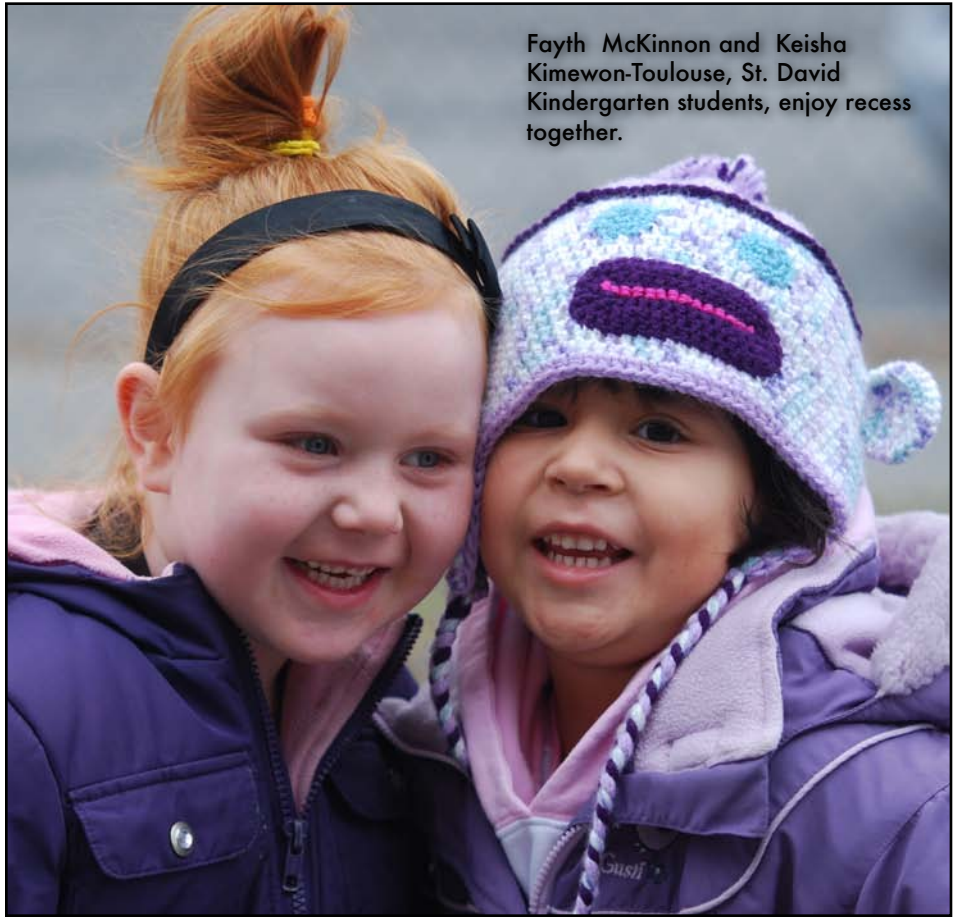


# St. David Catholic School

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Fayth McKinnon and Keisha Kimewon-Toulouse, St. David Kindergarten students, enjoy recess together.

## Register for KINDERGARTEN now!

Lindsay Michel, St. David School junior kindergarten teacher reminds all parents that, *"to register for Fall 2013, Junior Kindergarten children must be 4 years old by December 31, 2013, and Senior Kindergarten children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2013"*.

Parents can call anytime and book an appointment to register. St. David school secretary, will fill out all registration forms with parents and will be happy to answer any questions parents have about school and transportation. It is important that parents remember to bring their

child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate, immunization record, and OHIP card (child custody papers if any).

St. David School is proud of our culturally inclusive and inviting kindergarten learning environment. Our kindergarten program is based in learning through play. We use activity centers where students are encouraged to explore and problem solve.

**Our Kindergarten Open House is on Tuesday February 5, from 6 -7 pm - all are welcome!**

Call 705-674-4096 anytime to view the school, meet Ms. Michel our JK teacher and **register your JK child anytime!**

### Upcoming Dates:

JK Open House	Feb 5
Boys Basketball Tour.	Feb 8-9
Shrove Tuesday	Feb 12
Ash Wednesday	Feb 13
Report Cards	Feb 15
MaryMnt. Open House	Feb 21
St. David Feast Day	Mar 1



During the month of February we celebrate the value of **COMPASSION**. We understand compassion not only as the ability to empathize with another but also to act on behalf of that other person. It is being kind and forgiving to someone who has hurt you.

We practice **COMPASSION** when we: *are helpful to a person or animal in need, notice when someone is hurt or needs a friend, imagine how another person might be feeling, take time to show we care, forgive others when they make mistakes and reach out in the community to share our resources and skills.*

The more we talk, teach and learn about **compassion**, the closer our students come to dedicating themselves to creating a respectful and caring St. David School community.



