



Blues News

KCVI Newsletter

May 2018

Administration Reflections

KCVI.....Where Tradition Meets the Future!

Où la tradition et l'avenir se rencontrent

Reading through the Blues News it becomes clear that KCVI is a very busy and successful school. We are so impressed by the massive participation of our students in so many different extracurricular activities and clubs. We are so proud of how well our students have represented our school.

As you are reading this, we have been surveying our students through the Learning Bar's *Our School* survey to hear their individual and collective voices about what is important to them. We value input from all of our students.

Spring is here and we strongly encourage students to finish the semester strong. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any concerns with your child's progress.

Construction for Kingston Secondary School is well underway. Please visit www.limestone.on.ca and look for updates under *New Schools*.

Please join us on Tuesday, May 15th for our next School Council Meeting. We are looking forward to seeing everyone who is able to attend.

Please continue to follow us on Twitter @talyamckenna/KCVI.

UPCOMING ACTIVITES

Student Association elections:

- SA Grade Rep nominations will be out May 11, and will close May 17 with

speeches occurring May 22, and voting May 23 all day in the main foyer.

Rainbow Week runs from May 14th to May 18th.

Athletic Association Chair applications for 17-18 are available on Tuesday May 22nd.

Tennis – KASSAA is on May 8th; EOSSAA is on May 15th

KASSAA Senior Boys Rugby May 25-28th
Girls Rugby finals are May 23rd

KASSA All Soccer Finals May 24th

Track and Field meets:

- May 16th (pm) & 17th – KASSAA Track and Field meet
- May 24th and 25th – EOSSAA Track and Field meet for students who qualified from KASSAA
- May 31st and June 1st – East Regionals Track & Field meet for students who qualified from EOSSAA
- June 7th to the 9th – OFSAA Track & Field meet for students who qualified from the East Regionals

Rowing activities:

- May 6th (Sunday) – Kingston Regatta
- May 27th (Sunday) – Nation Capital Regatta in Ottawa
- May 31st to June 3rd – Canadian Secondary School Rowing Championships

The Athletic Banquet will be held on June 14th starting at 5:00 pm. More information will follow.

Grade 9 EQAO Math testing for students in Grade 9 Math classes this semester is on June 12th and 14th.

The **Review and Summative Evaluation** period runs from June 14th to 18th. Some Grade 12 final exams will be written starting June 19th. **Exams** for all students begin June 21nd and run to June 27th. It is very important that students do not accept summer employment or leave for an early vacation during this period. A final exam schedule will be distributed with midterm report cards to assist in planning. Although classes are over and students are not expected at school during the exam period, they may come into to school and study. The buses continue to run on their regular schedule.

Exam return for Semester 2 classes will run from 8:30 am to 10:30 am on Thursday June 28th.



**We want
YOU.....**

.....yes, you
in the green shirt. And
you, sitting in the back
row, oh, and definitely

you – the funny one who let their lunch go mouldy in their locker. We want you if you're in Robotics, or on the soccer team, part of DECA or in the radio program. We want you if you love to skateboard and if you don't. If you think pizza is delicious, or if it's completely over-rated. We definitely want you if you're shy, or out-going, "book-ish" or have no idea what a book is.....Get it? WE WANT YOU – to apply for LINK Crew.

So, what's this LINK Crew you ask? It's our third year offering this incredible leadership and mentoring program at KCVI. We will be selecting a diverse group of senior students, both 11s and 12s, to act as year-long mentors to our amazing group of incoming grade 9s. This internationally recognized program has existed

for 20+ years and is built on the belief that students can help students succeed. Senior leaders are trained as mentors, coaches and positive role models who guide all of our grade 9s through an amazingly fun high school orientation process at the end of August and then continue as small group mentors throughout the entire grade 9 year. This is not only an incredible learning and leadership opportunity for seniors but also very rewarding and completely unforgettable.

Applications will be available in the main office starting **Monday, April 30th** and must be handed in by **Friday, May 11th**. We really look forward to hearing from YOU.

