

# Kells Academy

## FALL 2023 NEWSLETTER



## Celebrating Success:

### Highlights from Kells Academy's 2023 Convocation

The 2023 convocation was an unforgettable day for our 96 graduates, that included students from Grades 11 and 12. This celebratory event left a lasting impact on the entire Kells community and was a testament to the hard work, dedication, and achievements of our students. We have unwavering confidence that they will continue to shine as they embark on their future endeavors.





# Tom Malone Reporting on “Our Grand Finale”

I am delighted to share with you the highlights of our grand finale – the Kells Academy Convocation for Grades 11 and 12. This event is always one of the most eagerly anticipated in our school calendar.

This year, our Convocation took place on a picturesque day in June, as we had the privilege of gathering at the historic Loyola Chapel within Concordia University. The atmosphere was electric as the chapel filled to capacity with the proud families, friends, and esteemed guests of our graduating classes.



*Negar Fathi Heris, Grade 12 Valedictorian*



*Mariam Abouelmagd & Linda Leiberman*



As your High School Principal, I had the distinct honor of welcoming everyone to this special occasion. It was heartening to see the tremendous support our graduates received on this momentous day.

Our convocation featured a series of inspiring speeches, and one that truly stood out was delivered by our Head of School, Linda Leiberman. In her keynote address, she provided valuable insights and encouraged our graduates to embrace the two significant challenges of our future – medical biotechnology and artificial intelligence. Her words resonated deeply with all of us, reminding us of the vital role education plays in preparing our youth for what lies ahead.



*Serena Chouery, Grade 11 Valedictorian*



We were also privileged to hear from our valedictorians, Serena Chouery (Grade 11) and Negar Fathiheris (Grade 12). Serena eloquently spoke about the importance of maintaining a healthy balance when facing life's challenges. She also shone a spotlight on the remarkable talents and hopes that define our graduating class.

Negar, on the other hand, underlined the true strength of the Kells community. She eloquently stated, "People do not have to share the same culture, mother tongue, or home country to be friends. Our sincerity, diversity, and kindness are what make us Kells Academy." These words were met with resounding applause, reminding us of the unity that binds us all.



*Arman Biberoglu, Grade 11 Salutatorian*







*Julien Fournier & Irene Woods*



*Suzanne Bailey*

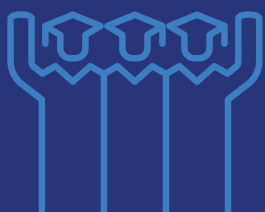
Suzanne Bailey, Grade 12 coordinator, shared valuable insights into the university plans of the graduating class. They are well-prepared and eager for the next step in their academic journey.



Convocation was a day to remember for our graduates and a celebration that resonated throughout the entire Kells community. It's a testament to the hard work, dedication, and achievements of our students, and I have no doubt that they will continue to shine brightly in their future endeavors.

Thank you for sharing this momentous occasion with us, and I look forward to witnessing the bright futures that lie ahead for our graduates.

*Tom Malone  
High School Principal  
Kells Academy*



# The Kells Grade 11 Prom

## An affair to remember

The Great Gatsby! F. Scott Fitzgerald's literary masterpiece came to life at the Kells Academy High School prom. Held at the Intercontinental Hotel, the Student Council recreated a Gatsbyesque ballroom in black and gold, complete with Prohibition-era charm. Parents, guests, and students enjoyed a stylish cocktail party, followed by an elegant dinner that embodied the abundance and decadence of that era. The revelry of the Roaring Twenties came alive as DJ Fares, a member of the graduating class, got everyone dancing to his music. Indeed, it was a night that perfectly captured the spirit of the 1920's and will forever remain etched in the memories of the Class of 2023 and all who attended.

Our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Pantalone for organizing this special event and to our chaperones Mr. Malone, Ms. Ghanem, Mr. Grunberg, and Ms. Ellie!



