

Canadian Martyrs Catholic School  
September 2, 2016

# Welcome Back!



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The staff of Canadian Martyrs is very excited to welcome back all the families in our community. We hope everyone has had a safe, relaxing and fun summer. In our own family news, there were some new additions to the Canadian Martyrs crew. Ms. Bourgeois retired just in time to become a grandmother three times over with the safe arrival of triplets at the end of June. Ms. Slingerland welcomed a beautiful baby boy at the end of July. Please keep everyone in your prayers as these beautiful new lives begin their journey.



The school board theme for this year is "*Celebrating God's Family*." This is the second part of a two-year theme. Last year our theme was *Nurturing God's Family* - where we focussed on fostering loving communities. This year's theme builds on that concept. The goal is to work on recognizing, appreciating and using the special gifts and talents bestowed upon us by God. *Celebrating God's Family* is about cherishing diversity, acceptance and inclusion since we are all brothers and sisters created and loved by God. As Jean Vanier has said, "Every child, every person needs to know that they are a source of joy; every child, every person, needs to be celebrated." — Jean Vanier,

## Becoming Human

We will also continue to focus on our school theme of kindness. We would ask parents/guardians to continue to help us teach our children the true blessings that kindness brings and to demonstrate that kindness in thought, voice and actions.

## First Day Excitement



The first day of school brings much excitement and often a little bit of anxiety, not just for students, but for parents and staff as well.

This year we are asking all parents to please drop students off as per our regular routine - park and kiss at the top of the parking lot or use a designated parking spot if you are getting out of your car to walk your child to the gate. Bussed students will again be greeted by Mrs. Huson and Mrs. Weishar. Senior Kindergarten students will proceed to the Kindergarten yard and all other students are asked to proceed around to the back of the school where they will be greeted by staff and line up by grade. We will be gathering as a school community in the gymnasium for a short prayer service and then teachers will gather their students and move to the classrooms.

We would ask parents/guardians to please not come into the back yard or the school if at all possible so we are able to start our routines off as we wish to continue.

## Staffing

This year we welcome two new faces to our staff. Mrs. Foley is returning after working 4 years at the board office, and Mrs. Tate will be joining us in the afternoons, sharing a class with Ms. Porteous. Tentative assignments are as follows:

JK & SK	Mrs. Stack and Mrs. Kingma	Educational Assistants
SK & 1	Mrs. Geere	Mrs. Ellery
Gr. 1 & 2	Mrs. Douglas	Mrs. Guarino
Gr. 2	Ms. Lubinsky	Mrs. Huson
Gr. 3 & 4	Ms. Porteous & Mrs. Tate	Ms. Hill
Gr. 3 & 4	Mrs. Foley & Mr. Tougas	Mrs. Coulter
Gr. 5	Mr. Benedet	Mrs. Kozy
Gr. 6	Mrs. Flynn	
Gr. 7	Mr. Schaap	Office Administrator
Gr. 8	Mrs. Cairncross	Mrs. Chamberlain
French & Library	Mrs. Desrochers	
French	Mr. Tougas	
Science	Mrs. Gemmell	

Please know that a great deal of thought and planning has gone into class lists our hope is to keep them as stable as possible however, depending on enrollment numbers in the first few days of schools changes may have to be made. We will keep parents/guardians informed as we work through this process and thank you for your patience and understanding.

We look forward to a wonderful year of learning, laughing, and joy!

Mrs. Kim Weishar  
Principal

## We're Going Back To School

