



CELTIC NEWS

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A Message from our Leadership Team...

The school certainly has a different vibe! There is so much to get used to – masks all day; walking down the right side of the hallway; social distancing everywhere; outdoor body breaks; isolation in a community setting; online learning ...

Thank you for your on-going support and patience as we work together to adjust to our new realities. On behalf of our school staff, I want to congratulate the students, they have done a great job following all of the safety protocols. We encourage all of our students to continue to be called to belong by:

- Being patient with yourselves and others, reach out to staff members to answer your questions – there continues to be many supports to ensure that you have a successful year.
- Being kind, you never know when your words or actions can life the spirit of another.
- Being a person of integrity, remember the importance of equity, do the right thing and see the opportunity each day to make our school and our world a better place.
- Being a leader by taking responsibility for keeping yourself, your family and your community healthy.

Please continue to be diligent with all of our safety protocols, keep engaging in your course work and seek help as needed.

Remember, we are all in this together!

Your Admin Team

Glenda Leusink, Kevin Hinsperger, Michael Ambeau

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Reminder to Re-visit School Cash Online

We ask that you please re-visit School Cash Online to ensure that all registration forms are complete for your child. We were previously experiencing technical difficulties with the system however all students are now able to access School Cash Online for your registration forms. Please note there have also been some recent additions to the list of forms as well. You can find the link for School Cash Online on our school website.

Student Activities Council

Welcome Back from Your Student Activities Council!

Welcome back Celtics! We are so happy to see you all once again. Your Student Council is looking forward to organizing many virtual events this fall. We hope you enjoyed our welcome video and had a chance to participate in our opening week photo scavenger hunt. Stay tuned for information regarding orange shirt day on Sept 30th (Oct 1st for Cohort A) as well as plans for our fall spirit week coming soon.

Our grade 9 Student Council Applications are due TODAY. We are so excited to hear from our incoming grade 9's and welcome some new voices to our team as we look forward to a fantastic year ahead.

Adapted Schedule

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Warning Bell 8:10AM

Face to Face 8:15AM - 10:45AM

Buses depart at 10:55AM

Lunch/Travel Time 10:45AM - 12:40PM

Synchronous (online) Learning 12:40PM - 1:55PM

Asynchronous Learning = 75 minutes daily

Quad 1 Calendar

[Click Here for the complete Quad 1 Calendar](#)

Semester 1	Semester 2
Quad 1 September 14 - November 12 Period 1 Period 2	Quad 3 February 4 - April 20 Period 1 Period 2
Quad 2 November 13 - February 2 Period 3 Period 4	Quad 4 April 21 - June 29 Period 3 Period 4

The next 3 weeks...

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
September 28	September 29	September 30	October 1	October 2
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Accessing Student Supports

COVID-19 and this time of physical distancing has forced all of us to make changes and adapt, and sometimes we can feel alone and not know where to find support to help us through these challenges.

We want you to know that, just like we would be in the building, your Guidance Counselor, Student Success/Special Education team, and ESL monitors are committed to helping you and will be available virtually to support you. So please know these services are still available, we have established an online presence called "St. David Student Supports" to support your learning needs during this new method of learning.

Members of our support team are available to assist you daily using an online virtual meeting tool called Microsoft teams.

We can assist with a variety of needs including:

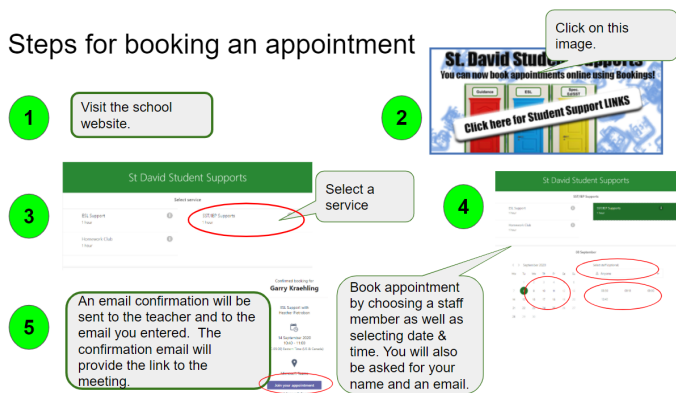
- help you work through questions using a virtual whiteboard
- review content material with you
- clarify assignment or task expectations for you
- assist you with technological issues you may be experiencing with D2L or Google Classroom
- answer subject-specific questions
- provide online coaching and help you create a schedule

