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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

VIRTUE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER PEACEMAKING

NOVEMBER 2017

Dear St. Kevin CS families,

November is the month of **Peacemaking**. We will be celebrating Remembrance Day as a school on November 10th at an assembly at 11am in the school gym. We will remember those Canadians who fought for freedom and those who continue to strive for peace throughout the world. In November, please keep those who have served and/or continue to serve our country, alive and deceased, in your prayers.

Our chocolate fundraiser is now over. Thank you to all the families who have sold chocolates and/or made donations to the school. Please check out our CPSC section of the newsletter for more information and final numbers for our fundraiser!

The next official opportunity to meet with your child/children's teacher is at Parent-Teacher Conferences. Thank you to all the families who submitted forms by Oct. 20th for deciding if we will continue to offer one evening and one morning for the conferences or if we will move to two evenings. **Our school will have two evening sessions. Wednesday, November 15th from 4:30pm-7pm, and Thursday, November 16th from 5:30pm-8pm.** Friday, November 17th is a PA day! If the dates and times do not work for you, please contact your child's teacher.

Yours faithfully,

Colleen Hayward

Principal



Remembrance Prayer for Children

We remember those who stood for love and truth,
And thank you for the sacrifice they made for me and you.
Thank you that we can now enjoy peace and learn to love not fight,
Thank you that we can now sing and play, and not be scared or hide.

We pray for other countries where children live in fear,
And there is war and fighting and many are in tears.
Please help to make things better, and bring some peace to them.
Protect all those who try and help to make friends again.

Amen.

Read more: http://www.lords-prayer-words.com/times/memorial_day_prayer.html#ixzz4x0G6ZPQI

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9am-3:30pm

11:45am-

12:45pm

ENROLLMENT

HOURS OF OPERATION

LUNCH



NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: soar.tcdsb.org

Call 416-393-Phone# 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

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



St. Kevin Parent Council Update

The St. Kevin Parent Council (CSPC) held its latest meeting on October 19th. Please see the office if you would like to review the meeting notes from our previous meetings.

Our council for this year:

Chair: Mrs. Silvia Murday

Secretary: Open

Treasurer: Mrs. Annie Trougakos

Member-at-large: Ms. Melinda Fedeli, one position open

The chair can be reached by email at csac.stkevin@tcdsb.org.

The St. Kevin Parent Council (CSPC) would like to thank all of the students and parents who helped to sell chocolates for our fundraising efforts.



Special thanks go out to Ms.

Baillargeon-Ingoldsby, Mrs. S. Murday, and Mrs. A. Trougakos for all of their assistance in distributing the chocolates and collecting the money. All of you helped collect over \$8,000 for the St. Kevin's CSPC. The following students sold over a \$100 – Kayla L.: Rayne V.; Christopher and Gabriel B.; Kaitlyn; Raquelle, Alexis, and Sal; Bryce; Olivia M. and Emma; Damian; Alysia, Christian, and Luis; Alyssa; Matthew and Emmy; Reshdi and Jon; Owen and Bennett; Olivia P.; Lourdeka; and Alexander and Julia. The top selling families this year are: Ashlyn and Ryder; Taylor; and Emma and Hannah. The money raised will go to supporting transportation costs for class trips, a new basketball court, more laptops for the school, and Scientists in the School programs.

Hallowe'en

A huge thank you to our Ms. Lewis and our Me to We Team for setting up for our school dance and for organizing our food drive. We are about 100 cans shy of our goal of 1000 cans. Please consider sending in more items tomorrow to help us reach our goal.



Also, thank you to DJ Soraine for all the amazing music and our light show yesterday. Thank you to our grade 8 team for selling cookies to help fundraise for our grade 7/8 trip. The cookies will continue to be on sale for \$2 each until Friday, November 3rd. Lastly, thank you to our parent volunteers Mrs. Ferrara and Ms. Fedeli for making and handing out juice all day at our Hallowe'en dance.

Cross Country

St. Kevin CS students represented our school extremely well this year at the Divisional Meet, the Regional Meet, and the City Championship Meet. The meets all took place at Earl Bales Park and quite a few parents were out to cheer on their racers.

Thank to our coaches, Ms. Devlin, Ms. Morra, Ms. Ashley, Mrs. Kulin, Mrs. Visconti-Scali, Ms. Brown, and Mr. Aceto.



Some notable finishes at our City Championship: TJ, Christian, Owen, and Cristiano

Picture Day

Our picture retake day **has been moved to November 6th**. Feel free to visit Edge Imaging at www.edgeimaging.com for answers to frequently asked questions.



Civvies Day

On **October 24, 2017** we hosted GO Purple Day to raise awareness for the protection of children. This Civvies day was for ShareLife and we raised \$126.05. We raised over \$1200 last year for ShareLife. Please consider giving generously.

Social Media

Please do not post negative reviews or comments of St. Kevin CS staff or students on social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, etc.) This is in contravention of the TCDSB's Harassment and Discrimination Policy. Any act of inappropriate behaviour, harassment, or discrimination is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Virtue of the Month Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who were welcoming and demonstrated **Gratitude** this month.

