



# ST. KEVIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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# CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

## VIRTUE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER GRATITUDE

OCTOBER 2019

Dear St. Kevin CS families,

It always seems right that the Virtue of the Month for October is Gratitude. Not only on Thanksgiving day, but during the rest of the month is a great time to take stock of all the things for which we are grateful. It is easy to compare ourselves to others, especially on Social Media, and feel we are missing out or need more. This in turn can affect mental health. Spend some time with your child this month looking at all the things for which you feel grateful. **Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever** – Psalm 136:1.

We can also be grateful for the staff we have at St. Kevin CS. On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, it is Custodian Appreciation day. On October 5<sup>th</sup>, it is World Teacher Day. On October 24<sup>th</sup>, it is Early Childhood Educator and Child Care Worker Appreciation Day. A huge thanks to the staff for everything they do for the students at St. Kevin CS.

As Autumn has finally arrived, cooler weather will eventually arrive, too! For our younger students, please ensure their change of clothes includes a long sleeve shirt and pants. Also, your child will need a sweater at school. Please ensure it is navy with the St. Kevin logo or name, plain navy, or plain white. Your child will not be allowed to wear any sweaters that are not these colours in their classroom.

Our chocolate fundraiser will begin on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and finish on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Our goal this year is to continue to increase the number of chrome books and laptops in our school, pay for buses for track and field and cross country, a bus for a class trip for each class, and much more! Thank you to all parents who help their child sell chocolates and to our CSPC for organizing the fundraiser.

A welcome to the following staff to our school this year: Ms.K. Kowal (Language Impaired Intensive Support Program), Mr. Pizzuti (ELP-Kindergarten class), Ms. Navalta (DECE – Kindergarten class), Mrs. Gomes (Lunch Supervisor), and Ms. Angela Di Castro (Vocal Music).

Yours faithfully,

*Colleen Hayward*  
Principal



Ms. Colleen Hayward

PRINCIPAL

Ms. Anita Fernandes

SECRETARY

Ms. Cristina Fernandes

SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Michael Del Grande

TRUSTEE

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PARISH

Mrs. Lisa Ferrara

CSPC CHAIR

[www.tcdsb.org/cpic](http://www.tcdsb.org/cpic)

CPIC (PARENT ENGAGEMENT - TCDSB)

[www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto](http://www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto)

OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS)

245 9am-3:30pm 11:45am-12:45pm

ENROLLMENT HOURS OF OPERATION LUNCH



## NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: [soar.tcdsb.org](http://soar.tcdsb.org)

Call 416-393-5300 or the TCDSB Admissions Department at 416-222-8282, ext. 2383.

For general information about the Toronto Catholic District School Board, please visit the website at [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org)

Stay in touch with the latest news throughout the school year: Follow @TCDSB on Twitter.



## St. Kevin Parent Council Update

Our next St. Kevin CS Parent Council Meeting is **October 16, 2019 @ 6:30pm** in the library.

Our council for the 2019-2020 year is:

Chair: Mrs. Lisa Ferrara

Vice-Chair: Mrs. Dora Mehany

Secretary: Ms. Judy Kennedy

Treasurer: Mrs. Annie Trougakos

Teacher Representative: Mr. FrancRoss Aceto

Staff Representative: Ms. Melinda Fedeli

Members at Large: Ms. Sharon Glass and Mr. Tony Buonfiglio

The chair can be reached by email at

[csac.stkevin@tcdsb.org](mailto:csac.stkevin@tcdsb.org).

Please consider running for our Parent Council or helping out any way you can!

## Church-School-Home Connection



At Precious Blood Catholic Church:

- Confirmation meeting (Grade 7s, and any Grade 8s who missed it last year) - Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm at the church
- First Reconciliation and First Communion Meeting – Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm at the church

## Picture Day



Our picture day is **October 21st**.

Feel free to visit Edge Imaging at

[www.edgeimaging.com](http://www.edgeimaging.com) for

answers to frequently asked questions.

## Dress Code



Our student dress code is navy blue and white.

Please see the agenda for a breakdown of acceptable and unacceptable wear. Students are expected to be in dress code, unless it is a CIVVIES day, or they are instructed by their teacher to wear something else.

## Ultimate Co-ed Frisbee

On September 27<sup>th</sup>, St. Kevin CS competed at St Kateri Tekakwitha in the Intermediate Ultimate Co-ed Frisbee tournament. This sport consisted of 6 players on the field – 3 girls and 3 boys. Students passed the Frisbee to one another all the way down the field and through the end posts to score a goal. Our team placed third overall. Congratulations to the team and to their coach, Mr. Aceto. Thanks to all the parents who came out to cheer on the team!



## Secondary School Applications – SOAR Secondary

### **ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF GRADE 8 STUDENTS:**

We are announcing some exciting news regarding the Secondary School Application Process for enrolment in September 2020!

On **Tuesday, October 15, 2019**, the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) will officially launch the new **Secondary School Online Application** website, **SEC SOAR.TCDSB.ORG**. Some exciting features of the online application include:

- easy tracking of the status of your child's application, complete the Specialty Program Application along with your regular program application through one application,
- email notifications for offers of placement, accept/decline offers of placement you receive electronically.

Important note: **a current email address on file with your elementary school is required in order to create your child's application/account on October 15th, 2019**. If you do not have an email address on file, please be sure to submit this information to your elementary school office before Tuesday, October 8th, 2019.

For a full guide to completing the online application, please visit the TCDBS website at [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org) → Admissions & Placement Department page, to view the "Parent Guide to Completing the Secondary School Online Application" information guide.

