



May 2024

St. Kevin Catholic School

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Called By Name: Hear My Voice

God loves to involve us in His plans to lead people to heaven. He often uses the weakest to lead the strong. Sometimes God speaks to us through other people. But, have you considered that God could use you to bring His message to others? What have you done today to share the love of God with those around you? Spend some time with God today asking Him to help you share His love to those in most need of it.

Mr. G. Marchio

Principal



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Catholic Education & Mental Wellness Week

May 6th – 10th, 2024

Grade 4 Dodgeball

May 7th, 2024 @ ND

Grade 7 & 8 Flag Football Tournament @ Young's

May 21st, 2024

Victoria Day

Monday, May 20th, 2024
School Closed

Food Days

May 9 – Pizza Day
May – 23 – Subway Day

Alternate Dress Day

Friday, May 31st, 2024

~~~ Mission Statement ~~~

We are a Christ-centred Catholic faith community that celebrates diversity and fosters spiritual growth, inspiring all to reach their full potential in mind, body and spirit."

Prayer for New Life

Motherhood ... A Partnership with God

A partnership with God is motherhood;
What strength, what purity, what self-control,
What love, what wisdom, should belong to her;
Who helps God fashion an immortal soul.
God took the fragrance of a flower...The majesty of a
tree...
The gentleness of morning dew...The calm of a quiet
sea...
The beauty of twilight hour...The soul of a starry
night...
The laughter of a rippling brook...The grace of a bird
in flight...
The tender care of an angel...The faith of a mustard
seed...
The patience of eternity...The depth of a family's
need...
Then God fashioned from these things...
A creation like no other, and then His masterpiece was
through, He called this simply...

Mother.



"Catch the Spirit" Award Winner

Congratulations to our Grade 8 student **Rebecca W!!!** Rebecca is St. Kevin Catholic's recipient of the "Catch the Spirit Award." The award recognizes a student who demonstrates Catholic leadership qualities, faith and Catholic school philosophy, family commitment, involvement in school and community affairs and activities, along with a high degree of academic excellence. Congratulations Rebecca! Job well done!!



Catholic Education Week – May 6th to 10th, 2024

As a Catholic Community, we see the link between our faith and mental health. This year's Catholic Education Week and Mental Health Week theme is, "We are called to love."

The theme for Catholic Education Week 2024 was inspired by the following considerations:

With joyful anticipation of the Jubilee Year of 2025, we are inspired by Pope Francis announcing the theme of "Pilgrims of Hope." With open hearts of love, we can continue to "fan the flame of hope" for a bright future.

On the fifth anniversary of Renewing the Promise, we celebrate that Catholic Education is centred on our Christian call to love. This love permeates how we live in the world and as we act with love, we build a better future. As Pope Francis stated in 2023, "He wants us to be artisans of a new history, weavers of hope, builders of the future, peacemakers."

The theme of the synod, "Enlarge the Space of Your Tent," invites us to listen in love, to be a healing presence to one another and to strengthen relationships.

In his visit to Canada last summer, Pope Francis gave us hope for our continued work for Truth and Reconciliation. Through prayer and a commitment to love, stronger bonds are forming and a new way forward is emerging.

Catholic Education Week comes at the same time as Mental Health Awareness Week. Through love and compassion, we continue to support each other's wellbeing. God is love and we are always called to live out this love.

In our continued work for Equity and Inclusion in Catholic schools, a focus on love reminds us that all God's children are loved unconditionally.

There are five sub-themes for each day of Catholic Education Week and Mental Health Week:

Monday:	As people of hope / Dans l'espérance
Tuesday:	As people of faith / Dans la foi
Wednesday:	As people of mercy / Avec compassion
Thursday:	As people of justice / Dans la justice
Friday:	As people of joy / Dans la joie



First Holy Communion

On Saturday, April 13th the Grade 2 students of St. Kevin received their first Holy Communion. It was a very special day for all of the children and their families. Thank you to Father Jinto for a beautiful ceremony and to our Grade 2 staff *Mrs. Gallagher, Mrs. McLaughlin & Mrs. White* for preparing our students so well for their special day.



