

June 2017



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Office: 8:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.  
Classes: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Lunch Hour: 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.



**St. Kevin  
Catholic School News**

**VIRTUE FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE  
Faithfulness**

*For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.  
(Psalm 26.3)*

Greetings St. Kevin C.S. Families,

This month's virtue is Faithfulness. Words that are often associated with faithfulness are: loyalty, trust, and being constant. Faith is not just something that you have, it is also something you are in – a relationship. Just like any other relationship in your life, it takes time to develop and must be nurtured. It needs time and attention.

Adapted from <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/VirtueoftheMonth/virtues/NCC%202016%20June-%20Faithfulness.pdf>

In June, we celebrate Portuguese, Italian, and National Indigenous Heritage Month. This is an opportunity for our school community to learn a bit about the history and the accomplishments of Portuguese, Italian, and Indigenous Canadians.

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, we celebrate The Global Day of Parents. “The Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 2012 with resolution [A/RES/66/292](https://www.un.org/en/events/parentsday/) and honours parents throughout the world. The Global Day provides an opportunity to appreciate all parents in all parts of the world for their selfless commitment to children and their lifelong sacrifice towards nurturing this relationship. “ For more information, please see <http://www.un.org/en/events/parentsday/>

Our Grade 7 Confirmandi are looking forward to their Confirmation retreat on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and their Confirmation on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Our Grade 8 Graduation Mass and Ceremony will take place on June 26<sup>th</sup>, at Precious Blood RC Church, at 6:30pm. A Happy Father's Day to all dads on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

We have a number of staff changes to announce for next year. Mrs. Wallace will be leaving our school community at the end of June. We wish her all the best at her new school. Mr. Penney and Ms. Ianniciello's contracts will end in June. We wish them the best of luck for next year. Ms. Morra will be returning to St. Kevin C.S., in September. We welcome her back. Ms. Pasia will be joining the staff at St. Kevin CS, in September. We welcome her to our school community.

Please note report cards will be sent home on June 27<sup>th</sup> and the last day of classes is June 29<sup>th</sup>. There is no school on June 30<sup>th</sup>. I wish you all a blessed, happy, and safe summer! School resumes September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Yours in Catholic Education,

*Colleen Hayward*

Principal





### St. Kevin Parent Council Update

Please note that there is a **change in date** of our next meeting. It is on **June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm** in the school library, which is on the second floor. At **7pm**, Dr. Mendlowitz will give a presentation about stress and anxiety in children. All parents are welcome to attend the meeting and/or parent workshop.

### Spring Fling Dance-A-Thon

St. Kevin C.S. hosted a Spring Fling Dance-A-Thon on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. We raised just over \$3100 for the Dance-A-Thon and \$275 in freezie sales. This is enough money to purchase 6 more laptops for our school!

Our top fundraisers were Katelynn P., Emilia T., Kayla L. and Olivia P. Our 3 top classes are Grades 2, 3 and our JK/SK class. Each class has won a popsicle party. A huge thank you to all, including our top fundraisers, for contributing to the Dance-A-Thon.

Thank you to Mrs. Trougakos, Mrs. Murday, Ms. Fedeli, and Ms. Salvatorre for volunteering at the Dance-A-Thon.

Thank you to Mr. Soraine for being our DJ for the day, and thank you to Mrs. Wallace and her class for selling freezies, during the day.

Thank you to parents for donating freezies and prizes. Thank you to all parents for supporting your child's school.

### Summer Weather

Now that the warmer temperatures are here, it is strongly recommended that your child applies sunscreen in the mornings before school, and brings a hat and a refillable water bottle every day. Also, t-shirts and shorts are acceptable wear, please ensure they are appropriate for school (avoid short shorts and tank tops should be approximated the width of three fingers).



### Mental Health and Well-being

As summer approaches, chances are your children are relatively happy about having a break! Of course that may not be true for everyone..... When children are very young, their parent or guardian often ensure that there is a “fun” quotient for the summer. As children mature, they are often tasked with learning how to infuse their own time with fun. This is true for adults as well!