October – Metkel, Genevieve, Cyntia, Kaitlyn L., Nicole M., Julian, Emilia, Jes, Milan, and Olivia P.

Student Agendas

Agendas are available for all students from grade 1-8. The agenda is an excellent communication tool between parent and teacher and is also a great way to help students become organized. We would ask that you consider reimbursing the school for \$8 for the agenda, please. We have not received enough money back yet to cover the cost of the agendas. If you have not reimbursed the school yet, please consider doing so.

Church-School-Home Connection

At Precious Blood Catholic Church
November/December:



First Reconciliation - Dec. 2 @ 10am at the church

School Mass – Dec 13th @ 1:15pm in the gym

If you have not registered your child for his/her First Reconciliation or for Confirmation, please contact the church directly. If your child has missed one of his/her sacraments and would like to register this year, please call the church office.

Remembrance Day

In addition to our Assembly on November 10th, we will also have poppies available for all students. Please consider donating generously to support veterans who have contributed so much to Canada and to the World.

Allergy Update



Please do not send in any food items for birthdays or any celebrations. Your child's teacher will send a note home when s/he will be having any class celebrations that involve food. This helps to protect our students with food allergies, but it also ensures that parents are aware of what their children are eating at school.

Report Cards & Parent-Teacher Conferences

The provincial Progress Report, will be sent home on **Tuesday Nov. 14th**. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on **Wednesday, Nov. 15th, 4:30pm-7pm** and **Thursday, Nov. 16th, 5:30pm-8:00 p.m.** Conference request forms will be coming home shortly. **Friday, November 17th is a P.A. Day and there is no school for students.**

Don't Forget to Turn Your Clocks Back

Weekend of November 4-5, 2017.
Enjoy the extra hour of sleep!



School Cash Online

We are now in Phase 2 of implementing the School Cash Online Payment system to all TCDSB schools. St. Kevin CS is a part of Phase 2. Ms. Hayward and Mrs. Fernandes will be attending training on Nov. 17th and Nov. 24th. This new cashless system option offers parents the convenience of paying online for school activities and purchases from the convenience of their own home. School Cash Online will be an efficient payment alternative for families, however participation in the application is voluntary. Schools will continue to accept traditional methods of payment.

For more information, please visit the School Cash Online website at

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/schoolcashonline/Pages/default.aspx>

TRUSTEES 2017-2018

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



Mental Health and Wellbeing

Healthy Tips for Happiness

(source: Dr. Barton Goldsmith, psychcentral.com)

1. Reach out to others.
2. Remember that happiness is an inside job.
3. Don't put all our eggs in one basket.
4. Trust your gut.
5. Look at the big picture.

Please see the November MH newsletter posted on our St. Kevin CS webpage for more information.



Guidance Corner

As the time for Progress Reports gets closer, help your child focus on their Learning Skills and Work Habits. **Responsibility, Collaboration, Initiative, Self-Regulation, Organization and Independent Work** are key skills that help students take ownership for their learning, and allow them to be more successful in all areas of the curriculum. More information on the Learning Skills and Work Habits and how to help your child develop them, can be found at the following links:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/policyfunding/growSuccess.pdf> (pgs. 10-14)

http://www.fslhomeworktoolbox.ca/homeworktips/learning_skills_and_work_habits.php

November is also **Bullying Prevention** month across Canada. You can help your child recognize the signs of bullying and what to do if they or someone they know is being targeted. In our age of technology, bullying can happen electronically, as well as face-to-face. Be aware of your child's activities online. Building empathy and compassion for other people's feelings, is key to stopping bullying before it starts. Here are some helpful websites you may wish to visit: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/safeschools/prevention.html>

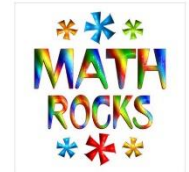
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<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SafeSchools/BullyingAwarenessAndPrevention/Pages/default.aspx>

It's a busy month for our Grade 8 students and the transition to High School! Open house nights have been taking place, and parents of Grade 7 & 8 parents are encouraged to visit the local high schools. Application forms for Grade 9 were available as of October 23rd and are due back to your child's teacher by November 6th. Please complete Section "C" carefully and make sure signatures have been included before returning the form to school. Please note, the closer the high school is to your child's elementary school, the higher the chance of acceptance. If your child is redirected, there are no guarantees of placement at the alternate choice school. The redirection will be to the closest high school that has space. Also, the TCDSB does not have access to information for high schools outside of our board. You will be receiving a **Transition Guide for Parents**, which contains important information regarding the transition to high school. There are translated guides in a number of languages, available upon request.

Math Challenge

Our focus for school improvement this year is problem solving. We will be focusing on multi-step problems, which have more than one step and often involve at least two math strands (e.g., Number Sense and Numeration, and Algebra and Patterning).



Every month this year, you will find math problems in the newsletter – the 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 free pizza slice next time they order for a pizza day.

K-2

Which number goes in the box to complete the following number sentence?

$$6 - \square = 1$$

3-5

Which number goes in the box to complete the following number sentence?

$$6 + \square - 5 = 20$$

6-8

Consider these two equations.

$$\square - 3 = 7$$

$$4 \times \triangle = 8$$

What is the value of $\square + \triangle$?