



ST. KEVIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

VIRTUE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER HOSPITALITY

SEPTEMBER 2019

Dear St. Kevin CS families,

Welcome back to our returning families and welcome to our new families. It is always fitting that our Virtue of the Month for September is Hospitality. Students will be encouraged to reach out to new students and staff, and show how St. Kevin CS is a welcoming community.

Please take a moment to take a look at the new sign over the door – finally, we are no longer St. Kevins (with the apostrophe missing between the n and the s)! Also, you may notice this year that our hallways and office area have been painted. What a difference a coat of paint makes!

Our chocolate fundraiser will be kicking off early again this year. It was a great success last year and I hope you will support our school this year by selling as many as you can. With the funds raised last year, we were able to purchase the following: a new set of chrome books for our grade 7 and 8 classes, buses for track and field and cross country, a bus for a class trip for each class, and much more! We will update you with more information about our fundraiser. A huge thank you to our CSPC for organizing the fundraiser.

In consultation with the staff and Parent Council, a list of all our planned fundraising initiatives for the 2019-2020 school year will be created again this year. It will be sent out later in September so that you keep it for your reference throughout the year.

A number of forms were sent home with this newsletter, please ensure they are returned to school by Friday, September 6th.

A welcome to the following staff to our school this year: Ms. T. Gruskovnjak (Grade 2/3), Ms. M. Esposito-Perrella (ESL pm), and Mme S. Thoma (Core French am). At the end of last year, Mr. Penney accepted a position at another school. All the best to Mr. Penney in his new school.

Yours faithfully,

Colleen Hayward
Principal



Ms. Colleen Hayward

PRINCIPAL ⓘ

Ms. Anita Fernandes

SECRETARY ⓘ

Ms. Cristina Fernandes

SUPERINTENDENT ⓘ

Mr. Michael Del Grande

TRUSTEE ⓘ

Father Xavier De Pinto, Pastor

Precious Blood C. C.
1737 Lawrence Ave. E.
416.751.2661

PARISH ⓘ

Mrs. Silvia Murday

CSPC CHAIR ⓘ

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CPIC (PARENT ENGAGEMENT - TCDSB) ⓘ

www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto

OAPCE TORONTO (PROVINCIAL VOICE FOR PARENTS) ⓘ

245	9am-3:30pm	11:45am-12:45pm
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ENROLLMENT	HOURS OF OPERATION	LUNCH
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NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online: 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

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) will hold its Annual General Meeting, Elections, and First Meeting on **Thursday, September 19, 2019 @ 6:30pm** in the library.

Our council for the 2018-2019 year was:

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.

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. 15th @ 7pm at the church
- First School Mass – Sept. 13th @ 1:30pm at the church
- First Reconciliation and First Communion Meeting – Nov. 4th @ 7pm at the church

Picture Day



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

Feel free to visit Edge Imaging at

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.

You may purchase dress code items from any store. Another option that is available to you is to order St. Kevin custom gear. You can order all the clothing online and it is now sent directly to your home.

Please visit stkevins.entripyshops.com.

Staff 2019-2020 (tentative until Sept. 30)

JK/SK – Mrs. McLeod and Mrs. Tang

SK/1 – Ms. Ianniciello

1/2 – Mrs. Pasia

2/3 – Ms. Gruskovnjak

3/4 – Ms. Brown

4/5 – Mr. Kulin

5/6 – Ms. Devlin

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: TBD

French: Mme Ghobrial, Mme S. Thoma

Health/Gym: Mr. Manzo,

Ms. McEachen

Vocal Music: Mrs. Andrade

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. Tabinga, and Ms. Grace

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



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.



If your child has any medical conditions (e.g., diabetes, asthma, allergies, epilepsy, etc.) you have not discussed with Ms. Hayward, please contact the school to go over your child's condition and any medications.

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 ask that you consider reimbursing the school for \$8 for the agenda, please. If you have not reimbursed the school yet, please consider doing so.



Student Cellphones

We have a Bring Your Own Device Policy at school, where students are allowed to use their devices only if the following 3 conditions are met:

1. Teacher Permission
2. Teacher supervision
3. Education Related Purpose

We have had students using their phones during the day, including texting back family members. This disrupts the learning of your child and others.



Please avoid calling or texting your child between 9-3:30. When students are not using their phones, the teachers may collect them and store them for the day.

Civvies Day

On September 27th we will have our first CIVVIES day for ShareLife. We raised over \$1400 last year for ShareLife. Please consider giving generously!

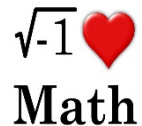
Kids Kitchen

Don't forget that you can still order lunch online at 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 math problems in the newsletter 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.



JK/SK

How many ways can you make 5?

1-3

How many ways can you make 10?

4-8

How many ways can you make 51?

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

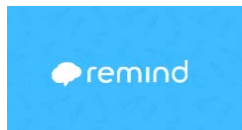
613-706-4074

Text Message

@stkevinal

To sign up by email:

stkevinal@mail.remind.com



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 your 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.schoolcashonline.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.

School Building Access

In order to ensure the safety of all students and minimize interruptions to student learning, ALL parents/guardians MUST report to the office.

If you are dropping something off or need to pick up your child, you must report to the office. We will either call your child(ren) down or alert your child(ren) at a natural break in the day to pick up the item from the office. This ensures that students do not become used to adults in the building except for staff and visitors who have signed in. It also minimizes disruptions to student learning.

We encourage you to call ahead to make an appointment with your child's teacher if you would like to meet. This helps teachers to focus on student learning during instructional time and also student safety.

At the end of the day, please meet your child outside at either our North West parking lot off of Murray Glen Dr. or at our Gooderham Rd exit. Kindergarten students may be picked up from their yard.

We appreciate your help in keeping your child(ren) safe!

Student Drop off and Pick Up

Please DO:

- drop off and pick up students using the school parking lot off of Murray Glen Dr. at the front of the school (across from the Kindergarten Yard)
- drop off and pick up students off of Gooderham Rd.
- pick up your children from the assigned door they are dismissed from

Please DO NOT:

- drop off or pick up students using parking lot at the back of the school off of Murray Glen Dr. (staff parking only)
- drop off or pick up students on Murray Glen Dr. in front of the school where buses are loading and unloading
- enter the school building and walk directly to your child's class (all visitors must report to the office) and students will be called to the office to be picked up if outside of regular pick up times

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