KCVI Yearbook 2017/2018

**LAST CHANCE to order your
student's yearbook!**

Only 250 total yearbooks have been ordered, so order yours ONLINE now for guaranteed delivery in June. The cost is \$60 for a full-colour, hard cover yearbook filled with KCVI memories. Order deadline date is May 5, 2018.

Visit: ybpay.lifetouch.com

Enter code: 12506718

Cost: \$60.00

****Limited copies will be available in
the school****

FROM STUDENT SERVICES

Course Selection for 2018-2019

Student course requests for the 2018-2019 year are now complete. Thank you to all students

and families for taking the time to research pathways and courses available and for selecting carefully, with the assistance of student services staff. We are now in the process of building a school timetable to best match student requests, and will be in touch with students before the school year ends to confirm their timetables for September. Focus program applications are in and students will soon hear whether they have been accepted into programs for next year. The LDSB's Dual Credit partnership with St. Lawrence College will be continuing next year. This program allows students in grades 11 & 12 to enroll in a first year course at SLC, at no cost, while simultaneously earning an elective toward their secondary school diploma. This year, KCVI had over 20 students take advantage of this opportunity. The first round application deadline for this program is May 11 2018. Students are encouraged to come to student services for more information.

University / College Applications

Students heading to Ontario Colleges in September are required to accept their offers by May 1, 2018 while students heading off to Ontario Universities need to do the same by June 1, 2018. Out of province Universities and Colleges have individual deadlines for acceptance – please ensure that these dates are reviewed. Once an offer has been accepted, be sure to read all subsequent correspondence carefully. Deadlines for residence applications and program deposits tend to creep up quickly. Families planning to apply for financial assistance through the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) should visit osap.gov.on.ca for specific information and timelines.

Graduation Information

Our 2018 Graduation Ceremony will take place on **Thursday, June 28th at 4:00 pm** in the KCVI auditorium. Invitations and ticket information will be given to graduates during the month of May. Families can anticipate being given up to 4 tickets per graduate to this event. Students in

the graduating class of 2018 do not require a ticket. Families requesting more than 4 tickets will be added to a “additional ticket request list”, from which we will assign tickets if there are extra tickets available. If necessary, we will use a lottery system to distribute these extra tickets, if our demand is greater than the number of tickets available. We look forward to celebrating achievements of KCVI's class of 2018 with you!

Learning Program Support / Special Education

Ms. Kim Kippen and Ms. Julia Hale have been following up on IEP Waivers and holding meetings upon request. Please notify us to set up a meeting if you would like one and have not yet done so.

At the beginning of June, we will be meeting with students to discuss Final Culminating Project and Exam accommodations. Please encourage your son/daughter to connect with us to discuss these arrangements.

Student Services would like to thank the school community for their ongoing support. Our doors are always open.

ACADEMICS

Another Great Year for KCVI at the Regional Science Fair

On March 28 and 29, a host of KC students attended the Frontenac, Lennox and Addington Regional Science Fair at McArthur Hall. Approximately 40 students volunteered their time during these days to help out with various activities at the fair. Over twenty students (including 16 senior IB students) exhibited their outstanding investigations and faced questions about their findings and conclusions. IB Science students complete an extensive independent scientific investigation (10 hours minimum) as part of their studies and, as part of the process,

the students present their findings to the greater scientific community. All KC participants served as great ambassadors for the school and impressed judges, other students and the general public with their great experimental designs, innovative scientific procedures and detailed conclusions.

On a special note, the following students came home with the following awards for their projects:

Special Award Winners – Alex Chan (\$750 Invista Innovation Award), Ian Chan (Summer Job with KPM and Professional Engineers Award), Karenna Chan (Queen’s Department of Biology Award), Shafagh S-R and Alex Trefzger (Queen’s BioMedical & Molecular Science Award), Lydia Elbatamy (Queen’s Department of Chemistry Award), Adrienne Scott (Queen’s Department of Physics Award), Garrison Mack (St. Lawrence Research Award), Lydia Elbatamy (U of Ottawa Entrance Scholarship).

