PLEASE SIGN, INITIAL IN EACH BOX AND RETURN TO SCHOOL ASAP.

While new forms will come to you for future field trips for your child's classroom, this form covers attending 3 masses at St. Martha's Parish along with our Christmas Concert rehearsal day and leaving the school grounds on foot with a class or school at any time. Note that participation varies for Kindergarten classes on different days.



Prior to a field trip, your child's teacher will send you reminder info through your child's come and go agenda and/or the Remind app communication tool so that you remember to send him/her with the right materials for the day. We also add info to the Google Calendar visible on our website and add field trips in each month's newsletter, 2 months at a time. None of these outings should be a surprise!

For any field trips that include a lunch break, please send a lunch that does not require heating up. Also, consider clothing for the weather for that day, including transportation time and having to be outside (i.e. waiting for a bus to arrive) and clothing for the activity, especially proper footwear. Kids can bring their backpacks on trips as needed.

As much info as we have is included here for each event, and you MUST <u>initial each box</u> that you are signing for as well as complete the contact info at the bottom of the page. Should your emergency contact information change at any time through the year, please let the office know so that teachers can make changes to this form. Please record these dates on your calendar, especially since parents are asked to deliver their children to the church for mass prior to the 9 am start time unless they are in BLAST or cannot make other plans.

Please remember that due to both booking contracts and safety considerations, siblings are not permitted to join in on field trips and parent volunteers/chaperones are pre-planned with the teacher only. If you would like to be a regular volunteer on classroom field trips, we can point you to the authorization letter to access a police records check at a reduced cost. This is great, as many field trips require this level of authorized adult chaperoning.

All family members are invited to attend masses as they are public masses. Remember that students attending mass is part of your commitment to a Catholic education, and attendance is expected as for any other school day.

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Initials	Date/Activity/Requirements and Info
	Thursday, Sept. 18 - Opening Mass at St. Martha's Parish - 9 am - Students are to be dropped off at the church no earlier than 8:25 am - BLAST kids will be transported by bus to the church from school - All children are bussed back to school after mass - Family members are encouraged to attend mass, but cannot ride the bus - Participation in the ritual of the mass is encouraged - Monday/Wednesday Kindergarten students are welcome to attend but will not be bussed back to school; family must attend with them
	 Thursday, Sept. 25 - Terry Fox Run - starts 10:30ish All students walk to William Pearce Park across Grand River Blvd and run/walk around park as part of the school community dressed in their team colours (info to come out before the event) Students will want to go with a labeled water bottle Volunteers are welcome on site as the event is outside; please call the office in advance to volunteer once more info is shared out Monday/Wednesday students are welcome to come accompanied by a parent/guardian. Please let Mrs. Ward know in advance.
	 Thursday, December 4 - Christmas Concert day at Southminster United Bus will take students to and from Southminster United Church Students must bring a bagged lunch and may be asked to wear costume/performance attire for the day AM is class by class rehearsal and PM is public show for an audience All students (including Kindergarten) are expected to attend both the daytime and evening events (evening performance will be a ticketed event) Alternate plans may be made for some students' learning needs
	Wednesday, December 17 - Advent Mass at St. Martha's Parish - 9 am Same details as for the Sept. 18 mass except this time we will go to Children of St. Martha School for some Christmas fun with their students, returning to school at about 12 noon. Tuesday/Thursday Kindergarten students are welcome to attend mass only and will not be bussed back to school; family must attend with them
	Thursday, June 18 - Closing Mass at St. Martha's Parish - 9 am - Same details as for the Sept. 18 mass - Kindergarten students will already be done school, but are welcome to attend with their families
	Neighbourhood Park Use - from time to time learning links can be made in our own neighbourhood. These small field trips include traveling by foot to neighbourhood park spaces. Students are supervised at all times and adequate student:adult ratios are maintained. Appropriate clothing for outside weather is required.

You may want to take a picture of this side since you will be sending it back to the school. Please add any other essential information below for teacher consideration: