



Active Transportation at St. Martin of Tours 2021-2022 school year fall update


Walking/wheeling to school is something that nearly every child can do. It has a positive impact on their physical/mental health, their cognitive capabilities, the safety of their community, and the environment. As a community, we are working with the Daily School Route (DSR) on several projects to get more students walking/wheeling to school.

The DSR is an active transportation system for kids with the aspiration of getting 100% of students walking/wheeling to school on a daily basis. Like any transportation system (e.g. the HSR), the DSR has many components that work together to support the 'vehicles' getting from point A to point B. The DSR works closely with schools to answer the question of "how do we get the **next** student to walk/bike to school?" Then, projects are implemented based on the needs/opportunities within the community.

Summary of activities

| Activity | Description |
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| 2020-2021 Engagement + reporting | <p>In the fall of 2020, the school community participated in the SchoolWalk survey to identify student travel modes, routes to school, and safety barriers in the neighbourhood.</p> <p>The results of this survey, along with other relevant transportation information, an interactive map, and updated projects are reported on www.dailyschoolroute.org, at St. Martin of Tours Daily School Route.</p> |
| Safety reporting | <p>In the fall of 2021, through the leadership of the Principal, the Catholic School Council co-chairs, and a class of grade 7/8 students, the safety barriers from the SchoolWalk survey were further investigated to define what changes were required to make it safer for students walking/wheeling to school.</p> <p>The recommendations were summarized in a report that will be presented by the HWCDSB to the Hamilton Strategic Road Safety Committee on December 16, 2021.</p> |



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| <p>Yellow shirt days</p> | <p>We will be starting monthly 'Yellow Shirt Days' to celebrate active transportation. Once a month, students who walk to school can wear a yellow shirt instead of their uniform top. These shirts are available to purchase for 7 dollars. Students must still wear uniform bottoms!!</p>  <p>A yellow t-shirt is shown with a white DSR logo on the upper left chest. Below it, the text 'ST MARTIN OF TOURS' is printed. In the center is a white logo of a horse head with a cross, and below that, the word 'MUSTANGS' is written in a stylized, italicized font.</p> |
| <p>Wayfinding signs</p> | <p>In the spring of 2021, the school community participated in a survey to identify the main routes to school. The purpose of this activity was to designate the 'Active Transportation Network' at St. Martin of Tours.</p> <p>Along the main routes to school, wayfinding signs will be installed to indicate walking/biking times to school from the sign locations.</p> <p>In the fall of 2021, a group of students walked the main routes to school to determine where the signs will be located. Installation will occur in Spring 2022.</p> |

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