Category Awards

Bronze Medal – Drake Johnson

Silver Medal – Ethan Diak, Shafagh S-R

Gold Medal – Jane Smallman, Adrienne Scott, Dawson Ethier, Lydia Elbatamy and Alex Chan

Best of Fair Awards

Bronze Medal – Adrienne Scott

Gold Medal – Lydia Elbatamy

Math

The first math contests of second semester took place on February 27. A total of 26 grade 9, 10 and 11 students participated.

April has been another busy month for the mathletes. On April 11, nineteen students from grade 9-12 wrote the University of Waterloo Euclid contest, designed for grade 12 students. Prior to writing the Euclid conference, a group of students attended the Euclid Problem Solving Day at LCVI. A team, from the University of Waterloo, worked with them on a variety of problems to help prepare the students for the Euclid contest. On April 12, thirteen students

from grade 9- 11 wrote either the Fryer, Galois or Hypatia contest.

There are 2 more math events for this school year. At the end of April, a team of four grade 11 students will be travelling to the University of Ottawa to participate in the Math Horizons Day. On May 11, teams of four junior mathletes will be competing in teams of four at the Junior Mathleague competition hosted by Regi. As reported in an earlier newsletter, we participated in the 2016 Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge (COMC). The contest organizers hold a random draw of all participants at Canadian schools, independent of COMC scores. Approximately 160 prizes will be distributed to participants nationally. This year Ricky Chai won a gift certificate to Staples

Lake Effect Robotics are World Champions!!

Congratulations to all volunteers and participants for an impressive performance! "Lake Effect Robotics" is a board-wide robotics team, open to all secondary students in the Limestone District School Board. This year, they had 54 members from 6 different schools.

The team competes in the international FIRST Robotics Competition, which has over **3,647 teams from 27 countries this year**. The competition involves a different robotic "game" every year, announced in January. Alliances of 3 robots (from different teams) compete to play the game. The teams only have 6 weeks to design and build their robots, which can be up to 150 lbs in weight and 5ft tall.

This year's game, called "FIRST Power Up," is themed after classic arcade games. Teams compete to place "power cubes" (milk crates in a yellow covering) on large balancing scales to tip the scale and gain ownership. Alliances earn points for the length of time that they own scales. They can also trade power cubes for "power ups" which can give them different advantages during the match. At the end of the match, robots can climb a tower to gain additional points. During the first 15 seconds of

each match, robots must be "autonomous" (i.e. programmed) and earn extra points.



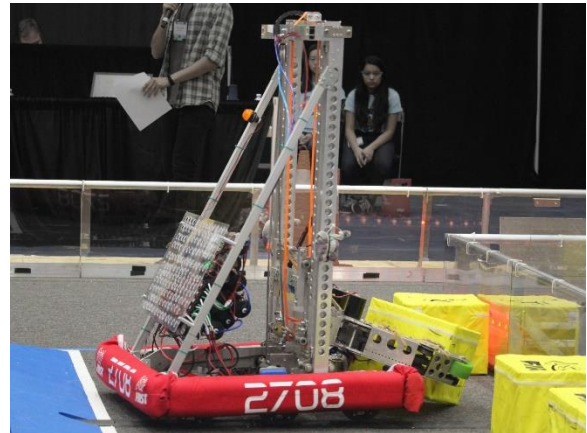
The Lake Effect Robotics team competed at Durham College and Nipissing University this year. At Durham, they finished 9th in qualifying matches and were selected to the 5th alliance for playoffs. Unfortunately, they lost two very close matches in the quarter-finals. In North Bay they performed much better, finishing 3rd in qualifying and becoming captain of Alliance #2. They won their quarter-final and semi-final series but were beaten in the finals by a very strong Alliance #1.



This performance, along with awards for Team Spirit and Innovation in Control, qualified the team for the Ontario Championships at the Hershey Centre in Mississauga.

