



# November 2024

## St. Kevin Catholic School



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### Called By Name: Follow Me

God of peace, may we be instruments of your peace. Help us be aware of the many opportunities we have to promote peace. May we recognize that the simplest of actions can make a difference in the lives around us. May we never underestimate the power of our actions. Help us to know how best to promote peace in our lives.

November is a month of remembrance. In the month of November, let us pause in a moment of silence to honour and remember those who have served, and continue to serve Canada during times of war, conflict and peace.

We remember how important it is that St. Kevin Catholic School is a safe, caring and an inclusive place in which the gifts and talents of students and staff are celebrated. As important partners in Catholic Education, our hope is that you, with your family, spend some time this month learning more about the call to holiness and the joy of regularly celebrating Sunday Eucharist at St. Kevin Church.

God Bless,

Mr. G Marchio  
Principal



#### Food Days

November 7<sup>th</sup> ~ Subway  
November 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> ~ Pizza Days  
November 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Popcorn

#### Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 4-7 p.m.

#### Professional Activity Day

Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**~NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS~**

### ~~~ Mission Statement ~~~

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

*Justice    Compassion    Stewardship    Accountability    Community    Integrity    Faithfulness*

## Remembrance Day—L'est we Forget

**Remembrance Day** is a day on which we remember all the victims of war and those who fought to protect our democratic rights and freedoms. As Christians, it should be a day on which we remember, we mourn, we struggle to forgive and to work for peace. For children, it is very difficult to remember something of which they have no recollection. Hopefully we can help the children to understand what war is, why it happens, how it might be avoided and how to celebrate peace. Thank you to Mr. Watson for organizing our celebration this year.



## All Saints' & All Souls' Day

At St. Kevin Catholic School, we will be stressing the fact that the most important aspect of our activities at this time of year is the celebration of two great Feast Days. On Monday, November 1st, we honour All Saints in our Church and we are encouraged to pray that we might emulate their example in our daily lives. On the following day, Tuesday, November 2nd, we will remember all those who have gone before us in faith and celebrate the Feast of All Souls. Again we are reminded that while those who have died are out of sight, they are not out of mind or beyond our prayers.



## In Flanders's Field



In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie

In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.

If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies

Grow In Flanders fields.

## Reminder Dates from St. Kevin Church November 2024

### First Holy Communion Rite Mass

*November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

*11:30am ~ St. Kevin Church*

### Confirmation Parents Meeting

*November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

*6:30 pm ~ St. Kevin Church*

### Confirmation Rite Mass

*November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

*11:30am ~ St. Kevin Church*

## Catholic School Council

Catholic School Council will meet on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 6 p.m. All are always welcome to attend. Thank you!

## Saint Kevin

“The saint is the person who is so fascinated by the beauty of God and by His perfect truth as to be progressively transformed by it.”

~Pope Benedict XVI (Homily on World Mission Sunday, 2005)~

Kevin lived the life of a hermit with an extraordinary closeness to nature. His companions were the animals and birds all around him. He lived as a hermit for seven years wearing only animal skins, sleeping on stones and eating very sparingly.

He went barefoot and spent his time in prayer. Disciples were soon attracted to Kevin and a further settlement enclosed by a wall, called Kevin's Cell, was established near the lakeshore. By 540 Saint Kevin's fame as a teacher and holy man had spread far and wide. Many people came to seek his help and guidance. In time Glendalough grew into a renowned seminary of saints and scholars and the parent of several other monasteries.

In 544, Kevin went to the Hill of Uisneach in County Westmeath to visit the holy abbots, Sts. Columba, Comgall and Cannich. He then proceeded to Clonmacnoise, where St. Cieran had died three days before. Having firmly established his community, he retired into solitude for four years, and only returned to Glendalough at the earnest entreaty of his monks. Until his death around 618, Kevin presided over his monastery in Glendalough, living his life by fasting, praying and teaching. St Kevin is one of the patron saints of the diocese of Dublin.

He belonged to the second order of Irish saints. Eventually, Glendalough, with its seven churches, became one of the chief pilgrimage destinations in Ireland.



## Progress Report Cards

The provincial report card is only one among several means used by teachers for reporting student achievement to parents and students.

Communication about student achievement should be designed to provide detailed information that will encourage students to set goals for learning, help teachers to establish plans for teaching, and assist parents in supporting learning at home.

The Progress Report Card will be available on the Parent Portal the week of November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Interviews will take place on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 4 -7p.m. Details will be communicated via email shortly.

