



Newsletter

2017



Important Dates

- Oct 3 Early Dismissal 11:45
- Oct 5 Picture Day AM
- Oct 5 Terry Fox Walk PM
- Oct 6 Nourish Your Roots orders due
- Oct 9 No School Thanksgiving Day
- Oct 12 Cross Country Meet Memorial Park Kentville Pick-up time 5:00
- Oct 13 Early Dismissal 11:45
- Oct 14 Home and School 6:30
- Oct 19 Cross Country Meet SMES 3:30-4:30
- Oct 25 Crazy Hair Day
- Oct 25 Pick up Nourish Your Roots Boxes 2:30-6:30
- Oct 27 No School Provincial Conference Day
- Oct 31 Assembly 9:30 Dress Up Day
- Oct 31 Bring food items in for Scare Away Hunger for our Local Food Bank
- Nov 1 Pajama Day
- Nov 9 Remembrance Day Assembly 1:30

School Office

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Dear St. Mary's Families,

I am pleased to report that we are off to a very busy but wonderful start to the 2017-2018 school year. September has flown by. October is almost here and it is a beautiful time of year in the Annapolis Valley. Try to get out and enjoy the nice weather and do some fun activities as a family.

The attendance at our annual Open House was great and I hope your visit was pleasant and you could see the positive changes in our school.

Our Home and School is already in full swing with planned fundraisers, and other events. As a parent or guardian of a student at SMES you are a member of the Home and School Association. Our next Home and School meeting is October 14th at 6:30 p.m., I hope to see you there. It's a great opportunity to see what all the fundraising profits are used for and to network with other volunteers. We do appreciate all our volunteers as they do so much for our school. Together we make a difference.

You may be seeing flyers, posters and other communication about the rebuilding of the playground. Thank you to Candice Silver who has taken the lead on this. Please watch for ways that you can be involved and have input on this large undertaking.

The weather is very unpredictable this time of year. Please dress your child in layers so they can be comfortable whether in or out of the school.

We encourage and welcome conversations, ideas and input to how we all can learn and grow together at St. Mary's Elementary.

-Mike Pinard, Principal



Terry Fox Walk



New Date:


Thursday, October 5th

Pledge sheet and consent form may be passed in on that day.



SMES with Sawler Gardens are taking part in Nourish Nova Scotia's **Nourish Your Roots** healthy fundraiser to support healthy food programs and initiatives at our school. Order forms have gone home. If you did not receive an order form and wish to order, please contact the school office.

Order deadline is October 6th.




Aylesford Community Park

We need you to help us build this!
 This is a school-led initiative and the approximately cost to bring this project to life will be in the range of \$100,000. The financing of this project has started with the help of the SMES Home and School and some wonderful community minded businesses, but now we need all of you to make this a reality.

All donations are greatly appreciated and will be acknowledged in our school newsletters and on the school website. Donations may be mailed or dropped off at the St. Mary's Elementary School Office.

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Check the school website for more information.
www.stmarys.ednet.ns.ca

Scare Away Hunger

Bring in items for our local Food bank on October 31st



Student Supply Fee: Grades Primary-5



If you have not made payment for your child's supplies, please send in your \$45.00 payment ASAP. If you are having difficulties with this payment please call the office.

Student Attendance and Engagement Policy

We want our students to reach their full potential.

To reach that potential, it's important that they come to school regularly and on time.

Working with the [Council to Improve Classroom Conditions](#), the NS Department of Education and

Early Childhood have developed a new province wide student attendance and engagement policy.

Consistent student attendance is important. When a child is frequently absent from school they miss important learning experiences. Please send a note or call the school when your child will be absent or has missed time.

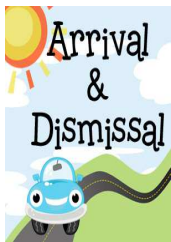
website :

(<https://www.ednet.ns.ca/student-attendance-and-engagement-policy>)

Student Arrival and Dismissal: Please notify the school of any changes to your child's afterschool plan.

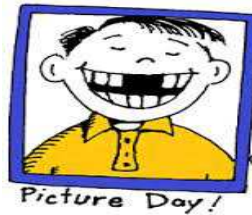
Please Note: Do not drop your child off at the school before 8:30 a.m. We do not have supervision for your child before this time.

Our Dismissal Time Is 2:50.



Please do not arrive before 2:45 for pick-up. If planning to pick up your, please wait at outside the office or the school for your child to be brought to you.

Sign in Late or Leaving Early: All students arriving late or leaving early must sign in/out at the office.



Student and group pictures will be taken on Thursday, October 5th.

Check out the St. Mary's Elementary School Website at : <http://www.stmarys.ednet.ns.ca>

Student of the Month Awards: Congratulations to our **September** award winners.

Class	Citizenship	Personal Goal/ Academic	Personal Goal/ Academic
Lee Primary	Abhishek Kataria	Shae-Lynn Ernst	Claire Usher
Baskwill Primary	Lily Barnett	Story Acker	LeRoy Veinotte
Bennett/HR Grade 1	Audrey Clem	Levi Fynes	Lillie Springer
Cameron/Mainwaring Grade 1	Harrison Franey-Hamilton	Aniston DeBouver	Logan Clark
Millett Grade 2	Caelin Tupper	Chris Bain	Stella Tupper
Rombaut Grade 2/3	Bailee Garber	Addyson Mapplebeck	Ronan Moore
Gdney Grade 3/4	Laurie Cook	Adwait Kataria	Kade Veinot
Hayden Buchanan 4/5	Lauren Horsnell	Linnea Varner	Austin Timmins and Hunter Johnstone
Parker 4/5	Desmond Leonard	Josh Boudreau	Maddelyn Springer