*(Left to Right): Julien Fournier, Ines Rebei, Hong Minh Le, Rita Sayegh, Antoine Gasnault*



*Thurayya Jubayli*







**Best Class Entertainers:**  
 (Left to Right): Djibril Diallo, Kamal Almouhassel



**Most Likely to Start a Vlogging Channel:**  
 (Left to Right): Thurayya Jubayli, Vidush Komarraju



**Prom King and Queen**  
 (Left to Right): Angelle Xu, George Wang



**Most Likely to Win the Olympics:**  
 (Left to Right): Samy Hamrani, Hong Minh Le



**Best Smile:**  
 (Left to Right): Thurayya Jubayli, Hugo Chicogo Nisa

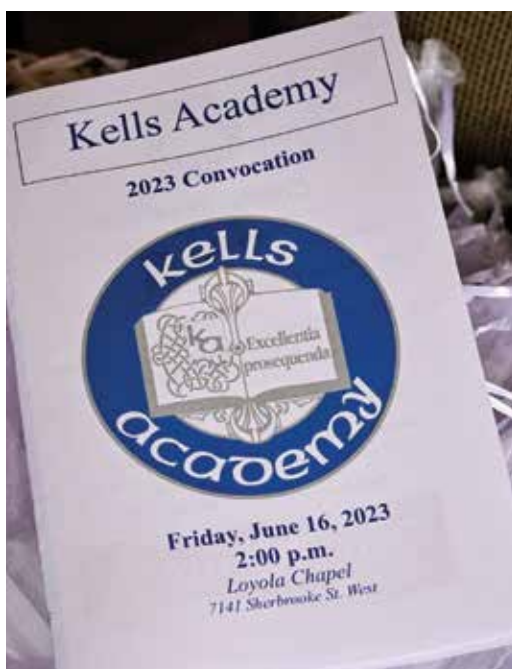
# Grade 12 Prom Bon Voyage!



The grade 12 graduating class set sail along the iconic Saint Lawrence River to celebrate their prom in elegant style. Dressed in formal cruise wear they boarded a sunset dinner cruise at the Old Port of Montreal.

Graduates enjoyed the stunning views, as they dined on a three-course meal followed by hours of dancing and laughter. These students certainly earned a night out on the town after a year of hard work spent in preparing them for the rigors of university life.

We wish the entire class the best of luck and success as they embark on the next chapter of their academic life.



(Left to Right): Wolf Rodrigue, Mika Moyal, Mohammadamin Tabari Nia, Arahel Boza Hubner





*(Left to Right): Ayad Abduljawod, Raghad Bakarar,  
Mary Aida Hounkponou*



*(Left to Right): Adei Beka, Lukas Miller*





From the desk of Irene Woods

## “What’s in a Name?”

Schools are often named in honor of the city or geographical location they inhabit, religious saints, their founders, or other significant individuals who contributed to their establishment. However, Kells is a unique case.

So, how did Kells acquire its name? This tale harks back to the school’s inception in 1978. Following a community-wide contest to decide on the name one of our teachers deemed “Kells” appropriate due to its symbolic significance. Kells, a town in Ireland the country of my birth

and upbringing, served as the site for one of Europe’s esteemed monastic centers of learning. In the wake of the Roman Empire’s decline in the 5th century, amid the looming threat of the destruction of ancient texts, monks in Irish and Scottish monasteries painstakingly transcribed the Bible and the writings of both pagan and Christian authors such as Homer, Virgil, Demosthenes, and Cicero. It was within these monasteries that European culture and Western civilization were preserved through the Dark Ages.

The Book of Kells stands as one of the most precious artifacts of its kind, the most splendid among the manuscripts passed down from these monastic institutions. Comprising 160 pages, this religious manuscript from the 9th century, written in Latin and adorned with intricate illustrations, contains the four Gospels of the New Testament from the medieval period, circa 800. This manuscript, considered Ireland’s most renowned, now resides in the library of Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland.

An anonymous individual once remarked, “Words have meaning, names have power.” Kells Academy was named in homage to the Book of Kells and all that it embodies the unwavering dedication of ancient monks, the meticulous labor involved in gathering, transcribing, and illustrating the manuscript, and the profound love and thirst for knowledge, ensuring that this wealth of wisdom would not fade into obscurity for future generations.

I like to believe that, much like the Book of Kells that made such a contribution to civilization, Kells Academy has helped build a strong foundation for its students that will help them make their own impact in the world. And, just as we initially thought, “Kells” has a pleasant ring to it!



*Irene Woods,  
Founder of Kells Academy,  
at Trinity College in Dublin*

# The 2023 Science Fair

## An eagerly anticipated annual tradition



It is a yearly tradition - the Kells Science Fair. Curiosity meets creativity as students from Grades 7 to 11 work hard to present their projects at a schoolwide fair. The prize winners move on to represent Kells and compete with other schools at the Hydro-Quebec Montreal Regional Science & Technology Fair.