Junior Basketball

On Monday April 15th our junior basketball teams travelled to Notre Dame to participate in the first large school junior basketball tournament for Welland Catholic Schools! It was a great day with a special congratulations going to our boys team who won the tournament!!! We are very proud of all of our athletes as they represented our school very well. Special thank you to *Mr. Sorella, Mrs. Stock and Ms. Celetti* who coached our teams! Great job Celtics 😊



Chess Team!

On Wednesday, April 17th our Chess Team travelled to St. Mary Catholic School in Niagara Falls for the annual NCDSB Chess Tournament. The team practiced several lunch hours and represented our school very well. A special congratulations to our Junior team that place 3rd overall out of every elementary school in our board. Great Job! Thank you to *Mr. Watson* for coaching our team.

Chess Team Members: *Maximus D., Blake K., Sarah G., Jaxx T., Luciano M., Bryson W., Chase Y., Ridley P. & Brayden F., Jahnai C., William B & Romain L.*



Intermediate Badminton!

On April 18th our Badminton Team travelled to Notre Dame College School to participate in the Welland NCDSB Badminton Tournament. The students represented our school very well and enjoyed the day. Our students showed good sportsmanship and respect for the game. Great job Celtics! Thank you to *Mrs. Caporicci* for coaching our team and for her hard work and dedication. Team members include: *Ridley P., Hudson K., Thomas R., Dillon M., Rhyse I., Laney D., Brenden D., Myla B. & Brayden F.*

CSC Fundraiser!

The St. Kevin Catholic School Council would like to thank all families that supported our Spring Hanging Baskets Fundraiser. A special thank you to Vermeer's for collaborating with our school. The Fern baskets were a hit! All proceeds will directly benefit the purchase of technology for our students. Mr. Marchio would like to thank *Catholic School Council* for their efforts and organization of this event. Job well done!



Spring Raffle!

We are thrilled to announce that our raffle baskets have been assembled and are ready for the draw. Our students and staff have put in tremendous effort to make this event possible, and we're excited to be ready to display the baskets and sell tickets.

Thanks to the generous donations from our students and staff, we are pleased to offer 29 different baskets filled with delights such as candy, chocolate, Pokemon cards, sports gear, summer fun essentials, board games, baking goodies, fandom treasures, arts and crafts supplies, gift cards, and pet treats. Additional prizes include tickets to the Welland Jackfish, the Niagara River Lions, the Niagara Falls Bird Kingdom, High School Musical 2, and an autographed baseball from Toronto Blue Jays relief pitcher Tim Mayza.

Simply log in to School Cash Online between April 24 and May 5, 2024, to purchase your raffle tickets and support our school's initiatives. Every ticket you buy not only gives you a chance to win fabulous prizes but also contributes directly to enriching the educational experience of our students. Ticket prices are as follows: 10 raffle tickets for \$5 or 25 raffle tickets for \$10. In addition, a large Grand Prize Basket containing tickets for various Clifton Hill attractions and assorted goodies can be purchased at \$5 for 3 tickets.

Your participation and support are invaluable in making this fundraiser a success. Let's come together as a community and make a difference for our school and our students during Catholic Education Week!

Thank you for your continued support,

St. Kevin's Student Council



Celtics In the News!

St. Kevin Catholic School would like to share that one of our very own Celtics will be in a role with a local production of "High School Musical". Malania D. will be performing in the ensemble portion of the production. She will be performing on June 16th and June 30th. Tickets are available at the box office at the Greg Frewin Theatre Center. Good luck Malania!

EQAO Grade 3 & 6 Assessment

In June, your child will be taking part in the provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary and Junior Divisions. This assessment is administered to all Grade 3 & 6 students in Ontario's publicly funded school system by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), an independent agency of the Government of Ontario.

