

# St. Martha Catholic School

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## Mid-September 2017 Update

Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### **Student Safety in the Parking Lot and Accessible Parking Spaces**

In order to ensure student safety and to eliminate congestion in the back parking lot at drop off and pick up times, **we are requesting that vehicles not stop or park in and around the traffic islands in the parking lot.** The current design of the back parking lot is not intended for quick drop off and pick up of children. Rather, vehicles should be moving around the circular traffic islands for a continuous flow of traffic, not blocking other drivers and always being mindful that young children are making their way to and from school. It is essential that all drivers are respectful of others in their use of our back parking lot so that children and their families can arrive and leave the school safely. Safety is everyone's responsibility. Please also note that there are designated accessible parking spaces in the parking lot. These parking spaces are reserved for persons who have accessible parking permits only. Thank you for your careful attention to these important traffic notes.

### **Welcome Back BBQ and Open House- September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

Our Open House is scheduled to take place on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Again this year, we invite all families to a BBQ before the Open House. Members of St. Martha School Council have generously agreed to barbeque hot dogs. Juice boxes and cake will also be served between 5:30-6:30 p.m. As there is no cost for families to attend the BBQ, we ask families to please consider donating juice boxes or water for the BBQ, which can be dropped off to the Main Office beginning the week of September 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to St. Martha School Council for co-ordinating the BBQ. Looking forward to meeting families on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017!

### **St. Martha Catholic School Council**

The St. Martha School Council is a dynamic and integral part of our school community. Through the organization of various social and community building events as well as fundraising efforts, this group of dedicated members has supported the purchase of learning materials, playground equipment, technology upgrades, arts programs, graduations and donations to local charities that benefit our children. St. Martha Catholic School Council meets on a regular basis and all meetings are open to parents/guardians from our school community. All meeting dates will be announced in monthly school newsletters. Please look for our School Council table during the Welcome Back BBQ and Open House on September 21<sup>st</sup> to learn more.

If you are interested in serving on St. Martha Catholic School Council in the position of Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary or Parent Representative, and you cannot attend the first meeting, please contact Ms. Karen Moran directly by Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Our first School Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Commons. All are welcome to attend. Please see additional information attached.



### **Terry Fox Walk/Run**

Due to upcoming Soccer Tournaments at the end of September, our annual Terry Fox Walk/Run in support of cancer research is scheduled to take place on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:40 p.m. Please watch for additional information to follow.

### **OSBIE Accident Insurance**

Please note that Student Accident Insurance is available to all families at the following link:  
<http://www.insuremykids.com/en/Default.aspx>

### **Hot Lunch**

Please note that the Hot Lunch Program began this week. If you would like to order Hot Lunch for your children, please visit <http://stmarthakingston.hotlunches.net> to place and pay for orders.

### **Family Information Forms**

All families are reminded to please return the Family Information Forms to classroom teachers so that our records regarding contact information are up to date.

### **Parents/Visitors**

All Parents and Visitors to our school are reminded to present themselves to the Office and sign in using the Visitor Log on the front counter. We will call Staff to let them know you are here for your appointment. Please note that our Staff are working with children throughout the day. We ask that you please make an appointment to meet with Staff by calling the Office or writing a note in the student Agenda in advance to schedule a time to meet. Thank you!

### **PA Day**

Please note that Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> is a PA Day. Staff will be engaged in professional development and formulating our School Improvement Plan. As such, there are not classes for students.

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We will be forming our 2017-2018 Parent Council at the first meeting, which is Tuesday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Learning Commons. The general purpose of the Council is to "improve student achievement and enhance the accountability of the education system to parents". Attending Council meetings is a great way to voice your opinion, participate in discussions and volunteer for parent run events within the school.

**\*All parents and guardians are invited to attend and participate in all meetings.\***

At our first meeting, we will be electing a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. We will also identify Parent Representatives (voting members) to the Council. All Parents/Guardians of the school are eligible to run for elected positions on Council or serve as Parent Representatives on Council.

As per the Constitution, Council Members Shall:

1. Ensure that emphasis is placed on our Catholic identity and focus
2. Maintain a school wide focus on all issues
3. Encourage the participation of parents/guardians from all groups and of other people in the school community
4. Participate in information and training programs
5. Take an active role in one or more sub committee

\*If you know in advance that you will be missing 2 or more meetings, please consider attending and participating as a non-elected member so that we may achieve quorum on voting items.

\*Voting members must take an active role in one or more Parent Council run events.

\*Employees of ALCDSB are eligible to be on council; however, they must declare that they are an employee to avoid any conflict of interest.

Interested candidates must attend the first meeting on September 26<sup>th</sup>, as it will be our election night. If you wish to run for an elected position on Council or serve as a Parent Representative but cannot attend the first meeting, please contact the Principal, Karen Moran before Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Please submit your candidacy to the main office on or before Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

### School Council Parent Self –Nomination Form

- I wish to declare my candidacy for Chair or Co-Chair on School Council
- I wish to declare my candidacy for Secretary on School Council
- I wish to declare my candidacy for Treasurer on School Council
- I wish to declare my candidacy for Parent/Guardian Representative on the School Council

I am an employee of ALCDSB. yes no

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to contact you (phone/email): \_\_\_\_\_



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## Parent Council Needs You!

The Parent Council has many fun events and activities planned for the upcoming year and our sub committees need your help to make these events run successfully. The following volunteer opportunities are open to parents and guardians as well as grandparents. You can follow us on Facebook at StMartha Parent Council for official updates and news about upcoming events.

Please check off any/all items that may interest you and return this form to the school. We will give your contact information to the subcommittee leader who will contact you before the event.

### Thank you in advance for your support, time and talents.

- After school movies
- Evening movies
- Halloween Dance (morning of Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>)
- Valentines dance (morning of Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>)
- Little Caesar's Fundraiser
- Wednesday Hot lunch helper 11:15am-12:15pm
  - o What month can you help with? \_\_\_\_\_
- Friday Hot lunch helper 11:00am-12:15pm
  - o What month can you help with? \_\_\_\_\_
- Spring Carnival
- Welcome Back BBQ (Sept. 2018)
- Other/Any special talents or areas of knowledge that you have: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT YOUR NAME and the best way to contact you (Email/Phone/Cell phone). Please print clearly.

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