This year students from all grade levels worked hard on their science and engineering projects on topics as varied as Creating an Ideal Semi-Autonomous Floating 3D Printed House, Paper Making, Microbial Fuel Cell and A Lasting Scent. Students of the 10 winning projects at school then showcased their work at the MRSTF in March 2023 at a local venue where they competed with other students from the Greater Montreal region.

We are very proud to announce that 5 of our students - **Antoine Gasnault**, **Anastasiia Naumova**, **Kaelyn Ang**, **Abigail Candappa**, and **Elise Gasnault** won prizes with great distinction from various McGill University Engineering Departments and 8 other students received prizes and Honorable Mention/Distinction. All our students were praised by the judges for their enthusiasm, knowledge and communication skills.

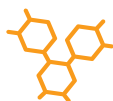
### Congratulations to the following students for winning the amazing prizes at the Hydro-Québec Regional Science & Technology Fair!



#### **ANTOINE G.**

Great Distinction

McGill University - Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering Award



#### **ABIGAIL C.**

Great Distinction

McGill University - Department of Chemical Engineering Award

#### **ANASTASIIA N.**

Great Distinction

McGill University's - Chemistry Award

#### **ELISE G.**

Gina Cody School of Engineering & Computer Science Award

Great Distinction McGill University Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Department of Bioresource Engineering Award

#### **KAELYN A.**

Great Distinction

McGill University - Department of Mining & Engineering - Materials Engineering Award



#### **HONG MINH L.**

Honourable Mention



#### **MALEK H. & KAMAL A.**

Distinction

#### **NEWSHA V. A.**

Distinction

#### **SAM P. & JAD E.**

Distinction

#### **MALEK A. & MAHMOUD A.**

Distinction

Congratulations to the entire team and a big thank you to all the teachers who dedicated so much time and effort to make this event a very successful one for Kells.





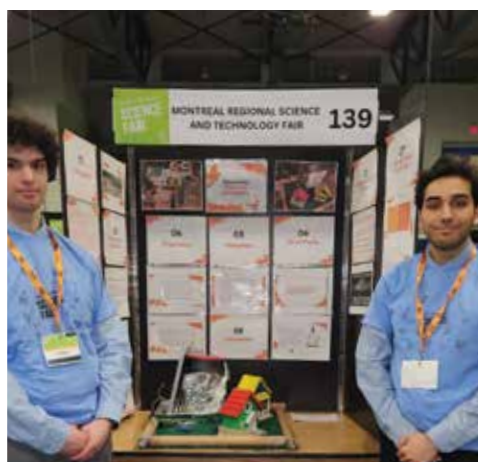
*Abigail Candappa*



*Antoine Gagnault*



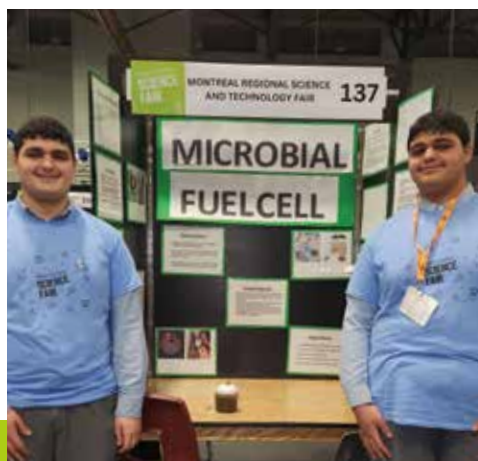
*Elise Gagnault*



*Jad El Khoury & Sam Pouladi*



*Kaelyn Ang*



*Malek and Mahmoud Al Saffarini*



*Anastasiia Naumova*



# Celebrating Mathematical Excellence:

## Kells Academy Triumphs at 2023 Canadian Team Math Competition!

We are thrilled to share some incredible news that underscores the exceptional talent and hard work of our students. Our school participated in the Canadian Team Math Competition, held on April 14th at St. George's, and we have received the results.



*Nicoleta Ungureanu, Serena Chouery, Hong Minh Le, Anson Ang, Arman Biberoglu, Cynthia Tun, Hyun Jung*

Our remarkable team, composed of Arman Biberoglu (Grade 11), Anson Ang (Grade 11), Serena Chouery (Grade 11), Minh Le (Grade 11), Hyun Jung (Grade 9), and Cynthia Tun (Grade 10), emerged triumphant in a highly competitive field. They secured an impressive **\*\*third place\*\*** among nine of the top schools in the QAIS network. These schools included The Study, West Island College, Trafalgar, Loyola, Selwyn House, Stanstead College, Sacred Heart, and St-Georges.