This is just a sample of how we can help you. So next time you are staring at the screen and are not sure how to tackle your new assignment, why not book an appointment with the St. David Student Supports Team, and we will do our best to meet your learning needs. Simply visit the St. David website

<https://stdavid.wcdsb.ca/> and click on the "St. David Student Supports" image on the main page to book an appointment. This will take you to our bookings page where you will select a service (Guidance, Special Education/Student Success, ESL) and can book a specific time-slot during the school day that fits your schedule. You and a Support Teacher will then be notified that a booking has been created for that time, and you will be provided with a link to join a Microsoft Teams meeting. You can then join at the booked time to virtually meet and receive assistance (please see the graphic outlining this process here).

(Note: If you are using your wcdsb email address to book an appointment it is the last five digits of your student and the first three letters of your last name@wcdsbcloud.ca)

Steps for booking an appointment



Student Learning Information

Learning Management System (LMS) – this is either Google or D2L – students can find their assignments, calendar, announcements, and more for each of their classes.

Virtual Meetings – Teams or Google is your video conferencing platform. When students are at home, log into all of your classes at the start of the period for directions, lessons and assignments for the day.

Attendance – is taken every day, in all Face to Face classes as well as in your online afternoon class. Don't forget to log in.

Instruction – will be synchronous (live) and asynchronous (pre-recorded; assignments, videos, tutorials, etc.) and will vary depending on whether you are in school or at home. Your teachers are here to make sure everyone is learning!

Social & Emotional Learning – your well being is most important. We will work hard to develop relationships and build them throughout the course. Your teachers and support staff are here to help!

COVID Test/Screening & Outbreak Protocol

All students (or guardians on their behalf) will be asked to engage in a daily self-assessment before reporting to school and anyone feeling unwell or identifying a concern based on their self-assessment should not report to school. <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>

Click Here for: [Operational Guidance: COVID-19 management in schools \(Ontario.ca\)](#)

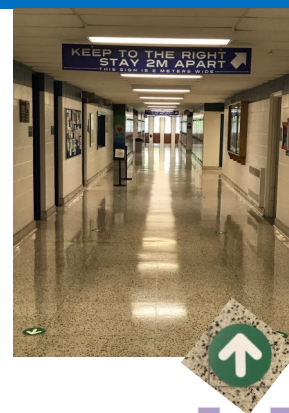
What to do when my child isn't feeling well?

[Click here to view the memo for Parent/Guardians from the Region of Waterloo Public Health Unit.](#)

The document provides direction for parents and caregivers regarding the role of families, Public Health and schools.

Entry Procedures ~ how to move around the building

- Upon entering the school students are required to wear a mask and sanitize their hands, while maintaining a social distance.
- Students are not to congregate in groups and are asked to promptly move to their morning class upon arrival.
- When traveling within the school, all signage and directions must be observed and followed.
- Should a student need to use the washroom, they are to use the facility within their assigned Village.
- All students will be required to wear mask at all times.
- Students are to sanitize their hands upon entering and leaving the classroom.



Keep up the great work!

Transportation Information & Notifications

Parents can login and view your child's transportation details by going to www.stswr.ca and following these 5 easy steps:

1. Click on "Student Login"
2. Enter your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN)
This can be found on your child's report card
Numbers only, no space, no dash
3. Enter your child's birth date
4. Enter your child's street number
House number only
5. Select the school your child is attending from the drop down menu



Please note: Any address changes must be done through your school, email erin.kelly@wcdsb.ca.

Visit www.stswr.ca to see bus delays and cancellations, subscribe to receive e-mail notifications for late buses and closures. Follow STSWR on Twitter.

Need to update your contact information?

To update your contact information (address, phone number, email address, etc.) please email Erin Kelly at erin.kelly@wcdsb.ca

How do I Change Learning Environments

When we began the school year back in early September, the board announced that the first transition point for families to switch their children from virtual learning to face to face learning (or vice versa) would be the Thanksgiving weekend. In secondary schools, families/students may only transfer between learning modalities at the end of the quad (November is the next opportunity) – the window for switching will occur starting **Monday, October 19th at 9am** and will close at **6pm on Wednesday, October 21st**.

