

When you enter this
CLASSROOM...

You are **AMAZING**.
You are *important*.
You are *authors*.
You are **SCIENTISTS**.
You are **explorers**.
You are **LOVED**.
You are *readers*.
You are **risk takers**.
You are *a friend*.
You are *special*.
You are **LEADERS**.
You are **RESPECTED**.
You are **THE REASON**
we are here!

GRADE 6

MRS. DAFOE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to a new school year! My name is Susan Dafoe and I am your child's grade six homeroom teacher. I have been a part of our St. Mary's family for many years and each year brings the same excitement, joy and anticipation as the first. I am eager to get to know your child, build our relationship and have fun while we learn and grow together in our education and faith.

My family includes my wonderful husband, Jay, my two beautiful girls, Laine and Brynn, and our energetic dog, Izzy. I love spending time with my family and friends, camping, being outdoors, going for walks and reading.

"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile."

Mother Theresa

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Maya Angelou

"Every single decision you make turns you a little bit in to the person you are going to be tomorrow."

Chris Hadfield

"All kids need is a little help, a little hope, and someone who believes in them."

Magic Johnson



I would like to explain a few of our classroom routines and expectations.

Agendas:

Agendas are used as a form of communication between home and school. Assignments, upcoming tests/quizzes, updates and events will be written in the student agendas each day. I ask that parents check and initial the agenda on a regular basis.

Class Website:

Assignments/homework, upcoming quizzes and tests, updates, events and classroom news will also be available on our [class website: sdafoe.educatorpages.com](http://sdafoe.educatorpages.com). The site also contains useful subject material, reminders, links to educational sites and other pertinent information. Please bookmark this site and check it regularly.

Home Reading/Homework:

Generally, our homework consists only of reading and review of material for upcoming tests. Our Home Reading Program continues in grade 6 and it is so important that your child participates. Please ensure that your child reads each night or that you read together and that you **record reading minutes in your child's agenda on the monthly calendar**. In our Home Reading Program, the minimum expectation is that each student **reads a minimum of 20 minutes, five nights a week**.

The purpose of the Home Reading Program is to encourage pleasure in reading, language development, fluency and expansion of overall knowledge. Home Reading will be part of the Language Arts Program, and as this is a home based program we are asking students and parents to work together. Asking your child questions such as "Who did you read about?" or "What did you enjoy most?" before signing his/her agenda may assist in their comprehension and motivation. Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation.

About COVID-19 Protocols:

Please refer to our [2021 - 2022 St. Mary's School Year Plan](#) located on our [St. Marys' website](#) at www.stmarysokotoks.ca in regards to Covid-19 Procedures. The AHS Daily Screening Checklist is linked in the Plan for your reference and guidance.

When students work to achieve their potential and treat everyone in a loving and considerate manner our classroom flourishes and we accomplish great things. I am very much looking forward to getting to know you and your child this upcoming year, creating a loving, safe and comfortable environment and ensuring a happy and successful year. Please feel free to contact me via e-mail at sdafoe@redeemer.ab.ca or at school at (403) 938-8048 as I welcome any questions, concerns or feedback you have regarding your child's education.

Blessings,

Susan Dafoe