At the Ontario Championships, Lake Effect Robotics was 10 and 2 in qualification rounds, ranked 5th in their division and became the Captain of the 3rd alliance for the playoffs. They won the quarter-final series but lost in the semi-finals to the eventual winner of our division. **Along with the provincial Imagery Award, this qualified the team for the World Championship in Detroit.**

After qualifying rounds at the world championship, the team was selected by the #2 alliance in the Daly division. They went on to win the division and move onto the championship semi-finals. They finished first in this round-robin competition to move on to the "Einstein" finals, held in Ford Field stadium in front of 40,000 spectators. The alliance won the finals to become 2018 World Champions!!



Congratulations to all the team members and thanks for being excellent representatives of the Limestone District School Board!

IB Germany Trip

On March 7th, 32 KCVI IB students and their 5 chaperones, jetted off to Germany for 10 days of adventure and learning. Visiting Berlin, Nuremberg and Munich, we participated in street art classes, bicycle tours, panel discussions and visits to important historic sites. These included the Reichstag, Hohenschönhausen (the East German state prison), the Tempelhoff Airport and Dachau Concentration Camp. We learned how to navigate the Berlin transit system, how to haggle for a deal at the Berlin flea market, and what real lebkuchen (gingerbread) tastes like. Everywhere we went, we were complimented on our students' insightful questions and lovely manners. It was truly a pleasure to travel with such wonderful students. And our thanks to



guide and new friend, Berliner Daniel Scheppen. Next international IB trip? March 2020- stay tuned for details.

KCVI French students accept the DELF challenge!

KCVI Grade 12 French students have been invited to participate in a DELF pilot project. The DELF (Diplôme des Études de Langue Française) is a standardized internationally recognized test of French as a Second Language. A handful of our KCVI students have accepted the challenge. The organization of this pilot project has been the collaborative effort of many people, including the KCVI Languages Department; the LDSB French language consultant; the Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic District School Board; and the Ottawa Carleton District School Board. Students will complete their reading, writing, listening and speaking exams in April and May.

The value of having a DELF diploma is that it is internationally recognized, and it never expires. Students can proudly add the diploma to the list of their accomplishments and present it to employers or educational institutions worldwide as proof of their level of language competence.

In conjunction with the LDSB, KCVI plans to offer the opportunity to Grade 12 French as a Second Language students (all levels: Immersion; Extended; Core) to take the DELF exam and acquire the diploma next year, 2018-2019. For more information, please contact Ms. Christine Armstrong, Head of Languages, at armstrongcl@limestone.on.ca.



Francofoire at KCVI!!

KCVI held our second annual *Francofoire* (French Language Festival) in March. The KCVI Languages Department, and the Grade 11 French Immersion class of Mrs. Erin McDonald created and hosted the week-long event, March 5-9th. Events included information sessions about how to use one's French language skills to enhance future career and educational options; cooking sessions; "franco-olympiques"



- fun improvisation; role-play; "karaoke"; team-tag; and more events in French in the gym. Students collaborated to make the event a success, and had roles in introducing and

thanking guests to KCVI. We raised the profile of French at KCVI, and invite students to join us again next year.

From the Music Department

- The Sr. Concert Band participated in the Kingston Kiwanis Band Music Festival on April 4th. It was a fine performance and the ensemble represented KCVI with pride.
- The Music Department is very busy preparing for the production of 'Footloose: The Musical' which will be presented From May 15-18th. We look forward to seeing you at the show. Tickets will be available soon!
- On May 30th we invite you to our annual spring concert at 7:00 here in the KCVI auditorium. Sr. and Jr. Concert Bands, vocal class, and the grade 9 music class will be performing some of the repertoire that they have been working on this semester. Please join us to celebrate what we have accomplished!
- On June 1st the concert bands will be travelling to Vaughn, Ontario to participate in the Thrills & Trills music festival. It is sure to be a day full of music and fun!
- It has been an exciting first year here at KCVI for me, and I wanted to thank staff, parents, and students for all their support throughout the year! I look forward to another year full of music!
Happy and safe summer,
Kelli Caravan