Let's remember to dress warm for all recesses and all outdoor activities!

### **DRESS FOR THE WEATHER:**

Please talk to your child about dressing warmly during the winter months. All students should be wearing **boots, coats, snow pants, hats and mitts** during recess breaks. Each morning all students play outside for 10 minutes, 20 minutes at lunch and in the afternoon are outside for 15 minutes.

### **VALENTINE DAY DANCE AND CANDY GRAMS:**

*The Grade 8 class will be hosting a Valentine Day dance on Wednesday February 14, from 1 - 2 pm. All grade JK - 8 students are invited to attend this dance with a \$2.00 donation fee. Popcorn and Juice will be sold for 50 cents. Glow in the dark bracelets will also be sold.*

*Grade 8's will be selling "candy grams" the week before Valentine's Day -- so send one to a friend! Only 50c per candy gram - what a great deal! They will be sold until Feb 13!*

Help support the Grade 8's fund raise for their year end trip!

### **SAFE SCHOOLS - BULLY AWARENESS**

We ask that all parents speak with their children and tell them that school based bullying can be handled in a positive way. Please share with them that if they encounter bullying to:

- **Tell an adult.** Make sure your child knows to let an adult know what's happening, whether it's a coach, a teacher, or you. "You need to let them know," says John Mayer, an expert in the field. "They can intercede to stop it."

- **Don't react.** Encourage your child not to cry, stop walking, or acknowledge the bully in any way. "This can be super-hard to teach kids, but it's what works," Mayer says. "If your child responds, the bully will feed on it. By leaving the bully hanging, she or he will end up looking silly. Then, tell the nearest adult."

## Report Cards:

When teachers and parents work together with mutual respect and caring, children achieve more at school and are happier to be there.

Term One report cards, JK - grade 8, will be sent home on **Friday February 15, 2013**. Please take the time to read these reports carefully and discuss with your child.

Please remember to complete the student and parent section on page 3 and 4 of the report. The bottom portion of the page is cut and returned to your child's classroom teacher.

Interviews with teachers can be arranged by individual parents. If you would like to speak to your child's teacher, please contact the teacher by phone or agenda to arrange for an appointment or a telephone interview. 705-674-4096

*Partnership is important!*

## HOUSE PROGRAM:

St. David School is continuing its "House Program". This program promotes school spirit, team building skills and individual student leadership and responsibility. Ask your child what "House" he / she is in. Each House has a colour and your child will be encouraged to wear that colour each "House Day". Once a month the school will have a *House Color Day* -- please support your child be part of the school community!

## February Activities:

*Valentine Day Candy Grams:*  
Ms. Kilby and her grade 8 students continue to fun raise for their year end school trip and graduation ceremony. As a special Valentine Day activity, they will be selling Valentine Candy Grams. Students and staff are encouraged to send a positive message and a sweet treat to a friend through a candy gram. Leading up to Valentine Day, the grade 8 students will sell candy grams at school. All candy grams will be delivered on Valentine Day, Wednesday February 14th before lunch.

*Valentine Day Dance:*  
Once again our grade 8 students and Ms. Kilby will be hosting a Valentine Day Dance for all students on February 14, from 1 -2 pm in the school gym. All students are asked to bring \$2.00 for the dance.

*Shrove Tuesday:*  
Miss Mansourian, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Theriault and the grade 7 class will be cooking pancakes for all classes on Shrove Tuesday. Shrove Tuesday is on Tuesday February 12, 2013. Shrove Tuesday is also known as Pancake Tuesday. This is the last day before Lent. It is traditional to eat pancakes on this day. Lent is a time of abstinence, of giving things up. So, Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge yourself, to use up the foods that aren't allowed in Lent. Pancakes are eaten on this day because they contain fat, butter and eggs. *Thank you staff for cooking us pancakes!*



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### **AGENDA SPOT CHECK**

All students from grades 1 to 8 have received a student agenda to establish positive communication between home and school. Please help your child get into a routine of bringing the agenda home each evening and please sign it after you read the note. All grade 1 - 8 students at St. David School are expected to maintain an up to date school agenda. Agendas can help children learn to manage their time. They can help pupils to track their own time and manage multiple activities, such as homework, projects, tests, extra curricular activities etc. The efficient use of an agenda prevents children from feeling overwhelmed by their school work and gives them a sense of control which makes them feel good about themselves. It helps children to prioritize, plan and pace their tasks and is a communication tool between home and school. As parents, we can help our children take responsibility for their time so they can become efficient time managers

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### **Parent Council "Reading Packages" in the Mail Soon**

Special thanks to our parent council volunteers who are putting together literacy and numeracy packages for all grade JK - 3 families. All packages contain resources for parents to assist their children learn how to read. These support packages will be sent in the mail at the end of February. If parents have questions on how to use these packages to support their children's learning please call the school and speak with the principal or vice principal.