This assessment includes a language and mathematics component, along with a student questionnaire and an introductory session that includes a sample test for students. The purpose of the introductory session is to familiarize students with the e-assessment platform and the types of assessment questions. During the assessment, students will complete four language sessions that range from 15 to 35 minutes each, and four mathematics stages that each take about 30 minutes to complete. The administration of the stages and sessions may be spread out in the assessment window.

EQAO assessment questions are directly based on the expectations set out in The Ontario Curriculum, which is what teachers teach in the classroom every day. Therefore, your child does not need to prepare in any special way. Students will complete the assessment in their regular classrooms with their current teachers, and are simply encouraged to do their best and show what they know.

In the fall, EQAO will share individual reports with us for all our students. Once we receive these reports, we will provide you with your child's achievement on the assessment. Your child's results are private and will give you an indication of his or her achievement in relation to Ontario's provincial standard. The standard, or Level 3, represents the range from B- to B+. Meeting the standard means your child has a solid grasp of the required knowledge and skills, which is a good indication that he or she will be ready for Grade 4. The results of the assessment do not affect your child's grades or report card in any way. They do, however, give you information about your child's progress.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or your child's teacher.



September 2024 Classes

During the month of June, staff will be meeting to discuss and place students with classmates with whom they feel students will be most successful. A great deal of time and effort is spent determining the composition of classes. When organizing class groupings, attention and diligence is required on behalf of the classroom teachers, resource teacher and principal. A variety of factors are seriously considered when establishing classes. Creating a successful learning environment for all students is a goal we aim to achieve. Some of the criteria considered include: *Ability, Individual Needs, Behaviour, Work Habits, Age; Learning Styles, Class Size.*

HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?

Talk positively to your child about next year. If your child is with a different group of students, please discuss relationship building and new friendships.

Make this a positive experience.



NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

CATHOLIC EDUCATION & MENTAL HEALTH WEEK PLANNER 2024

“We Are Called to Love”

NAME OF SCHOOL:

St. Kevin Catholic School

Monday, May 6th
We are Called to Love,
As People of Hope



School Wide Prayer Service in the gym 9:45am by Mrs. Joyce’s Grade 4 Class

Super Sunflower Challenge. Submitted by Mrs Caporicci’s grade 7 Science class.

Poster Contest Begins: Each year, Niagara Catholic sponsors a contest that connects our faith and mental health.

This year’s theme is:

We Are Called to Love- Specifically, how do you show love to others?

- Monday: As people of hope / Dans l’espérance*
- Tuesday: As people of faith / Dans la foi*
- Wednesday: As people of mercy / Avec compassion*
- Thursday: As people of justice / Dans la justice*
- Friday: As people of joy / Dans la joie*

Spring Food Drive Fundraiser – Collection for the Hope Center

Tuesday, May 7th
We are Called to Love,
As People of Faith



Primary Faith Day - in the gym hosted by the Catholic Education Week Committee. Parents are welcome to attend during their child’s classroom designated time.

See schedule below the chart.

Grade 4 - Dodgeball Tournament at Notre Dame

Spring Food Drive Fundraiser – Collection for the Hope Center

Spring Raffle – Student Council

Wednesday, May 8th
We are Called to Love,
As People of Mercy

Decorating of Catholic Education Week Banner with hearts illustrating how our Kindergarten and Primary students share God’s love with others.

Catholic Education Week Mass - To celebrate CEW and MH Week, schools also have the opportunity to join Bishop Bergie as he celebrates Catholic Education Week Mass on Wednesday May 8th at 11:00 a.m.

Spring Food Drive Fundraiser ~ Collection for the Hope Center



Thursday, May 9th
We are Called to Love,
As People of Justice



Celebrating Excellence Awards - 7pm Brock University

[Faith and Mental Health- A Daily Resource](#)



Spring Raffle Draw ~ Student Council

Spring Food Drive Fundraiser ~ Collection for the Hope Center

Friday, May 10th
We are Called to Love,
As People of Joy



Dance A Thon ~ Theme of “Love”

Spring it Forward Food Drive ~ Collection for the Hope Center

Out of Dress Code - Catholic Education Week Theme Colours - Red/White/Pink

