



St. Martin of Tours Catholic School



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Shrove Tuesday



Shrove Tuesday involves Christians eating up all the rich and “fat” foods in their cupboards. Making pancakes is a great way to prepare for the Lenten Season in which we fast and give up certain things. A huge thank you to Mrs. Burley, Mrs. Eagles, Mrs. Frederick and Mrs. Tansley who came out and helped make pancakes for both SMT and WPS on Tuesday, February 13th. A Special Thank You to Charbonneau’s Freshmart, The Mad Musher and Algonquin Lunch Bar for donating the materials to make this lunch a success. We definitely couldn’t have done it without their help!

Lent Begins Wednesday, February 14th



What is the meaning of Lent?

According to the Catholic Encyclopedia: “The real aim of Lent is, above all else, to prepare men for the celebration of the death and Resurrection of Christ. The better the preparation, the more effective the celebration will be?”

Basically, the idea is to imitate the struggles Jesus faced when he was in the wilderness for 40 days and had to fast. The fasting and abstaining begins and doesn’t end until Easter Sunday.

Reflect and ask... what am I giving up for Lent? OR what nice deed shall I do more of?

MARDI GRAS



From @alcdsb_marn

Super job student leaders from Whitney Public School and St. Martin! An amazing afternoon with Mardi Gras and Valentine's Day activities. Everyone had fun and spirit teams did great.

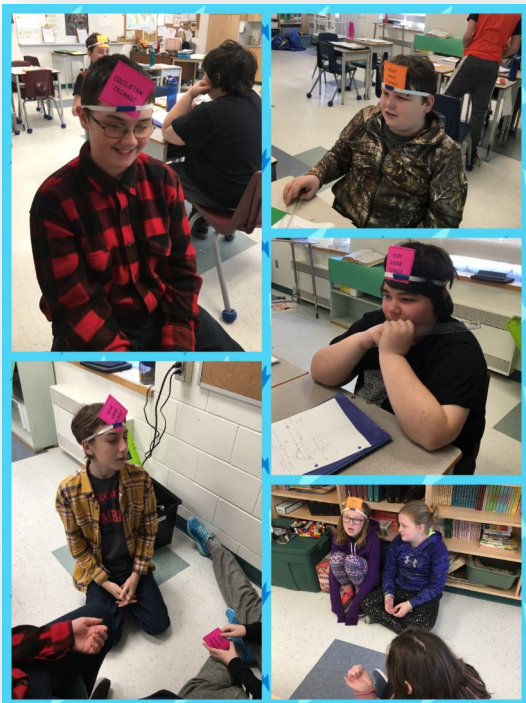
FLOOR HOCKEY



From @alcdsb_marn

St. Martin of Tours Primary / Junior class joined Whitney Public school for a ball hockey tournament today. We won 2 of the 4 games we played and we had a great day. Thanks Whitney Public school and great job coaching Junior Students!

HEADBANDS



From @alcdsb_marn

Chrissy Balemba @MsBalemba

Why not play "Headbands" to review classification of triangles? Yes/No questions to reinforce math language and activate visualization. #makemathfun

FAMILY DAY

NO SCHOOL

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

MOVIE NIGHT



We will be hosting a family movie night and raffle on March 23rd. There will be two baskets raffled off and we will need some help collecting items. More details coming soon!

REPORT CARDS—TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH



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.

PIZZA DAY—THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND



Pizza Day will be on Thursday, February 22nd. In keeping with our healthy eating, only cheese pizza will be available. Pizza slices are \$2.50 each and forms will be going home on Friday, February 16th.

Please consider purchasing the pizza online through our Cash Online Program. It's easy as 1,2,3!

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



If you or someone you know has a child age 4 by December 31 and would like to attend our school, please have them come to the office and register in our Kindergarten Program. The ALCDSB focuses on faith formation, academic success and programs for children, all within a play-based learning environment. Teachers and Early Childhood Educators work together to develop your child's natural curiosity and excitement for learning. Our schools ensure a caring and safe environment for your children, all while staying committed to the use of advanced technology in the classroom.

Our staff would be happy to answer any questions you might have about enrolment and our school.

To register, you will be required to bring the following documentation with you:

- Birth Certificate
 - Baptismal Certificate
 - Evidence of direction of taxes to the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board
- Up to Date Immunization Records

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.