

### Principals Message

*HAPPY NEW YEAR! Welcome back to all our students, parents and staff of St. Martin's School. We sincerely hope that you all had a blessed, restful and enjoyable holiday. We are happy to return to school and we are looking forward to the New Year and the opportunity and promises it may bring. The start of a new year always gives us time to take stock, reflect on the past, and hope for the future. As we begin 2017, all of us are called to encourage our children to invite Jesus into their lives through quiet prayer, the celebration of Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Let us all try to find a way to "slow ourselves down" during this New Year.*

*The New Year does not mean that the troubles of the previous year go away, but does provide an opportunity for each of us to reflect on the year that was and set goals for the year ahead. Setting goals is not enough, however, we also need to be diligent to create a network of people around us that can support us in achieving our goals.*

*We were recently reminded of a quote from the book, We Bought a Zoo. The quote is, "You know, sometimes all you need is twenty seconds of insane courage. Just literally twenty seconds of just embarrassing bravery. And I promise you, something great will come of it." In life, we often don't take that leap of faith or don't stand up for ourselves because we are afraid. That fear can cripple us and prevent us from doing what we are truly capable of. So, in 2017, dare to have that 20 seconds of insane bravery and see the wonderful that can come from it.*

*As the New Year begins, our hope for each of our school families is the peace and beauty of Christ. On behalf of the entire St. Martin's School community, we wish you a blessed and prosperous year ahead, and look forward to the many opportunities we will experience in 2017. Let's make this year a year to remember and be proud of! God Bless!*

*Dan Coles  
Principal*

*Melanie Sorochan  
Assistant Principal*





# Great Job St. Martinsville on our Advent Projects...



## Week 1 Advent

**Food Bank  
Donations**



The 38th annual Wendy Brook Music Festival dates are March 13, 2017 to March 21, 2017. The Festival theme is "The 150th Anniversary of Canada." The syllabus will be on the website in early January 2017. The deadline for the festival registration is Wednesday, February 8, 2017.

The festival committee is very pleased to host a Drama Workshop Thursday, February 9, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the United Church Auditorium (5126-48 Ave.). No experience is necessary. Children will be introduced to the world of theatre and the joy of artistic expression by the very capable clinicians Lianna Makuch and Patrick Lundeen. The deadline for Drama Workshop registration is Friday, January 27, 2017. Registration is complete upon receipt of the fee of \$25.00 which can be mailed to Wendy Brook Vocal Workshop, Box 58, Vegreville, AB T9C 1R1 or delivered to the Medicine Shoppe (4910 Main Street) during business hours weekdays. Participants are to bring a bag lunch. The registration form is on the website:

<http://wendybrookmusic.wix.com/wendybrook>

The annual Wendy Brook Music Festival concert will be held April 6, 2017 at the A. L. Horton School gymnasium at 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions please call Anna [587-280-2720](tel:587-280-2720) or email queries to [wendybrookmusicfestival@gmail.com](mailto:wendybrookmusicfestival@gmail.com)

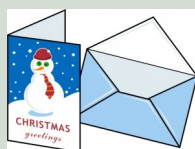
## Week 2 Advent

**Winter  
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Christmas  
Bureau**




## Week 3 and 4 Advent

**Service Projects**



# January 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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 <b>No School Christmas Break</b>						
8	<b>Prayer Assembly</b> <b>5D 9am</b>  <i>Gr. 5/6 Basketball</i>	<i>Hot Lunch</i> <i>Meatballs /Mashed Potatoes</i>	<b>Early Dismissal</b> <b>1:55pm</b>  <i>No ECS</i>  <b>Subway Day</b>	<i>Hot Lunch</i>  <i>Cheesy Mac &amp; Ham</i>	<i>Gr 5/6 Basketball Tournament</i>  <i>ECS M/W</i>	14
15	<b>Prayer Assembly</b> <b>5C 9am</b> <i>Gr. 5/6 Basketball</i>  <i>SAC 7pm &amp; Foundation 6pm</i>	17	18   <i>Gr. 5/6 Basketball</i>  <i>Boston Pizza Day</i>	19  <i>Hot Lunch</i> <i>Spaghetti &amp; Meatballs</i>	20  <b>Both ECS Classes</b> <b>ECS Puppet Theater</b>  <i>Hot Dog Day</i>	21
22	<b>Prayer Assembly</b> <b>4C 9am</b>  <i>Gr. 5/6 Basketball</i>	24  <i>Hot Lunch</i> <i>Chicken Noodle Soup</i>	25   <i>Gr. 5/6 Basketball</i>	26	27 <i>Report cards go home</i>  <i>Family Game Night at the school</i>	28
29	30 <b>Prayer Assembly</b> <b>3/4A 9am</b>  <i>Gr. 5/6 Basketball</i>	31  <b>P.D. Day No School</b>				



