



CELTIC NEWS

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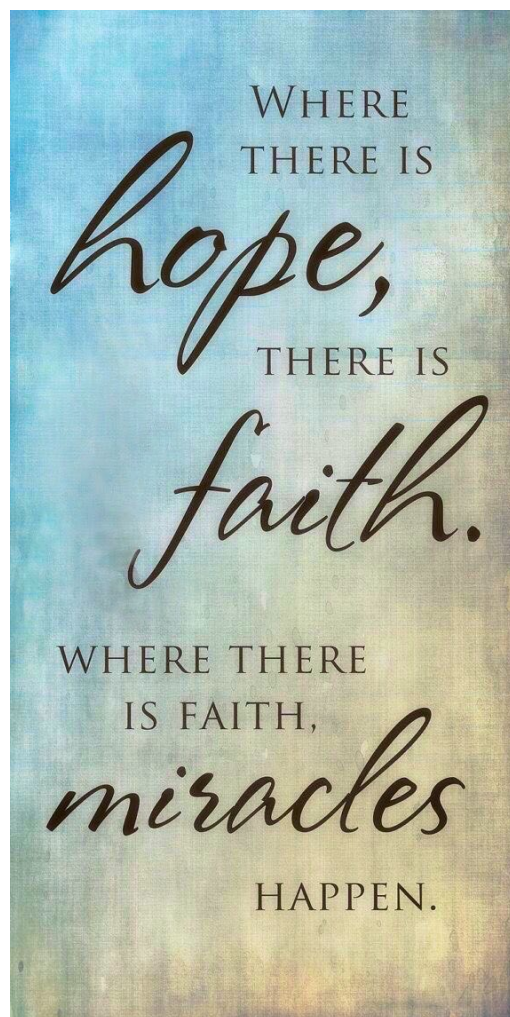
A Message from our Leadership Team...

Today we begin our celebration of Catholic Education Week, inspired by our theme of Igniting Hope. At St. David we are blessed to be able to celebrate Catholic Education every day in our prayers, in our classrooms and in our broader school community.

The hope-filled messages this year are very timely and allows us each day to focus on one theme: Our hope in Christ, The Hope Within Us, The Hope Among Us, Hope for the World and a Future Full of Hope. It is in times like the pandemic that we draw on our faith and look for hope in even the smallest of actions. These actions ignite hope in others – what may seem simple to you might be big for someone else – a text or a call can make someone's day. As a community we have begun the Kindness Rock challenge - the goal is to find a rock and write a positive message on it. The rocks will eventually find their way back to the school when we return and we will create a Hope-filled rock garden. It is a simple project that keeps our community working together. We wish all students, families, staff and the broader community a hope-filled week.

Peace be with each of you,
Mr. Hinsperger, Mr. Ambeau, Mrs. Leusink

#WCDSBIgnitingHope



Catholic schools • EDUCATE • **nurture** • inspire transformation



Catholic Education Week (May 3-8)

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "Igniting Hope."

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

- Monday: Our Hope in Christ
- Tuesday: The Hope Within Us
- Wednesday: The Hope Among Us
- Thursday: Hope for the World
- Friday: A Future Full of Hope



"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13)

Every year, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) provides our Catholic schools with a resource kit to help schools prepare for Catholic Education Week (goodnewsforall.ca). Using these resources, as well as our own WCDSB developed activities, we have prepared a series of activities, which will highlight how the students and staff at our school are *Igniting Hope*.

Visit [WCDSB Pray@Home](http://WCDSBPray@Home). This site will be continually updated to reflect the daily theme of Hope. Prayers, reflections, stories, videos and activities for each day will be posted and reflect our present distance learning reality.

Please share Catholic Education Week using:

#WCDSBIGNITINGHOPE

#CEW2020

#IGNITINGHOPE

Catholic Education Week Prayer

Loving God,
You sent your Son, Jesus, to be our hope. We feel his promised Spirit at work within us; We recognize his risen presence among us as we gather in his name in prayer, and celebrate the Eucharist. He is the hope which inspires us to share as members of the Catholic educational community, in your church's mission to announce the Good News to the whole world. We thank you for the gift of Catholic education. May it continue to be a place where Christ ignites within us, an abiding confidence, in a future filled with hope.
We make this prayer through the same Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Please click these links for special video messages:

[Bishop Douglas Crosby](#)

[Father F. Freitas](#)

[Trustees of the Waterloo Catholic District School Board](#)



Province-Wide Mass
in celebration of
Catholic Education Week
with **Cardinal Thomas Collins**

Wednesday, May 6, 2020
10 a.m. Eastern Time

Livestream from
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto
www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live



Student Activities Council (SAC)

This week, May 4th to 8th is our Co-President Campaign week!