Below are some helpful tips for fun infusion. Hopefully one or two may resonate for your child and maybe even yourself!

- 1) Ration your Time
- 2) Think Happy Thoughts
- 3) Have a Backup Plan
- 4) Less “Me” time More “We” time
- 5) Find Purpose in Pleasure
- 6) Be nicer
- 7) Try the PEP formula: Physical (do something energizing), Escape (steal away for some down time), and People (spend time with those who inspire you).

Excerpt from the June 2017 Mental Health and Well- being Newsletter

For the Monthly Update from the TCDSB, Mental Health and Well-being Newsletter, and our St. Kevin C.S. Newsletter and Calendar, please visit: <https://www.tcdsb.org/schools/stkevin>

### ME to WE Fundraiser

The Me to We Team will be fundraising for Tanzania from June 5<sup>th</sup> to June 8<sup>th</sup>. More details will follow. Please see calendar for the theme for each day. There will be a bake sale on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

### St. Kevin CS Dress Code Purchases for Next Year

If you wish to purchase clothing for next year with our St. Kevin CS logo, please visit the following website: [www.studentuniforms.ca](http://www.studentuniforms.ca). Alternatively, you may purchase plain navy pants, plain navy or white sweaters, t-shirts, or shirts from any store that carries them.

## Church-School-Home Connection



The following Masses will take place at Precious Blood Catholic Church:

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

Our End of Year Mass has been moved to June 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

Our Graduation Mass and ceremony will take place on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.



## TCDSB Job Opportunities

### *Secretarial and Custodial*

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is currently hiring for secretarial and custodial positions. For more information regarding hiring procedures, please refer to the following link:

<http://www.tcdsb.org/Careers/Pages/Jobs.aspx>

### *Lunch Supervisor*

St. Kevin CS is looking to fill permanent and back up lunch time supervisor positions for September 2017. Please consider joining our team! Please contact Ms. Hayward if you are interested.

## Kindergarten News

Our kindergarten class has welcomed the arrival of 12 eggs from Green Acres Farm. The eggs will remain safe and warm in their incubator for approximately 18 days while students explore the growth process and eagerly await the arrival of the baby chicks. Chirp, chirp!

## EQAO and CAT4 Update

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During the last weeks of May and the first couple of days of June, our Grades 2, 5, and 7 wrote CAT4 and Grades 3 and 6 students wrote EQAO. Thank you to all the teachers for the time and effort they put into ensuring the assessment period went smoothly and to the students for doing their very best. We look forward to seeing the results in September to help us continue our school improvement journey.

## Intermediate Boys and Girls Soccer

Congratulations to our boys and girls soccer teams. They both competed in tournaments earlier this month. Both teams finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. All of the students represented the school well by displaying good sportsmanship and teamwork. Thank you to Ms. Devlin, Mr. Penney, and Ms. Ashley for coaching and for all the parents who drove students to the tournament.

## Track and Field

Congratulations to our track and field team this year. St. Kevin C.S. came in 1<sup>st</sup> in Division B at the Divisional Meet, 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Regional Meet, and 6<sup>th</sup> overall at the TCDSB City Final Meet. A few notable accomplishments from the City Final meet: Kelvin (gr. 5) placed first in the 200m; Isabella (gr. 8) 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 400m; Murhej (gr. 7) 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 400m; Taejaun (gr. 6) 11<sup>th</sup> in the 150m; Jon, John, Noah, Kelvin, and Cristiano placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the relay for Grade 5 boys; Brian (gr. 5) placed 6<sup>th</sup> in high jump, and Casey (gr. 4) placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100m. Thank you to all the coaches – Ms. Devlin, Ms. Ashley, Mr. Aceto, Ms. Visconti-Scali, Ms. Brown, and Ms. Palandra – for all the time and effort they put into training the students.

## **TRUSTEES 2016-2017**

### *Wards*

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| 1. Joseph Martino              | 5. Maria Rizzo               | 9. Jo-Ann Davis                     |
| 2. Ann Andrachuk               | 6. Frank D'Amico, Vice-Chair | 10. Barbara Poplawski               |
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