# Christmas Concerts 2016



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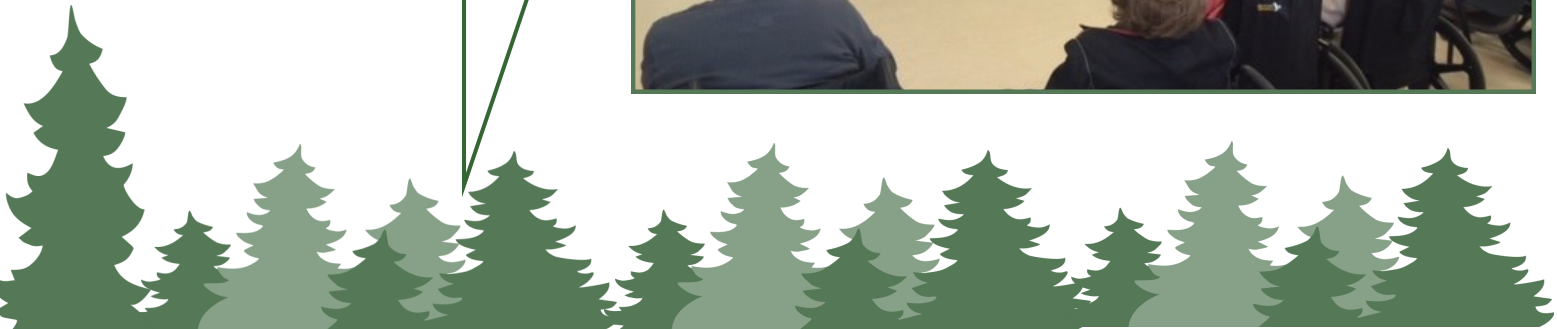
# Grade 6 Agora Market 2016



A huge thank you to the Elks Foundation for their generous donation of \$500.00 this will be used to support students with the purchase of hot lunches.

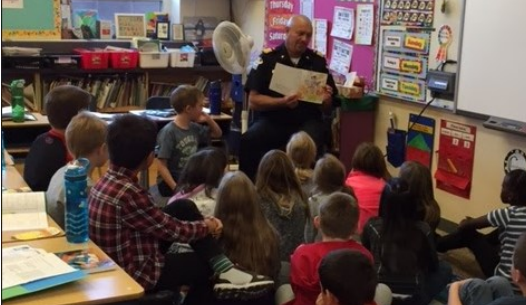
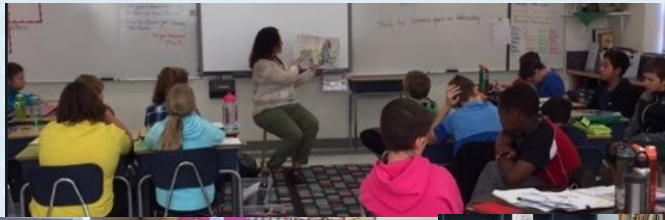


On December 16, 2016  
Mrs. Yarmeko and the Gr.3S class  
went to share some Christmas Joy  
at the Vegreville Long Term  
Center. Thank you Long Term for  
sending us off with goodie bags!  
Great job 3S on your  
Wonderful performance!!!





## Read in week 2016



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## Parish News January 2017

### St. Martin's of Tours

#### Sunday Mass Times

- January 1 - 9:00am
- January 8 - 11:15am
- January 15 - 9:00am
- January 22 - 11:15am
- January 29 - 11:15am

**Saturday Mass at 4:30pm**  
**Wednesday Mass at 9:00am**

### Holy Trinity

#### Saturday and Sunday Mass Times

- January 1 - 9:00am - Ukrainian
- January 1 - 11:15am - English
- January 8 - 9:00am - Ukrainian
- January 8 - 11:15am - English
- January 15 - 9:00am - Ukrainian
- January 15 - 11:15am - English
- January 22 - 9:00am - Ukrainian
- January 22 - 11:15am - English
- January 29 - 9:00am - Ukrainian
- January 29 - 11:15am - English

**Saturday Mass at 5:00pm**