## Potential School Bus Cancellations

As we all know, winter weather does affect our transportation system to and from school each day. School bus routes are cancelled due to adverse weather or poor road conditions. The decision is made by the Sudbury Student Transportation Consortium, and the procedure used for decisions is as follows:

between 5 and 6 a.m., Sudbury Student Services Consortium staff assess weather and road conditions. If weather or road conditions are deemed unsafe, the bus operators and Manager of Transportation Services decide by 6 a.m. whether buses will be cancelled system-wide.

The decision to cancel or alter transportation services will be broadcast on local radio and TV stations.

- CBON
- Rewind
- Hot 93.5
- Le Loup
- CJTK 95.5 FM
- Q92 / CIGM-MIX 105.3 FM
- CBC
- MCTV



You can now check bus cancellation status by logging on to the consortium's website: <http://www.sssc-cses.ca/en/>

A direct link to this website is also available on the home page of our school website <http://ask.scdsb.on.ca>

Parents should be aware that morning inclement weather cancellations are effective for the remainder of the day, therefore buses cancelled in the morning will not be running at the end of the day. St. David School will remain open for students on inclement weather days except in the case where there is an entire system wide shutdown.

**When all Sudbury Catholic District School Board schools are closed due to weather conditions,** schools and the board office are closed to all students and staff.

All activities in schools are also cancelled, including adult education programs, after school programming, and sports and clubs.

## Safety Reminders for all Parents Dropping Off Students:

The safety of our students is our highest priority, and you can help to make sure that we maintain a safe environment by following safe and respectful procedures when dropping students off in the morning and picking them up in the afternoon.

Please follow all traffic laws and city parking bylaws when dropping your child off or picking him up. Please also remember to be courteous to other drivers and parents.

We ask that all parents speak with their children and remind them of their responsibility when arriving and leaving the school such as:

- looking both ways before crossing the street
- not walking between parked cars, and
- staying on the sidewalk.

With the winter season here, road safety is of the utmost importance at St. David. Please try your best to be safe and caring of the children in the school. Thank you!

## Upcoming News:

### Healthy Foods Summit:

A school wide focus on healthy foods and healthy life choices is part of our Dearness Conservation plan. In an upcoming Healthy Foods Summit, All classes will participate in workshops geared to their interest and age, focusing on healthy foods and healthy life choices. Student leaders who participate in the Healthy Action Committee deserve a big thank you for helping to plan this very special upcoming day!

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. DAVID SCHOOL...

## GOOD LUCK EVA!

St. David School long time secretary, Eva Gould, has accepted a temporary position at St. Albert Adult Education Center as the office clerk- *Congratulations Eva!* We welcome our new temporary secretary, Chelsea Rienguette to St. David School - as we wish Eva all the best in her new and exciting job.

*We encourage all parents to send in the bottom back page of the newsletter -- win pizza for the whole family! Good luck Dragons!*

## RECYCLING CHALLENGE AT ST. DAVID SCHOOL:

We challenge all staff and students when recycling to "keep them separated" - this means knowing the difference between recycling / compost / garbage. Check out the Dearness Conservation website at:

[www.dearness.ca](http://www.dearness.ca)

## DEARNESS CONSERVATION: HEALTHY CHOICES

Healthy children learn better. When children eat right, they can improve their memory and their ability to concentrate. In addition, eating well supports healthy growth and development. We are encouraging all students to bring snacks to school that are wrapped in their own packages -- this means apples, bananas, oranges and other fruits. We are also asking parents to be aware of what your children are eating - and talk to them about making healthy choices.



Make Healthy Lunch Time Choices

## EQAO Primary Practice Question:

Which of the following is equal to 8%.

- a 16 / 200
- b. 16 / 50
- c 4 / 25
- d 4 / 5

Answer: a

*All visitors are asked to sign in with secretary before entering the school - this includes parents, volunteers and community helpers - thank you.*

## Students of the Month:

- JK - Averi & Chanel
- SK - Madison & River
- 1 - Mia & Marshall
- 2 - Robyn & Payton
- 3- Anastasia & Johnathan
- 4/5- RJ & Raina
- 5/6 - Liza & Darrien
- 7 - Victoria & Noah
- 8 - Kim & Annie

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## Email Address:

If you would like the school calendar and newsletter emailed directly to your email account, please complete and send in with your child.

email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Sign the newsletter, send it back to school and win a free pizza!

All parents and guardians are encouraged to sign the school's monthly newsletter and send this section back to school with your child. Each month 1 lucky family that signs and returns this section will win a free pizza from Great Lakes Pizza!

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_