This achievement is a testament to the dedication and mathematical prowess of our students, who tackled challenging math problems with determination and skill. We couldn't be prouder of their outstanding performance and their ability to shine brightly in the face of mathematical challenges.

Mathematics is undoubtedly a demanding subject, but our students have proven that they are more than up to the task. Their success reflects not only their talent but also the excellent guidance and support they receive from our dedicated math faculty.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Arman, Anson, Serena, Minh, Hyun, and Cynthia for their exceptional achievement. Your hard work, perseverance, and problem-solving skills have paid off in a big way, and we are immensely proud of you all!

As we continue to foster a culture of academic excellence at Kells Academy, we look forward to more achievements like this in the future. Keep up the fantastic work, mathletes!





# Breaking News:

## Exceptional Achievement by Our Grade 9 Students!



We are thrilled to announce a remarkable accomplishment by our Grade 9 students who participated in the prestigious Newton Contest, organized by the Canadian Mathematica Centrum, in the month of April. Their outstanding performance has earned them the impressive title of 3rd place in Canada!

Although we received the school report at the beginning of June, the national results have just been released, unveiling the exceptional talent of our Grade 9 group. This achievement speaks volumes about their dedication, hard work, and mathematical prowess.

We couldn't be more proud of this extraordinary group of students, and it's evident that they are poised for a bright future in mathematics. We have every confidence that they will continue to excel and make us proud in all future math competitions.

Congratulations to our incredible Grade 9 students! Your achievement is a testament to your exceptional abilities, and we can't wait to see what you accomplish next year and beyond. Keep up the fantastic work!



# Pascal, Cayley And Fermat Math Competitions

## Kells' mathletes win honors



*Hong Minh Le*

A number of talented and determined students from Grades 9, 10 and 11 participated in the Pascal, Cayley and Fermat Contests also administered by the University of Waterloo in February 2023.

This demanding annual competition is an individual event and written by secondary students across Canada that tests student's logical thinking and problem-solving skills in mathematics. Their diligent preparation, weekly practice and strategy sessions, supervised by Ms. Burstein and Ms. Ungureanu of our Math Department, paid off handsomely!

Several Kells Students were awarded with medals and certificates of distinction for their outstanding performance. Kells seniors ranked 3rd in the Greater Montreal area and 7th in Quebec in the Fermat math competition. Our grade 10 team placed 8th in Montreal and 46th provincially in the Cayley math competition. Grade 9 students ranked 5th in Montreal and 12th provincially in the Pascal math competition.