**AND THE
NOMINEES ARE...**



- ⇒ **Michael Haas**
- ⇒ **Paige Lipczynski**
- ⇒ **Kassie Zepeda**

We wish them all the best as they put their names forward for this leadership position.

Voting will be a little different this year.

- ◆ A link will be sent to all of our Celtic students at 1pm on Friday May 8th.
- ◆ Students are asked to complete the link when they receive the email to their WCDSB account.
- ◆ The link will be active until 5pm at which time the results will be tallied and communicated asap to our school community.



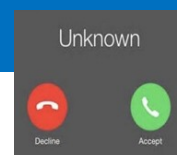
[Click here](#) for a Catholic Education Week video message from your co-presidents, Sydney and Sam.

Having trouble making contact?

Unknown Caller? Please pick up!

Here are several tips to make sure that the lines of communication are kept open between parents, students, and teachers:

1. **Pick it up:** When you see Unknown Number or Private Caller, pick up, it may be your son's or daughter's teacher
2. **Check your junk email:** Check to see if any teacher emails have gone there.
3. **Students, check your GAFE email:** If your son or daughter doesn't get notification for this email account to their phone, they should check there frequently for emails from teachers.
4. **Email teachers for an update:** all of our staff email addresses can be found on the school website by going to About Us > [Staff List](#)



Need to update your contact information?

To update your contact information (address, phone number, email address, etc.) please email [Erin Kelly](#), Guidance Administrative Assistant

School Support Contacts

Guidance Counsellors

At St. David we offer our students the ability to “meet” with their Guidance Counsellor to ask questions about their courses and to assist them on their academic journey. Students/families can reach out to their Guidance Counsellor via email with any questions for follow up.

Last Name A to F - Kristen DIETRICH kristen.dietrich@wcdsb.ca

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Last Name P to Z - Karen KUENEMAN karen.kueneman@wcdsb.ca

International Students - Will KNAPP will.knapp@wcdsb.ca

Guidance Administrative Assistant - Erin Kelly erin.kelly@wcdsb.ca



If you need to contact your son's or daughter's Student Success and Special Education teachers or Administrator please contact them via email below:

Student Success Teachers:

A to L - [Garry KRAEHLING](#)

M to Z - [Steve BEDIC](#)

ESL Monitors:

[Anne MASOJC](#) and
[Heather PIETROBON](#)

Special Education Teachers:

Gr. 10, 12 & Com. Living Prog. Student IEP's - [Larry SCANLON](#)

Gr. 9, 11 & Active Prog. Student IEP's - [Maureen O'GRADY](#)

Administrators:

A to I - [Kevin HINSPERGER](#)

J to S - [Michael AMBEAU](#)

T to Z (+ International) - [Glenda LEUSINK](#)

Student Success Remote Learning Tips

- * **Get up** at the same time each day to start your learning.
- * **Try** to find a comfortable, quiet space in your home to work effectively and successfully
- * **Check** each of your Class sites for new work and instructions
- * **Read** all instructions
- * **Create** a plan for each Class for the week
- * **Check** your Google/school email address daily.
- * **Do your best** to meet timelines, commitments and due dates
- * **Communicate** with your teacher(s)
- * **Get Help!**

Mr. Bedic and Mr Kraehling are available daily (online) to help you work through some of your academic challenges. View this video on how to book a Student Success appointment:

[How to book a Student Success appointment](#)

KEEP IN MIND, while remote learning brings some challenge, the environment provides you with the opportunity to continue learning new concepts and skills without the fear of falling below the mark attained March 13th.

WCDSB Learning Tools

Visit the WCDSB Learn at Home Website with important [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ) section and Pray at Home resources for the most up to date information regarding learning plans and other essential information.

[WCDSB D2L Platform](#)*

[Google Classroom](#)*

[OneNote Classroom](#)*

* Students should use their GAFE logins and passwords to enter these sites



Take-Home Device Support

Please call the device support number below for issues such as connecting to the internet or hardware issues with WCDSB-owned devices.

Hours of support are 8AM to 4PM, Monday to Friday.

519-578-3677 Ext: 2316



WCDSB COVID-19 Updates

Be sure to check the WCDSB's ['COVID-19 Coronavirus Updates'](#) page for more information and updates.



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