



# Canadian Martyrs Catholic School

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## Welcome Back!

My name is Steve Charlebois, and I am very excited to be the new principal of Canadian Martyrs. I have spent the previous 25 years in education at St. Theresa's, Patrick Fogarty and most recently at St. Joan of Arc. Since last year, there have been a number of staffing changes at Canadian Martyrs. I would like to congratulate Mr. Benedet, Mrs. Douglas and Ms. Lubinsky on their retirements. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

## Staffing:

This year I would like to welcome the following staff to our school: Mr. Davie, Mr. Kenny, Ms. Murray, Ms. Augusto, and Mrs. Weber. The following are the tentative teaching assignments:

### Teachers:

JK & SK	Ms. K. Murray
SK & 1	Mrs. Geere
Gr. 1 & 2	Mr. Davie
Gr. 2 & 3	Mrs. R. Murray
Gr. 3 & 4	Mrs. Bowen
Gr. 4 & 5	Ms. Augusto
Gr. 5 & 6	Mrs. Flynn
Gr. 6 & 7	Mr. Schaap
Gr. 8	Mrs. Cairncross
Reading Recovery:	Ms. Porteous
French:	Mr. Tougas
Science & Health:	Mr. Kenney
SERT	Mrs. Foley
SERT	Mrs. Tucker

**EA's:** Mrs. Coulter, Mrs. Ellery, Mrs. Guarino, Ms. Hill,  
Mrs. Huson, Mrs. Kozy, Mrs. Weber, Mrs. Kingma (DECE)

**Office Administrator:** Mrs. Chamberlain

**Custodial:** Mr. Marion, Mr. Woods, Mr. P. Charlebois

Please know that a great deal of thought and planning has gone into each class list and our hope is to keep them as stable as possible. However, depending on enrollment numbers in the first few days of school, there is always a possibility that changes will be necessary. We will keep parents/guardians informed as we work through this process. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

## 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 continue to ask that students be dropped off 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 staff daily. Senior Kindergarten students will proceed to the Kindergarten yard, where they will be greeted by Ms. Murray and Mrs. Kingma. All other students are asked to proceed around to the back of the school where they will be greeted by staff and gathered by grade. We will be gathering as a school community in the gymnasium for a short assembly, and then teachers and students will move to the classrooms. We would ask parents/guardians to please not come into the back yard or the school if at all possible.



Every year, our Board chooses a spiritual theme. For the 2018-19 school year, our theme is “**Called To Be Our Story**”.

Over the past year, we have been reflecting on the history of Catholic education in our part of Ontario. Each of our school communities has a unique story that we are proud of and will serve to guide us confidently into the future.

We also share a collective story within our school board - it is the story of God’s love for our world, and the story of Jesus’ life, teaching, death and resurrection. Through baptism, each one of us becomes an important part of that story, and we make it our own.

In our world today, it is not enough to just hear about Jesus; we must also live his story every day through our actions and the choices we make. We can talk about God’s love, mercy and care, but what can we do to put his words into practice so that it is more than just a story? This year’s theme challenges us to be that story - to take what we hear and what we learn and make it a way of life.

Our Christian story becomes more convincing and meaningful when we ourselves demonstrate love, generosity, forgiveness, prayer and honesty. When we let Jesus’ example transform us, our lives become the message we proclaim. Being that story is what we are called to do as baptized Christians, each and every day.

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

Mr. Steve Charlebois  
Principal