Thank you everyone for your cooperation and understanding.



## Cross Country at St. Kevin

On Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> the students from St. Kevin participated in the Notre Dame Family of Schools Cross Country meet at Merritt Island in Welland. The following students were successful at the city meet and represented our school at the NCDSB meet at Firemen's Park in Niagara Falls. A special congratulations to **Iker** for placing 1<sup>st</sup> at our city event!! A special thank you to **Mrs. Stock** and **Ms. Sweitzer** for coaching our team! Also, thank you to **Mrs. Joyce** for helping to supervise.

Special congratulations goes out to all the students who made it to the board championships at Firemen's Park in Niagara Falls:

Way to go **Iker** who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the board event in the grade 6 division and **Kenzie** who placed 5<sup>th</sup>! We are all so very proud of you 😊





# St. Kevin Soccer Report

## Intermediate Soccer

On October 3 & 4 our Intermediate Soccer Teams traveled to Welland Young's Sportsplex to represent our school in the NCDSB Intermediate Soccer Tournament. The teams showed great perseverance and amazing attitudes and represented St. Kevin Catholic School with great pride. A special thank you to our coach, **Mr. Gallo**. Also, thank you to Mrs. Stock for helping to support during practice. We are proud of all of you!

Boys Team: **Antonio M., Chase R., Evan L., Iker L., Jonathan M., Kayden S., Levi J., Mark C., Max D. & Alessandro G.** 😊

Girls Team: **Addessa B., Aryanna KR., Dillon M., Gianna D., Hannah C., Julia S., Kenzie R., Lily B., Milana S., & Myla B.** 😊

## Junior Soccer

On October the 8<sup>th</sup> our Junior soccer teams travelled to Welland Young's Sportsplex to participate in the first annual Junior Welland area NCDSB soccer tournament. The teams were very excited to participate and represented our school with both skill and sportsmanship. We are all very proud of you! A special thank you to our coaches, Mr. Sorella & Mrs. Stock for leading our teams.

Boys Team: **Luke C., Levi V., Hudson E., Dante T., Matteo D., Boone M., Logan B., Luciano M., Kallan L., Hudson A., Jacksen R., Cole, John M., Nana P., Papa P., & Jahzion L.** 😊

Girls Team: **Jahnessa C., Kolbee M., Paris R., Aubrieigh L., Loyal D., Abrielle R., Reese B., Megan G., Kenzington V., Lily R., Francesca M., Paige M., & Avery S.** 😊



## Spirit Wear!!

<p><b>Printed Full-Size CELTIC Cross Logo on front</b></p> <p>50/50 Pull-Over Hooded Sweatshirt 13.5 oz.</p> <p>Available Colors: Navy, Char, Heather, Kelly Green</p> <p>Shirt Decoded as Shown</p> <p>Youth #18500B \$31.00 Adult #18500 \$32.00</p> <p>*Add \$3.00 for 2XLG Add \$4.00 for 3XL &amp; 4XL Price includes Tax</p> <p>Adult Sizes: Sm Med LG XLG 2XLG 3XLG 4XLG</p>	<p><b>Embroidered with CELTIC Cross Logo on left chest</b></p> <p>Core 365 Dri-Fit 100% Polyester Polo Shirt</p> <p>Youth #88181Y \$27.70 Ladies' #78181 \$27.70 Adult #88181 \$27.70</p> <p>Same Price for all Sizes Price includes Tax</p> <p>Available Color: White &amp; Navy</p>
<p><b>Gildan 50/50 Full-Zip Hooded Sweatshirt 13.5 oz.</b></p> <p>Embroidered with CELTIC Cross Logo on left chest</p> <p>Navy only</p> <p>Youth #18600B \$34.00 Adult #18600 \$35.00</p> <p>*Add \$3.00 for 2XLG Add \$4.00 for 3XL &amp; 4XL Price includes Tax</p> <p>Youth Sizes: XS Sm Med LG XLG Adult Sizes: Sm Med LG XLG 2XLG 3XLG 4XLG</p>	<p><b>ATC 100% Polyester Dri-Fit Short Sleeve T-Shirt</b></p> <p>Printed on Front &amp; Back as Shown</p> <p>Kelly Green</p> <p>Athletic wear and Designated Spiritwear or Days only. This is not an allowable Dress Code Item.</p> <p>Youth #1350 \$16.00 Adult #5350 \$17.00</p> <p>*Add \$3.00 for 2XLG</p> <p>Youth Sizes: XS Sm Med LG XLG Adult Sizes: XS Sm Med LG XLG 2XLG 3XLG 4XLG</p>
<p><b>100% Acrylic Roll-Down Tote (No Cuff)</b></p> <p>Embroidered with St. Kevin's Green Shamrock</p> <p>One Size Fits All</p> <p>#4244 \$13.90</p> <p>Light Pink</p> <p>Black</p> <p>Price includes Tax</p>	<p><b>Ball Cap</b></p> <p>Embroidered CELTIC Text Logo on Front &amp; Green Shamrock on Back as shown.</p> <p>Black</p> <p>Adjustable</p> <p>ATC Brand Adult #C130 \$16.90 Youth #Y130 \$16.90</p> <p>Price includes Tax</p> <p>Front of the Embroidery</p> <p>Back of the Embroidery</p>
<p><b>Gildan DryBlend 9.4 oz. 50/50 Jersey Polo</b></p> <p>Embroidered with CELTIC Cross Logo on left chest</p> <p>Available Colors: White, Navy, &amp; Kelly Green</p> <p>Shirt Decoded as Shown</p> <p>Youth #8800B \$15.00 Adult #8800 \$16.00</p> <p>*Add \$3.00 for 2XLG Add \$4.00 for 3XL &amp; 4XL Price includes Tax</p> <p>Youth Sizes: Sm Med LG XLG Adult Sizes: Sm Med LG XLG 2XLG 3XLG 4XLG</p>	