Please follow the link provided below to change your mode of learning through a parent survey. Scroll down to the information on Secondary schools. Please know that some courses will not be available at St. Isidore and schedules may change.

<https://stisidore.wcdsb.ca/switching-learning-environments/>

You should not access the transition form at this time.

Technology

Please check the WCDSB student [email account](#) for schedule as that is where your key information will be sent.

[Click Here for useful links for students including instructions on how to login to your WCDSB email account.](#)

Student Log In:

Username: LAST 5 digits of the student number + first 3 letters of their last name

Password: Birthdate (MMDDYYYY or DDMMYYYY)

(the students may be prompted to change their password)

Checking Google and D2L

Students are expected to engage and participate in instruction and learning every day. In doing so, students will need to login daily into their Google Class or D2L accounts to participate in and complete a variety of learning tasks (synchronous and asynchronous) assigned by the classroom teacher.

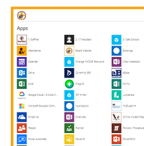
How to Login to D2L and Google Classroom – Print Version

- Student Login Process – Arabic
- Student Login Process – English
- Student Login Process – Korean
- Student Login Process – Mandarin
- Student Login Process – Russian
- Student Login Process – Spanish
- Student Login Process – Vietnamese

Student Links



Change Password



My Applications



WCDSB Learn @ Home

Student Helpdesk: 519-578-3677 ext. 2316 (Leave a Message)

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program

Students are encouraged to bring their own personal technology (Chromebook, Laptop, Tablet) to support their virtual and distance learning. Please visit the WCDSB website to learn more about the BYOD Program.

<https://www.wcdsb.ca/programs-and-services/byod/>

<https://www.wcdsb.ca/about-us/policies-and-administrative-procedures/responsible-use-of-information-technology-and-electronic-data-aps017/>

Link Crew Reflection

Redefining Wellness and Braving Change Together

“Believe in yourself and all that you are.

Know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle.” - Unknown

Welcome

Grade nines- welcome! LINK leaders for this 2020-2021 school year are delighted to have you join the Celtic family. LINK is a student leadership group of senior-level students dedicated to ensuring that Grade 9s feel welcomed and supported upon their arrival at school. Student leaders aim to give the Grade 9s a warm welcome by instilling a spirit of kindness and empathy, as well as reminding each student of their call to belong. At the core of LINK lies the belief that kindness can transform anxiety and fear into feelings of excitement, hope, and trust. Together, as a community of faith, LINK leaders and school staff will do everything they can to ensure the future class of 2024 grow to be caring, resilient individuals.

COVID-19: Recognizing Changes, Accepting Losses, & Finding Hope

Put simply, COVID-19 has changed the world- and it's people- along with it. When schools were shuttered back in March, students and staff from all grade levels could never have imagined classes would be going online for the duration of the school year. Being in lockdown was difficult, especially for those of us who thrive on routine and social interaction.

The feelings that accompany the changes and losses brought on by COVID-19 can be painful and difficult. Please refrain from being critical to yourself over any feelings of sadness, grief, anxiety, anger... It is normal and healthy to feel grief over a loss. Be kind to yourselves. Take a quiet moment to reflect. Acknowledge the feelings left behind from lockdown and feelings that are springing up as a new school year has begun. Next, work to label your feelings. The simple practice of writing out our pleasant and unpleasant emotions can help us gain self-awareness. Once we recognize our feelings, we make room for new, positive emotions and memories to grow. The best part? When we quit running from our feelings, we come to see that we are strong enough to handle them.