## Kells Winners



### Pascal Competition

#### Grade 7

**Eikan Sano,**  
medal winner

#### Grade 8

**Kaelyn Ang**  
**Shuojia Wang**  
**James Iocco**

#### Grade 9

**Seo Hyn Jung**  
**Hanming Chen**  
**Yutong Han**  
**Huiwen Ruan**  
**Shanming Cui**  
**Elise Gasnault**

### Cayley Competition

#### Grade 10

**Cynthia Tun,**  
medal winner  
**Jingtong Deng**  
**Lucille Hewitt**  
**Thomas Kovalchuk**

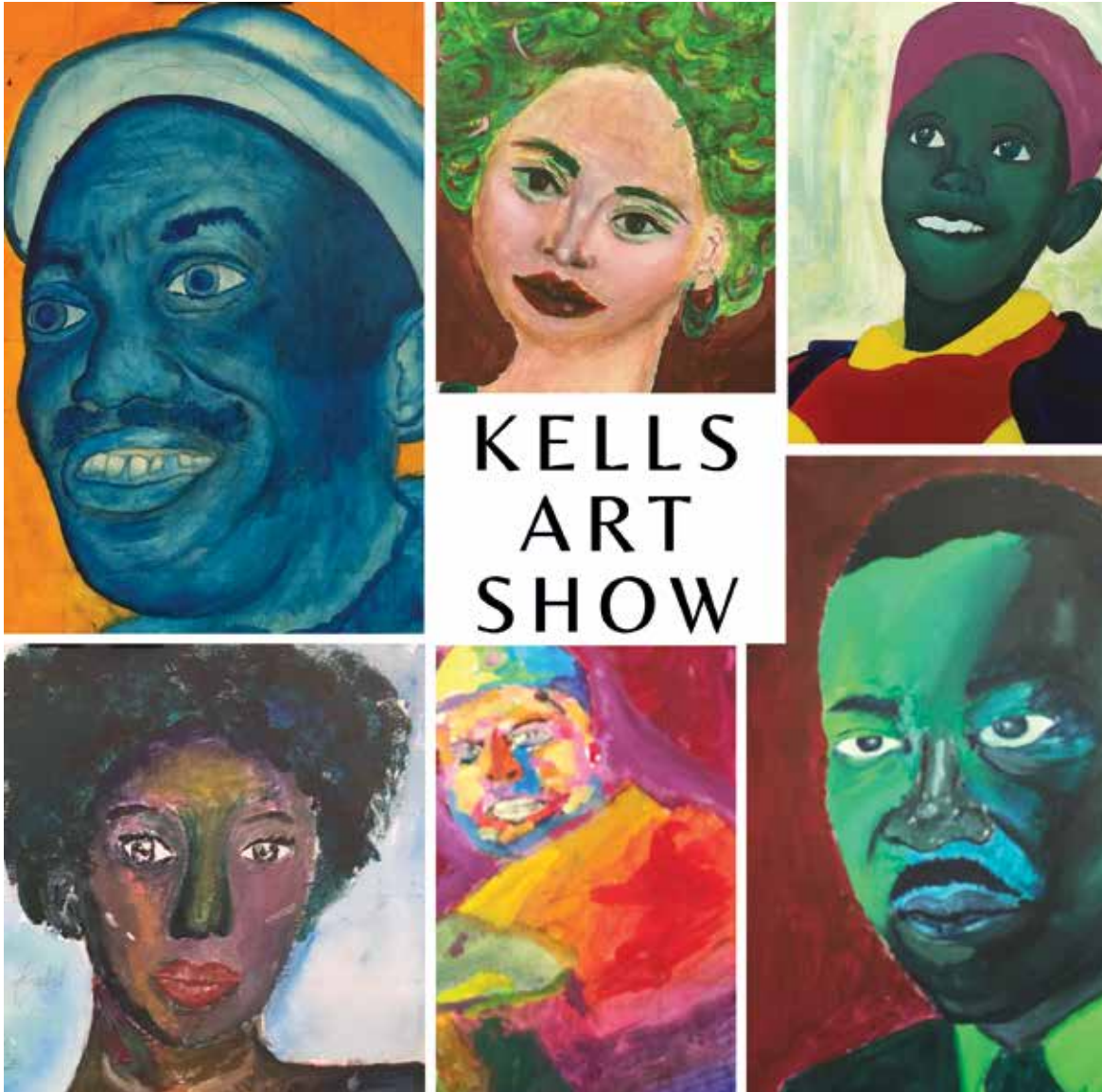
### Fermat Competition

#### Grade 11

**Arman Biberoglu,**  
medal winner  
**Serena Chouery**  
**Yitong Huang**  
**Hong Minh Le**  
**Jiazhou Wang**  
**Anson Ang**



# Embracing the Visual Arts

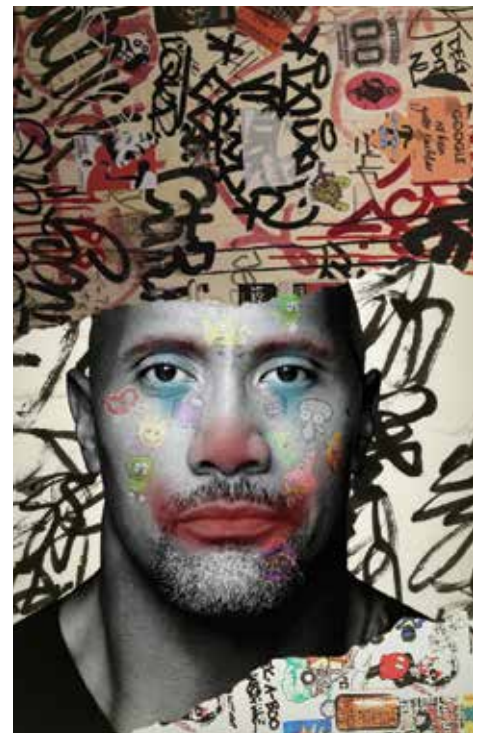


In May, the Kells Art Show embarked on a captivating journey through the realms of artistic expression and imagination. Students from Grades 7 to 11 with their diverse artistic talents, showcased an array of contemporary paintings. The event was further enriched by the inclusion of impressive clay sculptures.

