



THE SACRED HEART SCHOOL OF MONTREAL
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How it all began: I taught from September 1988 until June 2017 for a total of 29 years. I taught music, directed the choral programme, introduced the instrumental program and taught Information Technology from 1997 onward.



I was a member of DuRousier House and also coached badminton, softball and even cross-country skiing. I drove the Sacred Heart activity bus for the last few years while I was there. I drove to Stratford twice and also shuttled the hockey and badminton teams around for practices and tournaments.



ROXANNE MARTEL - 1988 TO 2017

Favourite memories: I have many fond memories from my time at Sacred Heart. A few favorites are: the trip to Halifax in 1997, where the Sacred Heart Vocal Ensemble performed with the choir from the Sacred Heart School of Halifax. We had wonderful music trips to Toronto, where members of Vocal Ensemble joined in a 300-voiced mixed choir and sang at Roy Thomson Hall. There was also a wonderful music camp weekend that was held at Cap St-Jacques which was another highlight. The Christmas concerts, Remembrance Day ceremonies and Spring concerts were highlights of my academic year.



Post Sacred Heart: Since leaving Sacred Heart, I have continued to conduct the Yellow Door Choir, started directing the Choeur Chants de Coton in Dorion-Vaudreuil, and have been teaching music appreciation classes to retirees, via Zoom, for the E.N.C.O.R.E. organization. I continue to use my technology skills in managing a professional society for health-care workers.

I live in NDG, and spend much time at my country house in the Laurentians, tending a garden, cutting up and splitting trees (hit by the recent tornado) and enjoying outdoor activities, trying to keep fit and healthy.

From the Heart: I have very fond memories of the students at Sacred Heart and the rich variety of experiences during my years there. It was a joy to teach there, share my love of music, and watch young girls grow into intelligent, engaged and wonderful young women.