Helpful Strategies

When you find yourself feeling anxious, disappointed, or down, it can be helpful to have a set of activities and skills to help you shift your mood and start feeling better. Here is a list of strategies/distraction activities to get you started:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read a book by an author you love• Journal/write• Listen to upbeat music• Go for a walk in nature• Ride your bike• Clean your bedroom• Organize your belongings• Cook or bake your favourite food• Set a SMART goal and work towards it daily• Brew tea• Meditate• Practice yoga• Play with/cuddle your pet• Do a random act of kindness | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call or text a friend or family member• Draw, paint, or knit• Make a list of things you are grateful for• Identify a positive habit you want in your life (for example, exercising daily)• Get enough sleep• Go for a run outside• Help someone in need• Complete a task you've been putting off• Feed ducks, squirrels, or birds• Make a list of the positives in your life• Volunteer (remember, you need 40 hours to graduate!)• Read inspirational quotes |
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The activities and skills listed above may prove useful when you are feeling overwhelmed or upset. Still, it is important to remember that if you continue to feel unwell despite regular use of your skills, reaching out to a trusted parent, adult, or friend can get you back to feeling like yourself. Remember; you are not alone in your struggle. Every person you meet is facing- or will face- their own challenges. We are all in this together, so let's help one another thrive!

Message from Guidance

Follow us for all guidance related information, upcoming events and important dates:

Twitter: @stdavidguidance

Website: <http://stdavid.wcdsb.ca>

All grade 12 students and parents are encouraged to join the Grade 12 Post Secondary Planning Information Google Classroom: Use code **4qogszg to join.**

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE/APPRENTICESHIP PRESENTATION

A presentation was posted in the google classroom for all grade 12 students to discuss how to begin post-secondary research. Virtual University and College Liaison opportunities were also posted for students. Students are encouraged to use September and October to gather information about potential post-secondary schools and programs. The power point presentation containing the information used in this meeting can be accessed through the school website under the guidance tab. Information about the post-secondary application process and financial planning, awards and scholarships will be posted by late October in the google classroom.

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH SUGGESTIONS

- www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca

COLLEGE RESEARCH SUGGESTIONS

- www.ontariocolleges.ca

APPRENTICESHIP RESEARCH SUGGESTIONS

- www.tcu.gov.on.ca
- www.apprenticesearch.com

GUIDANCE DESIGNATION	
Ms. K. Dietrich ext. 5637	A - E
Ms. J. Nagy ext. 5638	F - O
Ms. K. Kueneman ext. 5634	P - Z & International Students

Receiving email from the school

How do I mark a junked email as safe?

Note: some email applications may have a slightly different process to mark emails as 'Safe'.

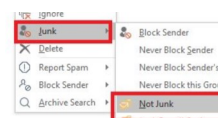
Step 1: Open your e mail application and click the Junk or Spam Email folder

Step 2: Find the email you wish to mark as safe (always receive in Inbox) and right-click on it.

Step 3: Select **Junk** and then click **Not Junk**

The email will be marked as "not junk" and returned to your Inbox. Future email like this will not be sent to your Junk Folder.

****If you do not find our emails in your spam/junk folder and are still not receiving email from the school, please email [Erin Kelly](mailto:erin.kelly@wcdsb.ca) at erin.kelly@wcdsb.ca**



Specialist High Skills Major



Are you interested in getting an early start to your career?
Are you interested in testing out a field of interest to see if it works for you?

Our Specialist High Skills Major Program offers these opportunities through the following three components:

A course bundle in a major sector: between 4 and 5 courses throughout grade 11 and 12

Coop: including regular Coop, CCEP, UCEP and OYAP

Industry training: CPR, First Aid, Working at Heights etc... all at no expense to you!

Look at the sectors we offer at St. David and read through the course list!

Arts and Culture, Business, Construction, Health and Wellness, Hospitality and Tourism, Information and Communication Technology, Justice and Community Safety, Transportation

SHSM is based on areas that are already of interest to you. There is a good chance you are already taking the courses required in your field of interest. Look online at the course charts and make an appointment with Ms. Dietrich to discuss how SHSM would benefit your goals. www.highskills.ca Kristen.dietrich@wcdsb.ca

Contact Information

Phone: 519-885-1340

Attendance Phone Number: 519-885-4352

Website: <http://st.david.wcdsb.ca>

If you need to contact your son's or daughter's teacher,
please feel free to contact them via email below:

To email a staff member please use the following
method: *firstname.lastname@wcdsb.ca*

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

Administrators:

A to I - [Kevin HINSPIERGER](#)

J to S - [Michael AMBEAU](#)

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

Student Success/Spec Ed.:

Community & Active Living Students = [Maureen O'GRADY](#)

A—Duah = [Larry SCANLON](#)

Duar—Kowt = [Garry KRAEHLING](#)

Koy—Resc = [Shannon PENNEY](#)

Rest—Z = [Steve BEDIC](#)

Guidance Counsellors:

Last Name A to E - [Kristen DIETRICH](#)

Last Name F to O - [Jennifer NAGY](#)

Last Name P to Z - [Karen KUENEMAN](#)

and International Students

ESL Monitors:

[Anne MASOJC](#) and

[Heather PIETROBON](#)

CPIC & CSAC

The purpose of a Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) is to support, encourage and enhance parent engagement at the Board level in order to improve student achievement and well-being.

