



St. Martin of Tours Catholic School



Newsletter—November 30, 2017

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ADVENT BEGINS



Sunday, December 3rd is the start of Advent

The month before Christmas has got to be the longest time of year for kids! Not renowned for their patience anyway, kids have to wait and wait for the big day. It doesn't help that Christmas decorations go on sale in September now and that radio stations begin playing Christmas songs on Halloween. Help your kids make it through the long days of December by celebrating Advent. Even better, Advent also helps you keep the focus of Christmas on Jesus rather than Santa Claus, presents, and other commercial aspects of Christmas. Advent is a Latin word that actually means "coming." In the Christian church, advent is time of preparation and waiting for the birth of Jesus.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY



On November 16th both schools were involved in a fun and informative bus safety presentation for all the grades.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY



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.

FAREWELL MS. FULLER



St. Martin Whitney @alcdsb_marn · 16h

Saying goodbye! You will be missed by all, Ms. Fuller, but we know you will be a bright light in your new role. God bless! @ALCDSB @Whitney_Public



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Ms. Ashalynn Fuller's last day as an EA at St. Martin of Tours was on Tuesday, November 28th. She is leaving us and Whitney Public School to pursue other opportunities and we wish her the best of luck in all her future endeavours.

From the staff and students at St. Martin of Tours, we will miss you Ms. Fuller.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX



A big **THANK YOU** for your kind donations to the Christmas ShoeBox Program, as well as thanks to Mrs. Pridie for arranging such a great cause. The ShoeBoxes have been filled and are on their way to help children in need.

MEEGWETCH DANKA!



November 22, an Indigenous Knowledge Facilitator, Danka Brewer visited SMT in the morning and spoke about Algonquin traditions. The students also had an opportunity to make red willow dream catchers.

OPEN HOUSE



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DECEMBER 12, 2017 @ 6:00 PM.

St. Martin of Tours and Whitney Public School would like to invite all families of the schools to our Open House. Please remember to save the date for this important event!

We look forward to seeing you there!



CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Mark your calendars! 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.

REMINDERS



Please come and join us at St. Martin on Tours School Mass which will be held on Wednesday, December 6th at 11:00 am.



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 continued support!



The St. Martin of Tours Catholic School Council is once again holding a 50/50 ticket draw on December 20th. Each student is asked to sell 6 books of tickets with 10 tickets in each of them. The tickets are \$1 each. You must be 18 years or older to purchase tickets. Do not buy tickets in your child(ren)'s name.



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.