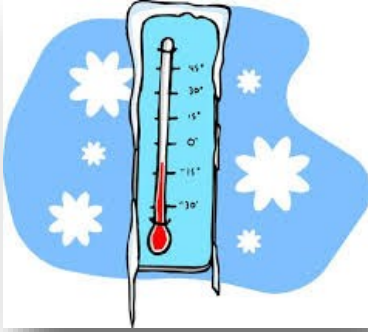
Let's show some school spirit!!

CLASSROOM CHRISTMAS PARTIES



Just a friendly reminder, in keeping with our healthy food initiative we would encourage Parents to bring in only healthy snacks to the classrooms. Thank you in advance for your continued support in this manner.

FRIGID COLD TEMPERATURES



The guidelines most schools follow are based on the Canadian Paediatrics Society states that students can be outdoors in temperatures as low as -25C air, -28C wind chill.

That being said, if we truly feel that temperatures other than the ones listed above pose a potential risk to the well-being of students, indoor recess can be chosen.

Students are expected to dress warmly and cannot be coming in unsupervised as a means of “warming up” if they’re choosing (within reason) to not dress appropriately for the weather conditions.

Please ensure your children dress according to the weather conditions.

ROYAL CANADIAN ESSAYS AND POSTERS



So amazing when students are commended for their efforts! J/I students received recognition for @RoyalCdnLegion essays and posters at both local and zone levels (even a first place moving to the next level!).

Congratulations! #proudteacher @ALCDSB

Friday, December 15, 2017

FREE PIZZA DAY



A hug THANK YOU to **Algonquin Lunch Bar** for providing both St. Martin of Tours and Whitney Public School Free Pizza on Thursday, December 14th!

We appreciate your support!

50 / 50 TICKETS



The St. Martin of Tours Catholic School Council 50/50 ticket draw is on December 20th. Please ensure your tickets and money is to the office on Monday, December 18th. You must be 18 years or older to purchase tickets. Please do not buy tickets in your child(ren)'s name.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Our Christmas Concert will be on Tuesday, December 19th. Whitney Public School is hosting their concert from 6:35 pm—7:15 pm and **St. Martin of Tours is hosting our concert from 7:30 pm—8:00 pm.**

ALL are welcomed.

BAKE SALE



In addition to the Christmas Concert, the St. Martin of Tours School Council will be running their annual Christmas Bake Sale. This sale helps raise funds which are returned in the form of school-related functions and activities benefitting our students. To aid with the Christmas Bake Sale, we are asking that parents and guardians please contribute by preparing and donating bake goods for the evening. The Sale begins at 6:00 pm on December 19th

REMINDERS

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Please bring in your money for the chocolate bars ASAP. We still have 4 full boxes left if anyone are able to sell more. Thank you for your support!



St. Martin of Tours has an Administrative Assistant who is able to answer the phones from 8:30am-1:00pm. If attempting to call after that time, if there is no answer, please leave a message and we will return your call.

In the event of an emergency, you can also attempt to contact Whitney Public School at 613-637-2171.



BUS CANCELLATIONS: As winter approaches and we are faced with the possibility of bus cancellations please take a moment to visit www.triboard.on.ca and sign up for the Cancellations and Delays Notification that can be sent directly to your email. We will not be making individual phone calls to notify parents of cancellations this year.