In the realm of digital art tools, students were afforded a variety of choices. The majority favored Sketchbook, a versatile option readily available on their tablets. A portion of students opted for Photopea, while a select few embraced the creative potential of Procreate. Many students also produced short movies in Stop Motion using Stop Motion Studio.

This show was nothing short of an enchanting sensory experience, serving as a testament to the remarkable talents of these young artists. Credit is also due to their dedicated educators, Chris Michaud and Danielle Marleau, whose guidance and mentorship have played a pivotal role in nurturing this extraordinary talent. Their achievements, undoubtedly, are a source of immense pride for the entire community.





*Kells students utilized digital collage as the chosen media to bring their project to life*



# Embracing Diversity at Kells



At Kells, we cherish the belief that learning thrives when we come together, respectfully accepting our diverse experiences, interests, and cultural backgrounds. International Day serves as a platform for our students to take pride in their unique heritages and share them with the community. Representing over 30 different countries, our students showcase their traditions and cultural influences, offering a global tour of food, music, dance, and more. This celebration encourages us to appreciate diversity and broaden our worldviews, reminding us why we treasure and draw strength from it daily.



# Celebrating Talent and Creativity

## at the Kells Music and Art Showcase



## KELLS MUSIC SHOWCASE



The Kells Music Showcase opened to an audience of proud family members and friends. It was a success as singers and musicians delivered a performance that highlighted their talent and artistry. Mr. Malone took a moment to extend his heartfelt congratulations and appreciation to Mr. Arcuri-Tiscione, Mr. Michaud, Ms. Marleau, and all the dedicated art and music students for their exceptional displays and performances. Their remarkable creativity and courage in sharing their work were acknowledged, making it a true celebration of the Kells artistic spirit.



# Une Célébration Passée de la Langue Française et de la Culture Française à travers le Monde !



Nous avons célébré la langue française et la culture française à travers le monde ! Le département de français avait organisé une variété d'activités. Dans le but de montrer aux élèves les avantages de l'apprentissage du français et que le français existe en dehors des cours de français, les élèves avaient consacré quelques minutes à parler en français chaque période et dans leurs cours.

Pour clore en beauté notre passionnante Semaine de la Francophonie, le département de français a organisé un quiz spécial le vendredi 31 mars, pendant la dernière période, permettant à tous les étudiants de participer simultanément. Le quiz a mis au défi les connaissances des participants concernant les affiches dispersées. Trois prix excitants étaient en jeu !

Nous tenons à rappeler que cette semaine, à Kells, nous célébrons la langue et la culture françaises au Québec et au-delà, à l'occasion de la Semaine internationale de la francophonie. Nous vous encourageons tous à parler français plus souvent et à participer aux nombreuses activités que notre département de français a prévues pour les élèves.

L'équipe du département de français attend avec impatience la prochaine occasion de vous engager !



## Student Guidance and Personal Growth *Professional help for all-round development*



We are delighted to introduce Emily Scott, our licensed Guidance Counselor. With her impressive credentials, including a Master's degree in Mental Health Counseling and a post-master's diploma in Marital and Family Therapy, Emily brings a wealth of expertise to our students' well-being. During her ten year tenure as the Director of Counseling and Psychological Services at Azrieli Schools Herzliah in Montreal, Emily conducted individual therapeutic counseling sessions with high school students. Furthermore, she provided personalized academic counseling to Secondary V students, assisting them in exploring their post-secondary options. Emily also proactively organized and facilitated workshops for both students and faculty, focusing on vital mental health topics, including substance abuse, the cultivation of healthy relationships, navigating future transitions, addressing bullying, managing depression, and promoting overall wellness.

Emily will be available to support our students in various aspects of personal growth, relationship enhancement, and family dynamics. Whether it's helping students make informed post-secondary education choices or providing effective tools to navigate mental health challenges, Emily is here to empower and assist our Kells community.

We look forward to the positive impact Emily will have on our students' lives, and we extend a warm welcome to her as a valuable member of our team.

# When I reflect on my first year at Kells, what stands out most is...



School is usually thought of as classrooms, desks and chairs, Smartboards, assignments, tests, homework and those dreaded exams. But that isn't what you will remember. The real memories of school are the people - the faces and names of classmates and teachers - and the special events which

usually made school more fun! When I look back to my first year, I am pleased to reflect on the incredible achievements and progress that our students have made, both inside and outside of the classroom.