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# Niagara Region Public Health School Health Newsletter



## Head Lice

Students are now back into the swing of things and spending lots of time with friends and classmates during school and after school. Lice can spread regardless of a student's age. Head lice are spread by direct head-to-head contact or by sometimes sharing items like combs, brushes, hats, pillows, etc. Anyone can get head lice, it's not a sign of poor personal hygiene or an unclean environment.

Check out School Health's new webpage on head lice for more information: [Head Lice - Niagara Region, Ontario](#)



## EpiPen® and Auto-Injectors

During the school day, your child will be in contact with many staff members and other children, moving around to different locations inside and outside. Remember to check if your child's EpiPen® Auto-Injectors are up to date (not expired).

Check out [Food Allergy Canada - elementary school](#) for some great tips and [resources](#)!



## YOUTH VAPING PREVENTION

Caring adults have an important role to play in helping kids make decisions about their health. Vaping is harmful and addictive, so we must empower young people with the right health information and refusal skills to ensure they don't start vaping.

Vaping risks include:

- Addiction to nicotine – nicotine changes how the youth brain develops affecting learning, memory, concentration, and impulse control.
- Exposure to cancer-causing chemicals and metals
- Lung damage
- Increased stress and anxiety
- Increased likelihood of smoking cigarettes

In November, elementary schools across Niagara Region will be receiving vaping resources for grade 7 and 8 classrooms. To compliment the in-class education, we encourage parents and caregivers to learn about vaping and tips on how to talk to your kids about it. For more information, or to download the parent/caregiver *Let's Talk About Vaping* resource visit: [www.notanexperiment.ca/parents](http://www.notanexperiment.ca/parents)



## PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS THIS RESPIRATORY ILLNESS SEASON

Infections like COVID-19, flu and RSV increase in the fall and winter months 🤧

While anyone can get very sick, infections can be especially devastating to the most vulnerable in our community. This includes older adults and people with underlying medical conditions. 😞

There are simple actions we can take to help protect ourselves and others. Use layers of protection:

- Stay up to date with vaccinations
- Stay home if sick
- Consider wearing a mask (for example, based on the setting, your personal risk factors, or comfort level)
- Keep up good hand hygiene – use soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Cover coughs or sneezes with a tissue or into the upper sleeve
- Regularly clean and disinfect high touch surfaces
- Keep indoor air fresh and circulating

Learn more on [our website](#) or [check out our downloadable resource](#).

## NIAGARA PARENTS

[Niagara Parents](#) provides a variety of services to help you raise a happy and healthy family. Individuals can connect with a Public Health Nurse instantly in whichever language they are most comfortable speaking.

### Services offered:

- Questions or concerns about parenting, your child's health, or pregnancy.
- Parenting classes, breastfeeding support, prenatal appointments and more.
- Postpartum support
- Links to services within the community
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Connect with a Public Health Nurse Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. through phone, live chat, video call, or email. Live chat is available in 90 different languages.

Find Niagara Parents on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [Twitter](#) for different activities you can do with your kids, relevant resources and virtual events for parents.