



St. Martin of Tours Catholic School



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

St. Martin of Tours is now offering *School Cash Online* as its preferred method of payment for all school fees, everything from field trips to yearbooks.

School Cash Online allows parents to pay school related fees safely, quickly and easily. By using

School Cash Online, you help increase efficiency and security at schools. Teachers and secretaries are then able to focus their time on helping students, and not counting cash.

School Cash Online shows all of the school fees available to your student online for purchase. You can then view and choose to purchase these fees online through credit card, e-cheque or myWallet. You can also stay informed of upcoming events and keep track of which school fees require your attention.

Register today – a simple task that takes less than two minutes – by visiting alcdsb.schoolcashionline.com or visiting our website at www.alcdsb.on.ca and navigating your way to the *School Cash Online* page. You will need your child's first name, last name and date of birth to register. Should you encounter any difficulties, you can use the parent help desk at **1(866) 961-1803** or by visiting schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support or you may call our office.

Sincerely,

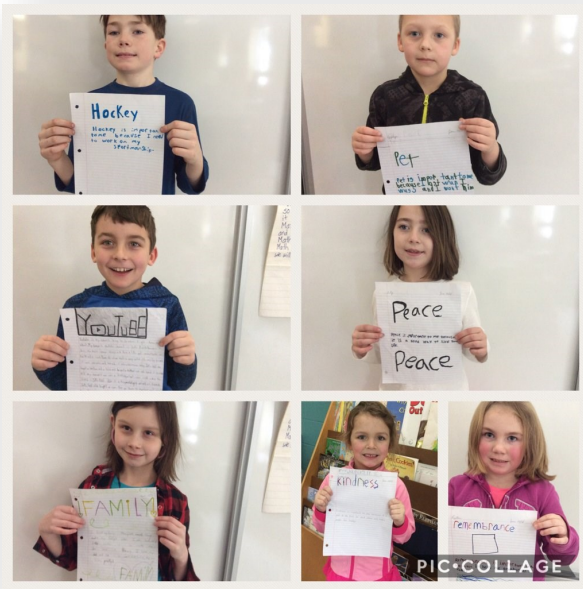
Mr. Tod
Principal

SCIENCE IS GREAT!



Thanks to Mrs. Pridie, our Science Teacher, students were able to dissect owl pellets. What a great experience it was for all the students at SMT! Learning is fun!

JUST ONE WORD



Can you think of ONE WORD that will make a difference in your life? At SMT students prepare their "word" that has special meaning to them. So many words, so many meanings.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION—MEW LAKE



On January 18th, the Gr. 5-8 students headed to Algonquin Park for an outdoor education day with Special Assignment Teacher, Mike Bibby. Students had an opportunity to go cross country skiing around Mew Lake. At lunchtime, Mr. Bibby created a campfire for students to roast hotdogs and boil hot chocolate. The weather was just perfect for this wonderful event!

PA DAY & FAMILY DAY



Please note that there is a Professional Activity Day on **Friday, February 2nd**. Students will not come to school this day. Teachers will be involved in report card writing and support staff will be doing various training on this day.

Monday, February 19th is Family Day and school will be closed. Enjoy this special time with your families.

SOUP AND SANDWICH



Our first Soup and Sandwich Day will be on **Thursday, February 8th**. We are offering grilled cheese sandwich and chicken noodle soup from Algonquin Lunch Bar. Items may be purchased separately or as a combo.

Forms will be going home the beginning of the month.

Please consider using the CASH ONLINE system for your purchase. Thank you in advance.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANKCAKE BREAKFAST



Thanks to our amazing school council and parent volunteers, the students will be enjoying pancakes for breakfast on **Tuesday, February 13th** in the Church Basement in celebration of Shrove Tuesday.

ASH WEDNESDAY



Ash Wednesday is a day many Christians set aside as a special day. It is the first day of Lent. It is a time for reflection, penitence, and fasting for 40 days in preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Lent is a season that reminds us to repent and get our lives centered, our priorities straight and our hearts clean.

Please take a few moments during this time to slow down and reflect the blessings that God has given us.

WINTER WALK DAY— WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH



Our seasons in Canada provide lots of interesting variety to view in nature, and a great variety of outdoor play opportunities.

It has been reported by pediatricians that the health benefits of staying physically active outweigh the risk of cold exposure. You need to get outside and be active just as much during winter time! The number one thing to do to ensure FUN?

Dress warmly!

ST. VALENTINES DAY—WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH



Please remember to wear pink or red on Valentine's Day at school!

REPORT CARDS



Report Card 1 will be going home on **Tuesday, February 20th**. At the bottom of page 3 there is a section entitled *Student's Comments* which will be completed by the student at home as well as a section at the bottom of page 4 entitled *Parent's/Guardian's Comments*. Please take the time to communicate your thoughts about your child's progress at school. Your input helps us to make the right choices for your child's educational experience as well as demonstrating to your child that their education is important to you. We also look very forward to meeting with each of you to discuss your child's progress and needs. Please contact Mrs. Berthelot to schedule an interview with your child's teacher if you wish to discuss the Report Card. Communication between home, school and church provides us with a vital relationship of hope and support for our children.

BUS CANCELLATIONS/SCHOOL OPEN

As winter is now here 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.



IMPORTANT: In the event buses are cancelled, SMT will be **OPEN**. Students are encouraged to attend school, if they are able to, which allows them the perfect opportunity to get caught up in their work or seek extra assistance in their work.