## Allergy Update

As Thanksgiving and Halloween approach, please remember that there are students with allergies in the school. Please do not send any food, snacks, etc., that could potentially harm one of our students. Please choose non-food items such as pencils, stickers, or inexpensive toys as alternatives to sending in snacks to be shared with other students.



The extra vigilance needed at Halloween will be greatly appreciated by students and their parents with allergies. We thank you for helping to keep all students at St. Kevin C.S. safe.

## Thanksgiving/PA DAY



**Friday October 11<sup>th</sup>** is a PA day. There is no school for students. **Monday Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>** is Canadian Thanksgiving and there will be no school on that day. Happy Thanksgiving! Enjoy your long weekend with family and friends.

## Hallowe'en Dance-a-thon



On Hallowe'en – October 31<sup>st</sup> - our JK-Grade 3 classes will participate in their annual parade around the school. The parade will begin at 9:30am and will end in the gym.

Our classes will dance at the following times:

**JK-Gr. 2:** 9:45am-10:30am

**Gr. 3-6:** 10:45am-11:45am

**Gr. 6-8:** 1pm-2:10pm (Grade 6 from 1-1:30pm)

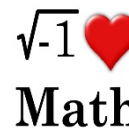
## Kids Kitchen

Don't forget that you can still order lunch online at [kidskitchen.ca](http://kidskitchen.ca). It's a great alternative to dropping off a lunch and there are many choices that are hard to pack in your child's lunch in the morning: sushi, hamburgers, perogies, macaroni and cheese, all kinds of fruit, drinks, and much more. The school does receive a percentage from all orders as a donation.



## Math Challenge

Every month this year, you will find a math challenge on the back of the calendar related to our school goal – the questions/problems for the younger students may only involve one strand and/or one step. If your child is the first to solve the problem and share how they solved the problem correctly with Ms. Hayward, they will receive a popsicle or chocolate bar.



## Golf

This September, St. Kevin CS received a grant for Golf in Schools. Many of our classes participated in learning to golf at school with Graham Castanheiro, Director of Instruction, at Cedar Brae Golf Club. Additionally, our Grade 7s went on a field trip to Cedar Brae Golf Club and watched the Canadian Men's Senior Tournament, and our Grade 8s tried out golf at the club. The highlight seems to be the chicken fingers and fries!



## TRUSTEES 2019-2020

### 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, Chair   |
| 3. Sal Piccininni   | 7. Michael Del Grande        | 11. Angela Kennedy             |
| 4. Patrizia Bottoni | 8. Garry Tanuan              | 12. Nancy Crawford             |
|                     |                              | Rhea Carlisle, Student Trustee |
|                     |                              | Joel Ndongmi, Student Trustee  |



## School to Home Communication:

### **1) Text Message School Reminders**

Please consider signing up for Remind as you will receive texts to alert you to upcoming events, bus cancellations, the monthly newsletter and calendar, permission forms, and any other communication that is sent home as a paper copy. You will receive all the above mentioned information directly to your phone or email. At any time, you can remove yourself from the list. It will be used as a one way communication tool to send information to you quickly.

To sign up on your mobile phone:

**Enter this number**

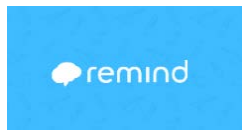
613-706-4074

**Text Message**

@stkevinal

**To sign up by email:**

[stkevinal@mail.remind.com](mailto:stkevinal@mail.remind.com)



Please note this is for parents only. All participants must be 13 years of age or older. Please feel free to contact Ms. Hayward if you require additional information.

### **2) Email**

You will also receive regular emails from the school. Please ensure we have the correct email for you in our system. The newsletters from October – June are all sent out electronically. You will still receive a hard copy of the math challenge and the calendar.

### **KEV Online Payment System for Trips, etc.**

Our online payment system is up and running. Please register at <https://tcdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>. This will allow you to pay for school trips, our nutrition program, etc., online. We will be looking to add pizza next year. All Grade 8 students need to be registered this year for Grade 9. It's a quick and easy way for you to pay. Please let the school office know if you are having issues with the system.

## Staff 2019-2020

**JK/SK** – Mr. Pizzuti and Ms. Navalta

**SK/1** – Ms. Ianniciello

**1** – Mrs. Pasia

**2** – Ms. Gruskovnjak

**3** – Ms. Devlin

**3/4** – Ms. Brown

**4/5** – Mr. Kulin

**6** – Mrs. Lewis

**7** – Mr. Aceto

**8** – Mr. Soraine

**Special Ed./Empower:** Ms. Baillargeon

**Special Education:** Mrs. Visconti-Scali

**ME/DD class:** Mrs. Kulin

**LI class:** Ms. Kowal

**French:** Mme Ghobrial, Mme Thoma

**Health/Gym:** Mr. Manzo,

Ms. McEachen

**Vocal Music:** Ms. Di Castro

**Instrumental Music:** Mr. Feliciani

**Library:** Mrs. Hall

**Education Assistants:** Ms. Mardigan, Ms. Mitchell,  
Ms. Murphy, and Ms. Zakhary

**Child and Youth Worker:** Ms. Wilson-Claro

**Lunch Supervisors:** Ms. Fedeli, Ms. Tapinga, Ms.  
Grace, and Mrs. Gomes

**Nutrition Program Coordinator (am)/Office  
Manager (12:45pm-1:45pm):** Ms. Fedeli

**Head Caretaker:** Mr. Beyene

**Evening Caretaker:** Mr. Amato

**Secretary:** Mrs. Fernandes

**Principal:** Ms. Hayward

