

May 2017

St. Kevin Catholic School News

VIRTUE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY Compassion

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 9:36

Greetings St. Kevin C.S. Families

This month's virtue is Compassion. At our assembly on April 28th, we talked about how showing compassion means thinking about how our words and actions make others feel. Compassion also means being considerate of others and trying to understand why someone acts in a certain way.

May is the month of Mary. How fitting is it that we celebrate the virtue of Compassion during the same month we celebrate the mother of our Lord. On May 1st, the crowning of Mary will take place in our gym, as we celebrate the end of our year with the Rosary Apostolates. A huge thank you to Mrs. Morin, Mrs. Salvador, Mrs. Mendoza and Mrs Tinte for supporting our students with learning more about the rosary and praying the rosary every month.

Catholic Education Week is from May 1st – 5th. St. Kevin C.S., along with St. Catherine C.S. and Precious Blood C.S. will be participating in our annual Learning Walk at Precious Blood Catholic Church. Student work will be posted this week in the church hall that shows how faith is embedded in student work. **The hall will be open from 4pm- 6pm, on Thursday, May 4th**, for parents and students to drop by and visit.

In May, we also celebrate Asian Heritage Month. This is an opportunity for our school community to learn a bit about the history and the accomplishments of Asian Canadians.

We will be holding one more fundraiser for the school – Spring Fling on May 19th. All money raised will go directly towards purchasing more technology for the school.

Please note that there is no school on Victoria Day on May 22nd. The school will be closed.

Congratulations to all the Grade 2 students who celebrate their first communion on April 30th. Despite the chilly weather, it was a beautiful day for all the children. Thank you to Mrs. Wallace for all the work she put into preparing the students.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Colleen Hayward

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Hours of Operation:
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 Parent Council Update

Our next meeting is on **June 8th** at **6:30p.m.** in the school library, on the second floor. All parents are welcome to attend the meeting.

Virtue of the Month

Congratulations to our students who received special recognition for last month's Virtue of the Month: Justice.



Our recipients for this month are: Louie H., Samara, Remi, Myrueetha, Evan, Isabella H., Brian, Russell R., Camille Stephany, and Isabella L.

Congratulations to all of our students!

Childcare Update

As you may recall, a link was sent out to survey about the possibility of childcare here at St. Kevin CS in our January newsletter. In order to be considered for childcare program, a minimum of 20 positive Before & After (B&A) School Kindergarten surveys and 25 positive School-Age surveys for 6 – 12 year olds would be required in order to consider opening a licensed childcare before and after school program. The ratio is 1 adult to 15 children for the Kindergarten program. This is the same for licensed B & A School-Age child care.

The results for St. Kevin CS are as follows:

B & A Kindergarten = 3

After only = 2

Before only = 1

School Age B&A = 1

School Age After only = 2

Recreation (PM only) = 1

Unfortunately, there is insufficient interest in a childcare program at St. Kevin CS. Therefore, we are not eligible for a childcare program.

Mental Health and Well-being

The use of technology and access to the internet has enabled students to connect to others as well as gain information instantaneously. It has enabled children to use interactive games to learn information, practice social skills through online communities, and has opened up a world of endless possibilities. While this has been a tremendous benefit, it has also brought with it many challenges. "Technology use presents a problem when it interferes with young people's ability to do the things that are expected of them, such as attending school regularly and on time, maintaining good grades, participating in family life and engaging in face-to-face friendships" as indicated by CAMH (Centre for Addiction and Mental Health). According to CAMH, it's important to consider the following questions:

- **"Where do young people use technology?"** Is your child using technology in an open space where you can see what they are viewing?
- **"What are they doing with it?"** Is their use of technology appropriate? Are they viewing content that is age appropriate? Are they gossiping about others and texting inappropriate pictures of themselves or others? Are they connecting with strangers online?
- **"How much time do they spend using it?"** Are they using technology to complete homework and assignments or are they staying up all night playing games or texting? Is their use of technology interfering with other activities or people in their lives?

Excerpt from the May 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>

Church-School-Home Connection



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

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



Our Graduation Mass and ceremony will take place at Precious Blood Catholic Church, on Monday, June 26th at 6:30pm.

French Café

On May 4th, our French Department will be hosting their annual French Café. All students from grades 1-8 will be invited to attend the café this year. Students will be served cupcakes, croissants, and juice. None of the food/drink contain nuts or peanuts. Please feel free to contact the office for a list of ingredients if needed.



Spring Fling



St. Kevin C.S. will be hosting a Spring Fling on Friday, May 19th. All proceeds will go towards purchasing more technology (e.g, laptops, iPads), for the school. Please bring all money raised to school by May 18th. Thank you for supporting your child's school.

Intermediate W5H



Congratulations to our W5H team who competed in a tournament earlier this month. The team represented St. Kevin CS extremely well and placed 3rd overall. Congratulations to the team. Thank you to Mr. Penney, Ms. Brown, and Ms. Drab for coaching the team.

EQAO and CAT4 Update

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Our Grades 2, 5, and 7 will write CAT4 and Grades 3 and 6 students will write EQAO in the next few weeks.

Here are a few tips to help your child be ready the day(s) of the assessment:

1. Ensure your child is getting enough sleep.
2. Talk about the assessment with your child – reassure him/her it's about doing their best.
3. Send a refillable water bottle to school with your child –research has shown that by drinking water before an assessment or test improves scores by 10%.



Junior Boys and Girls Soccer

Congratulations to our boys and girls soccer teams. They both competed in tournaments earlier this month. Both teams finished 3rd overall. All students represented the school well by displaying good sportsmanship and teamwork. Thank you to Mrs. Wallace for coaching and for all the parents who drove students to the tournament.



Junior Boys and Girls Basketball

Congratulations to our boys and girls basketball teams. Both teams competed in the St. Wilfrid Invitational Tournament. Both teams displayed sportsmanship, teamwork, and were extremely competitive in every game. The boys' team placed 2nd overall and the girls' team came in 3rd. Congratulations to all the players! Thank you to the coaches – Mr. Aceto, Ms. Ianniciello and Mr. Willock, and to all the parents who drove students to the tournament.

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