Candidates must have a child registered at St. David.

[Applications](#) will be accepted until September 30, 2020

Visit <https://www.wcdsb.ca/our-schools/catholic-parent-involvement-committee/>

or email cpic@wcdsb.ca for more information

[Catholic Parent Involvement Committee \(CPIC\), Application](#)

Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) meet a minimum of 4x/year.

The first virtual meeting is Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 6pm.

If you are interested in joining the St. David Catholic School Advisory Council meeting, please email Glenda Leusink at glenda.leusink@wcdsb.ca



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Parent/Visitor Access

Parents are valued members of school communities but given the many increased steps that are being taken to minimize contacts in our school buildings, parents should refrain from entering the school unless they have prior approval to do so. All parents/visitors must have approval from the Administrator prior to entering the site.

Visitors granted access are required to wear a face covering to enter the school and sanitize hands upon entry. If a visitor does not have access to a face covering, one will be provided by the Administrator/Office staff. Where possible visitors are asked to call the main office to notify them of their arrival and wait outside away from the entrance, or in their vehicle until the office is ready to receive them.

All visitors must sign in. Please ensure appropriate entry and exit protocols are followed. All visitors who enter a school building must have completed the self-assessment checklist before entering the school building.

Parents and guardians are asked to ensure that any child in their care completes the self-assessment checklist before sending them to school. [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) self-assessment](#)

CSAC, CPIC and SEAC meetings will continue to occur but in many cases those meetings will be virtual for the time being, unless otherwise stated. Details can be found at [Catholic School Advisory Council Information](#).

A message from our Chaplain

Is there one common thread among all the Catholic High Schools in town? Well, a few. I have heard many comment over the last few days that everyone seems so serious. It is so quiet in the classrooms and in the halls. As your new chaplain sometimes I wonder if it is me....do I have ketchup on my mask? Is my white hair frightening the students? (I have been referred to as Mrs. Clause on more than one occasion). Or are we all so focused on staying safe that our goal is to get to class and learn? Is the technology getting to all of us? We have not heard a lot of laughter. And while Covid19 is no laughing matter...especially as the numbers are going up - yikes - it is okay to find some joy during a pandemic. How many pictures of Jesus do we see laughing...or even smiling?

It is up to all of us to bring some smiles to each other....and that includes your new Chaplain.

I pray all of you stay safe and the stress and uncertainty of this new school year falls quickly into a new norm.

God bless, Miss Annabel
Chaplain



St. David Communication Tools

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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL

OCTOBER 9, 2020

11AM - 2:30PM EST

YES SHE CAN, YES WE CAN!

Join us as we host our third annual International Day of the Girl event, virtually, as we discuss diversity & inclusion, and the steps we need to take to create a gender balanced workforce.

Our event, is jam packed! And will feature familiar voices such as:

CORPORATE PANEL:

Moderated By: Jodi Kovitz- Founder, CEO- Move the Dial

Featuring:

Jennifer Khan- Head of Diversity & Inclusion- EllisDon

Michelle Chang- Director of People & Culture- MAD Elevator

Tiffany Connauton- Culture Program Advisor- Shell Canada

Chandran Fernando- Managing Partner- Matrix 360

Judaline Cassidy- Founder - Tools & Tiaras

AND MORE TO BE ANNOUNCED!

KEY NOTE ADDRESS:

Featuring:

Bardish Chagger- Honourable Minister Diversity, Inclusion & Youth

FIRE SIDE CHAT:

Susannah Pierce - Director Corporate Affairs LNG & Guest

YOUTH PANEL :

Moderated by: Nicole Anderson- Windsor Essex Small Business Association

Featuring:

Riya Karumanchi, SmartCane

Hana Rauf, Girls of Change

Odyanne Loradain- Little Footprints Big Steps

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