

St. Martin Catholic School

School Year: 2009-2010

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School Community Information

Principal: Barbara Broome

Vice Principal:

Secretary: Brenda Kipp

School Council Chair: Janice Moore

Parish: St. Martin of Tours

Pastor: Father Frances Thekkumkattil

Secondary School Affiliate:
Catholic Central High School

School Superintendent: Vince McDonald

School Trustee: Loren Demelo

Director of Education: Wilma de Rond

Quick Facts About Our School

School Hours: 8:55 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Grade Distribution: JK – Gr. 8

Student Enrolment: 399



About our School

Description

St. Martin is a large Catholic elementary school located in Old South London with a faith-centred focus. Although many of our students attend different parishes we have very close ties to St. Martin Parish next door. Our school community has certain richness as we have students from varied cultural and socio-economic backgrounds. Our staff is recognized as a very capable, caring, and cohesive group who give freely of their time to offer balanced extracurricular activities. Learning Services, our Library and use of technology and a very supportive School Council and parent community are strengths for our school.

Mission Statement

St. Martin Catholic School strives to provide an educational atmosphere that fosters a positive self-concept and directs the academic, spiritual, social, aesthetic and physical growth of all students. Every individual at St. Martin Catholic School has the right to a safe and secure environment in which to learn and work.

Staffing Information

Our staff has rich and varied educational and experiential backgrounds.

Custodians	2
Educational Assistants	4
Librarian	1
Noon Hour Supervisors	5
Secretary	1
Student Program Support Teachers	1.5
Teaching Staff	21

Facilities - St. Martin has been the site of a Catholic School for over 100 years. Our building has three floors and space for 18 classrooms and smaller classrooms. There is a full size gymnasium, stage and a library & computer room.

Transportation Information - Students are transported on four buses, walk or are driven to school. Information regarding bus cancellations or delays is available on local radio stations and our Board's web site or at www.mybigyellowschoolbus.ca.

School Safety

St. Martin participates in a Safe Arrival Program. Students in grade six participate in the Values, Influence and Peers (VIP) program. There is a before and after school program for younger students whose parents work (provided by the London School Age Program). The school, school council and student parliament have instituted initiatives to reduce bullying. The Second Step Program, anti-violence program is taught in every class. "Steps to Respect" is an anti-bullying program taught in our grade 4, 5, & 6 classes.

We have a Social Worker at our school one day per week, assisted by Co-op student(s) who conduct social skills groups as well as providing individual counseling to students/families.

Living Our Faith

Links to the Community

St. Martin students, parents and staff support a number of charities and participate in many community activities. These include but are not limited to:

- St. Vincent DePaul Society
- London Food Bank
- Christmas "Be An Angel" program
- Children's Safety Village
- Confirmation candidates perform
- Terry Fox Foundation
- Heart & Stroke Foundation
- Mission in Sudan
- Jesse's Journey
- Choir singing at events

20 hours of community service

Our school building is used during non-school hours by many groups:

Old South Community Action Group, Greek Heritage Language, Ontario Basketball Association and Minor Soccer and Baseball Groups, Hispanic Catholic Church Community.

Programs and Services

Curriculum Program

- Junior Kindergarten to grade 8
- JK/K – alternate day program
- Faith practiced throughout the day
- Fully Alive Program (Catholic Values Program)
- Extended Learning Services for children in need
- Social Work Services
- Extensive computer technology used throughout the day
- Specialized computer programs to assist student learning
- Second-Step – Steps to Respect program
- Speech/Language, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy personnel
- ESL
- Enrichment Program for gr. 4-8 students

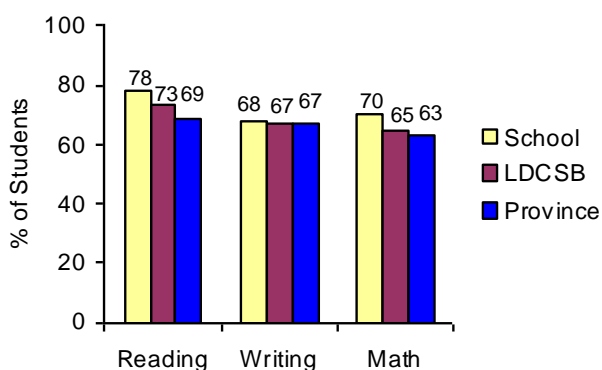
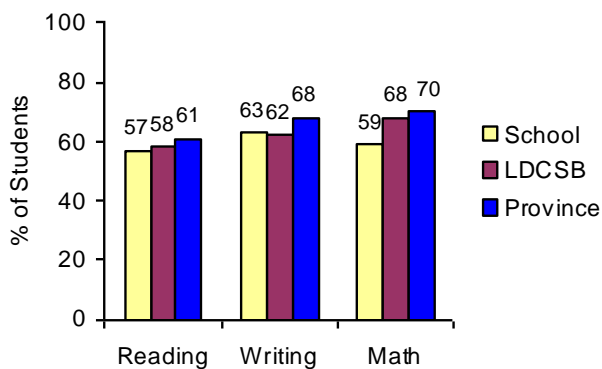
Co-Curricular Program

- School Masses
- Drama – Christmas
- Division Productions
- Piano lessons
- Choir (Primary, Junior & Intermediate)
- Gymnastics, Cross-Country, Intramural Sports (house leagues at noon)
- School Teams-Jr./Sr. Hockey, Volleyball, Basketball
- Track & Field
- Art
- Craft Club
- Games Club

School Events

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| Back to School Night | Pancake Day | Winter Activity Day |
| Hawks Assembly | Playday | Hot lunch program |
| Spring Fun Fair | Milk program | School Arts Productions |
| Family Dances | Knights Hockey Game | Chess Program |

Results of Province-Wide Assessments 2008-2009



School Improvement Planning 2009-2010

The achievement of children and the professional growth of our school communities are directly linked to a school improvement plan that proceeds with precision and focus. The London District Catholic School Board is committed to fostering excellence in achievement through informed understanding and practice with the dynamic objectives that are identified in the School Improvement Plan.

Throughout the school year, our school team will establish goals in the School Improvement Plan that integrate student achievement data, EQAO assessments, report cards and other relevant assessments. The School Improvement Plan will outline our priority goals, strategies and success indicators towards improving student learning and achievement from the coming school year.

Please note that the School Improvement Plan for 2009-2010 will be posted on our school website for your information and consideration. You are most welcome to view all of our documentation at <http://www.ldcsb.on.ca/schools/martin/>.