Niagara Region Public Health School Health Newsletter

May 2024

Vision Health Month

Visual health is an important part of a child's overall health and well-being. Proper vision is important for a child's movement and coordination, independence, play and learning. If left untreated, vision problems may become serious and prevent a child from reaching their full potential.

A yearly eye exam is **FREE** – the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) covers the cost of an eye exam every 12 months for children up to the age of 19 with a valid OHIP card. [Find an eye doctor near you.](#)

Also, contact an eye doctor if you see **ANY** of these signs:

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| • Squinting or holding objects close to the eyes | • One eye that turns out or in |
| • Blinking often | • Rubbing, tearing, itchy or burning eyes |
| • Turning or tilting the head to the side often | • Reporting blurry or double vision |
| • Covering or closing one eye | • Reporting headaches, nausea or eye strain |

For more information on vision screening, please visit <https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/schools/vision-screening.aspx>.



Mental Health Week 2024: A Call to be Kind

Showing compassion toward others can have a huge impact on someone's life. Mental Health Week in Canada runs from May 6 to 12, and this year's theme is focussed on the healing power of compassion. One of the most important ways that we can demonstrate compassion is through active listening without judgment. Actively listening can create a safe space for people to share their thoughts and feelings. You can do this by avoiding interrupting or dismissing their experiences.

Let's all learn to be more present, attentive, and empathetic.

- [Explore how compassion connects us all](#)
- [Learn to safely support someone struggling with their mental health](#)

#CompassionConnects #MentalHealthWeek



Dangerous Nicotine Product Accessible to Children and Youth: Nicotine Pouches

Local health experts are warning of the dangers posed to young people about new flavoured nicotine pouches. There are multiple brands (Zonnic, Zyn etc.) and concentrations of nicotine pouches currently available for purchase in Canada.

Although this product is not intended for those under 18, youth are becoming their main market. These products come in flavours such as berry frost and tropical breeze. Health Canada approved Zonnic as a quit smoking aid under the country's natural health product regulations, with no restrictions on how it's advertised, where it's sold, or at what age someone can buy it. These products are being sold in local convenience stores and gas stations to youth without any age verification and are found to be stored next to candy and gum.

What's the danger?

Nicotine is a highly toxic and powerfully addictive substance. Children and teenagers are at a higher risk due to the addictive properties of nicotine as brain develops into adulthood. Even using small amounts of nicotine may increase the risk of developing a dependence on nicotine in the future.

Please talk to your children about nicotine pouches and other nicotine products to discuss the risks associated with their use.

For more information about these products, visit: [Dangers of Nicotine Pouches - Canada.ca](https://www150.ca/nicotine-pouches)

Educational Resources

ParticipACTION Community Challenge

Partake in [ParticipACTION Community Challenge](https://www.participaction.com/programs/community-challenge/) June 1 – 30, 2024! Participate in the challenge this June to get moving, connect with others and help students within the Niagara community get crowned Canada's Most Active Community!

What is the Community Challenge?

The ParticipACTION Community Challenge is a national [physical activity](https://www150.ca/physical-activity) and sport initiative that encourages everyone in Canada to get active throughout June in search of Canada's Most Active Community.

For more information visit <https://www.participaction.com/programs/community-challenge/>



Mental Wellness Teaching Tools



Maintaining positive relationships with students within a caring school community that is safe, welcoming and inclusive contributes to students' social-emotional wellness and readiness to learn.

Visit our [school health teaching tools page](#) and check out **'Supporting mental wellness'** dropdown

Elementary teaching tools	
Personal safety and injury prevention	+
Substance use, addictions and related behaviours	+
Human development and sexual health	+
Supporting mental wellness	+