From grade trips and school-wide assemblies to exciting sports competitions, International day, and visits from important leaders, we have had an eventful year full of growth and learning. At Kells, we remain committed to providing our students with a wellrounded education that promotes academic excellence, character development, and community involvement.

One area where our students continue to excel is in mathematics and science. We are proud of the exceptional performances of our students in various math competitions and the Montreal Regional Science Fair. Our World Cup Scholar participants represented Kells on the international stage in Korea this summer with impressive success and are heading off to Yale University this fall.

These achievements are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students, but also to the exceptional teaching staff and supportive community at Kells. Our faculty members are committed to inspiring academic excellence and personal growth in our students, and this dedication is evident in the many successes that we have seen this year.

At Kells Academy, we believe that a comprehensive education goes beyond the classroom. We are committed to developing our students' character, promoting community involvement, and instilling a sense of responsibility towards the world around us. Our culture of care and commitment to equity and inclusivity ensures that every student can thrive and achieve their full potential. As we look ahead to the future, we remain dedicated to providing our students with the tools they need to make a positive impact on the world. We welcome the opportunity to engage with new families and students who are interested in joining our community, and we encourage you to explore our website to learn more about our programs and the many benefits of attending Kells Academy.

We look forward to another successful year ahead.

*Linda Leiberman*  
Head of School



## Exciting News: Dr. Judy Willis

### Presents at Kells Academy this Spring!

*How emotions impact the brains learning and what to do about it*



As part of our professional development program at Kells, we are proud to announce that Dr. Judy Willis, esteemed educator, and neuroscientist will be making a presentation to the Kells community and friends this coming spring. The official announcement will be made as soon as the date is determined.

Dr. Judy Willis combined her 15 years as a board-certified practicing neurologist with 10 subsequent years as a classroom teacher to become a leading authority in the neuroscience of learning. Dr. Willis has written seven books and more than 200 articles for professional journals applying neuroscience research to successful teaching strategies. She is on the adjunct faculty of Williams College from which she graduated Phi Beta Kappa. Dr. Willis travels nationally and internationally giving presentations, workshops, and consulting while continuing to write books. She has been selected by Edutopia as one of their "Big Thinkers on Education" and featured on their website as well as being a staff expert blogger for NBC News Education Nation, Edutopia, Psychology Today, and The Guardian.



# World Scholar's Cup

## the Joy of Learning



## What an accomplishment!

The World Scholar's Cup is an annual international academic program bringing together more than 15,000 students from over 65 countries. The World Scholar's Cup program is not limited to top academic students. It is designed to attract students of all abilities and talents, instilling in them a love for learning that will last a lifetime. Students enjoy cultural and social activities, including a Culture Fair that is similar to our International Day.



*Linnea Helbing-Mantovani, Rui Zhang, Alex Pinto, Lyna Ben Khelifa, Misheel Barkhasbadi, Payton Walker*

Our Kells team participated in the Global Round after qualifying at the regional level and in July 2023, a contingent of Kells students flew to Seoul, South Korea, to compete in this competition. One of the highlights was the showcase debate with the top 8 debaters. Kells' very own Alexander Pinto, competed in this event as also in the Team Debate where Alexander and his teammates faced teams from other schools and countries, three-on-three, and argued motions related to the theme topic Reconstructing the Past. They brought home several medals and a team trophy and qualified for the Tournament of Champions at Yale University.

Bravo Alexander! Bravo team!

***Kells students can prepare for the World Scholar's Cup by signing up for the Alpaca Club headed up by Mr. Jankowski.***

# Kells Student Council Members

## Participate in Citizens' Assembly



Our Student Council members shared their insights and perspectives at the Citizens' Assembly in Côte-des-Neiges-Notre-Dame-de-Grâce. The Mayor of Montreal, Valerie Plante, and the Mayor of C.D.N and N.D.G., Gracia Kasoki Katahwa, were both present to discuss pressing issues such as the current housing crisis and ecological transition.

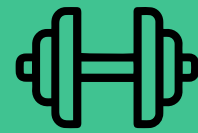
Mariam A., Julien F., Thurayya J., and Sam P. represented Kells Academy at this prestigious event.



*Kells Student Council Members at the Citizens' Assembly*

# Sports

## A strong mind-body connection



*Girls Volleyball team*

Physical activities are an intrinsic part of student life at Kells as we believe that it is important for a child's holistic development. Research has proved that it builds self-esteem, forges leadership skills, reduces anxiety and stress, helps with concentration, inspires teamwork, encourages healthy habits, and develops a child's social skills.

