

September 2016

St. Martin's

Catholic

School 1907-2016



Principal's Message

Hi! Welcome to St. Martin's. It is a great honour to be able to introduce myself, Dan Coles, as principal of St. Martin's Catholic school. I had the joy and pleasure to be the assistant principal here just a few years ago and I am so very excited to return. The reasons for my excitement are many, but most of all, I am excited to work with the students, parents, and staff of St. Martin's. I have heard so many wonderful things about the school since my departure. But, the most exciting piece of information I heard was how willing the entire community was to focus on student learning and student success. My job is going to be to continue the focus on student learning and student success.

Rooted in that focus of learning and success is our vision of unity in Christ. In all that we do, from math to social studies to athletics, Jesus is with us. To help us continue to be united in Christ, Elk Island Catholic schools has developed a theme around the Altar'd in Faith. The Altar will be central sign of that unity. We will explore this theme as a school and in individual classes throughout the year and hope that our students are able to share their learning with the entire family.

The family unit is very important to our students and we recognize that as a school. As such, St. Martin's will continue to maintain active communication with home. Using Syn-Email for the most important messages and Facebook and Twitter to show off the successes our students are having in the classroom, we want our parent community to feel as though they are part of the school, even if you are only able to visit us a few times a year.

If you ever have any questions about the school, please feel free to talk to your child's teacher or give myself a call at the school.

Dan

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		<i>August 30</i> First Day of School School Assembly 1pm	<i>August 31</i>	1	2	3
4	NO SCHOOL Labor Day	T/Th ECS First Day	Early Dismissal 1:55pm	Fall Registration Night Social Center 5-8	ECS <i>MMW</i>	10
11	12 Prayer Assembly 8:50am-6S Foundation/SAC Meeting 6pm All Parents Welcome	13	14	15	16 No School PD Day	17
18	19 Prayer Assembly 8:50am-6B	20	21 Boston Pizza Day	22	23	24
25	26 Prayer Assembly 8:50am-5D	27	28	29 Terry Fox Run	30 <i>ECS Field Trip</i> Safety City Both Classes Rainbow Day	

Central Zone Oral Health Program School Oral Health Services

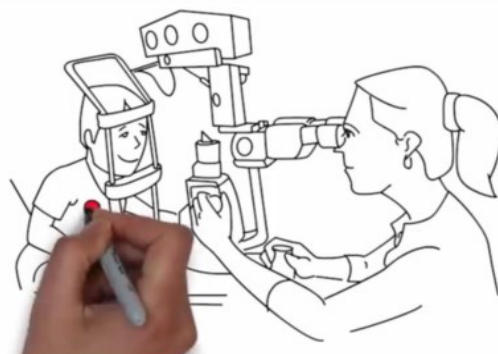
- ✦ The Oral Health Program will be coming to your school to offer free fluoride varnish for all children from Kindergarten to grade 2. You can expect a consent to come home soon.
 - ✦ We will also provide free dental sealants for all grade 1 and 2 students who need them. A second consent form will be coming home with your grade 1 or 2 child for this service.
 - ✦ If your grade 3 child received sealants from us last year, we will recheck and repair them if needed. A consent form will be sent home with your grade 3 child.
 - ✦ Please read, fill out, sign and return the consent forms to your school as soon as possible.
- The Oral Health team will be at your school. If you have any questions please call the oral health staff at Vegreville CHC/PH at 780-632-3331.



Alberta Association of
Optometrists added a new video:
Eye See...Eye Learn®.

April 1 • 🌐

The Eye See...Eye Learn® program provides kindergarten students with a comprehensive eye exam from an optometrist, which is covered by Alberta Health Care. If required, kindergarten students also receive a free pair of eyeglasses. Book an eye exam for your child today. <http://bit.ly/1Ruajb7>



Find Us Online!!!

Check out New App for Android and iPhone: Search your app provider for Elk Island Catholic Schools- Select St. Martin's School

St. Martin's Catholic School Webpage:
<https://stmartins.eics.ab.ca/>

School Blog/Weekly Updates:
<http://stmartinsweekly.blogspot.ca/>

PowerSchool:
<https://powerschool.eics.ab.ca>

Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/stmartinscaholicschool>

Twitter: @StMartinsEICS

Principal Blog: <http://principalcoles>.

Fall Registration Night

Fall/winter activities for everyone!

Vegreville Social Centre
Thurs. Sept. 8, 2016 (5-8 p.m.)

Please bring a Food Bank donation.
Contact Vegreville & District FCSS
780-632-3966 or fcss@vegreville.com
or contact Recreation
780-632-3100 or aquatic@vegreville.com

\$25 per table (Town of Vegreville) by Friday, Sept. 2

Food Policy

This year St. Martins will be continuing our food policy in accordance with the Elk Island Catholic Schools administrative procedures. We are asking that parents refrain from bringing food to the school to be shared by other students, unless directed by their classroom teacher. We believe that this will allow each parent to have more control over what their child consumes at school and will promote healthy eating to our students and community. If you have any questions or concerns about this policy or have dietary concerns for your child, please contact your child's teacher or contact Mr. Coles at 780-632-2266.

St. Martin's School welcomes The Pour House Cafe and Catering

St. Martin's School and The Pour House have decided to partner, we will be doing a Monday hot lunch starting in September. The Pour House would appreciate any feed back from students or parents about what they would like to see us offering for menu choices as we move forward.

Inclusive Student Club

In order to promote a safe and caring school, our staff will be organizing a club for students called the Inclusive Student Club. The club will be open to any students and will support activities intended to help all students feel welcome and included in our school community. For more information, please contact Mr. Coles [780-632-2266](tel:780-632-2266).

Parent's Please Note

Let Your Kids Come In On Their Own

This year we are asking that all grade 1 – 6 parents refrain from entering the school and assisting your child with unpacking or packing up their materials outside of their classroom. It is important that all of our students develop independent skills to manage their own materials at the beginning and end of each day. Please be assured that your child's teacher will assist if needed, but that they will encourage all of our students to develop the skills needed to manage their belongings. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Dumont.

Nut Aware School

Nut Aware Vs Peanut Aware

St. Martin's School is "Peanut Aware". As a school we are asking all students and staff to refrain from bringing in food that contains peanuts. We have a few students who are allergic as such we are doing our best to provide a safe environment. We ask that you adhere to this policy. We do allow other nut products at this time. If you are sending your child to school with a peanut free product that may be confused for a peanut based product, please speak with your child's teacher.

School Advisory Committee (SAC) & Foundation Meetings

SAC is our parent advisory group for our school. SAC has an extremely important job in communicating ideas, information and programs with the school administration and staff. SAC is also a great way for parents to learn more about their child's school St. Martin's Foundation is a parent group who are focused on supporting the school through fundraising activities. Please note the first meeting this year is Sept .12—Foundation at 6:00 and SAC at 7:00 P.M. Both groups encourage any parents who are interested to attend.