Kells offers basketball, soccer, badminton, futsal, volleyball, track and field and once again, in 2023, we excelled in many of the sports events that we participated in at the local and regional level.



*Boys Soccer team*

We fielded nine sports events and our students walked away with a number of prizes and awards in soccer, volleyball and basketball. Samy Hamrani was selected Kells Academy Senior Athlete of the Year and Sari Jubayli won the Junior Athlete Award.

To help us achieve even greater heights, we allocated a fitness room in the basement, fitted it with fitness and weight machines and hired a dedicated sports trainer to train, supervise and encourage the students to participate. Needless to say, it has become one of the most popular hangouts in the school!



**Grade 12  
at Kells**

# CEGEP alternative

## for high school academics and our performance athletes



Ask world-class competitive skier Flavie Mathieu or elite kayaker Cassidy Eusanio why they opted for the Grade 12 program at Kells, and they will tell you that Kells gets them where they want to go.

Cassidy Eusanio's career as an elite kayaker is made possible through her personal determination, dedication, talent – but also the kind of high school experience that offers flexibility and the high quality of education that has secured her admission into the McMaster University's engineering program. We are so proud that the Kells Grade 12 program is part of Cassidy's recipe for success.

Competing on the world stage requires out-of-the box thinking. That is what led Flavie Mathieu to Kells Academy. Quebec's Flavie Mathieu decided to bypass the province's traditional CEGEP path to forge one of her own. Choosing to invest two years in Kells Academy's traditionally single year Grade 12 program gave Flavie access to a quality education that would not only ensure she could maintain a demanding training schedule while overseas, but also secured her admission to the l'Université de Montréal in the Fall of 2023. Keep making your own path in life, Flavie. We are so proud of you!

Equally important is the fact that the Grade 12 program at Kells Academy facilitates a smoother route to University for student academics. The sudden switch from a structured and supportive High School to the highly independent environment of a CEGEP can be daunting and a challenge for some students. Moreover, it's worth noting that French is not a requirement to graduate and obtain a diploma. As well, graduates gain admission straight from Grade 12 to University and can skip the intermediary CEGEP level altogether anywhere in North America, including Quebec.





## A spectacular \$100,000 Award from the University of Toronto.

Meet Mohammadamin Tabari Nia, an exceptional student in the Grade 12 program at Kells Academy. Originally from Iran, he came to Canada at 15 to pursue his education, showing remarkable determination and a zest for life. Throughout high school at Kells Academy, Mohammadamin maintained stellar grades, thanks to the collaboration between Virtual High School and Kells Academy while avidly enjoying his hobbies like playing the guitar, basketball and chess.

Mohammadamin's great ambition is to become a brain surgeon for which he gets unwavering support from his family. His father's values of healthy ambition, a balanced life and a strong work ethic have had a profound influence on shaping his own life.

Graduating from the Kells Grade12 program with his Ontario Secondary School Diploma, Mohammadamin has been awarded a coveted \$100,000 International Scholar Award from the University of Toronto for study in the Life Sciences Program. The award recognizes his academic excellence and potential in the field and will expose him to diverse courses like neurophysiology and genetics, nurturing his passion for healthcare and scientific exploration and becoming a doctor down the road.

We celebrate Mohammadamin's remarkable achievement and are very proud that the quality education he has received at Kells Academy has been instrumental in the journey towards his dream.



## A Heartwarming Reunion:

### Rafal Returns to Kells After 28 Years

We were delighted to welcome back Rafal Wyszowski last week, a former student from 1995. Accompanied by his wife and four children, Rafal's return to Kells brought back fond memories.

Rafal is an accomplished senior manager with a 20+ year track record in sales, marketing, finance, and operations, currently serving as a Management Board Advisor at Bank Pekao S.A., and holding an MBA with Distinction from Oxford Brookes University, accredited by the Association of MBAs (AMBA). As he stepped back into our familiar school, he couldn't help but reminisce about his time here. With a smile on his face, he shared stories of the wonderful teachers who had made a lasting impact on him. During his visit, Rafal took a moment to stroll down memory lane, reflecting on the good times he had and the lasting friendships he forged within these walls.

It was a heartwarming experience for both Rafal and our school community to reconnect after nearly three decades. We eagerly look forward to more reunions and opportunities to celebrate the journeys of our alumni.

*Lina Zavaglia*

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