Swimming

The swim team had a great season this year. We had an enthusiastic group of students, especially grade 9s. Many students in grades 10 – 12, joined us for the first time. Throughout the season we had so many impressive swims and great team spirit. Our team came second at EOSSAA. Thirteen athletes qualified and attended the OFSSAA Swim Championship in Windsor this past February. Many swimmer produced personal best times at this meet. We even won 2 medals, Lily Chubaty was third in Open Girls

100 Free and the Open Girls IM Relay, consisting of Morgan Davies, Lily Chubaty, Emily Pain and Anna Suo, placed third. All coaches and staff advisors were extremely proud of all the swimmers and hope everyone comes back next year for an even better season. Thank you to everyone that was involved in helping the team this year including our student helpers!

Dion Metcalf Visit

On April 11th and 12th, KCVI had the pleasure of hosting Dion Metcalf, an Inuk from the Ottawa Inuit Children's Centre. He visited and shared his knowledge of Inuit culture in our phys ed, literacy, Summit and Native studies classes. Our



students now have a better understanding of what it takes to survive and thrive in an Arctic environment and how the culture of the Inuit is beautifully adapted to do so. If your child was

lucky enough to be in one of Dion's classes, ask them why there is no word for "please" in Inuitut but many words for "thank-you". He also helped them understand the history of the relationship between Canada and the Inuit and why reconciliation is something all Canadians need to engage in. Nakomiq Dion!

CLUBS

KCVI DRAMA CLUB



If you were saddened by the thought that *Footloose* had somehow come and gone without you seeing it, you can turn that frown upside down, because you still have a chance to catch it! Make sure you set a night aside between **Tuesday, May 15** and **Friday, May 18** to see KCVI's production of ***Footloose: The Musical!*** Kibo Mulima as Ren McCormack and Andie Siemens as Ariel Moore lead an amazingly talented KC cast in this smash hit musical! *FOOTLOOSE* explodes onto the stage with classic 80s anthems including Holding Out For A Hero, Almost Paradise, Let's Hear It For The Boy, and of course the title track, *Footloose*.

Life in small-town Bomont is peaceful until City boy, Ren, arrives. Breaking every taboo, Ren brings dance back to the heart of a town held back by the memory of a tragedy. Based on the hit 80s movie (which launched the movie careers of Kevin Bacon, Lori Singer, Jon Lithgow, and Sarah Jessica Parker), *FOOTLOOSE* has become a stage musical phenomenon, from Broadway to the West End in London; there is just no stopping the music! *FOOTLOOSE* is packed full of electrifying dance routines, guaranteed to get you on your feet. Dancing is not a crime, but to miss being a part of *Footloose* would be!

Tickets are \$10 for students and seniors and \$15 for adults. Curtain is at 7 pm sharp.

KCVI Drama Club once again hosted the ***Kingston-St. Lawrence District NTS Drama Festival*** from Wednesday, February 28 through to Saturday, March 3. The festival, **formerly The Sears Drama Festival**, unfortunately, lost its sponsor of seventy-one years' Sears Canada. Luckily, the National Theatre School of Canada along with IATSE, recognizing the importance of the Festival, stepped in to keep the festival going and to have it continue as the longest running student drama festival in North America! Festival Adjudicator, **Mr. Brett Christopher**, presented awards on the Saturday night before a receptive audience, and praised the high quality of the performances and technical work throughout the Festival. Despite facing huge technical difficulties with the auditorium projector, the cast of *Time Goes On*, KCVI's sole entry in this year's festival, received an Award of Merit for their innovative student written production! Mr. Fraser would like to thank the whole ensemble, Gillian Anderson, Chloe Campbell, Emily Flake, Kennedy Joyce, Kibo Mulima, Hailey Swain, and Aidan Tomkinson, for their resolve to "go on with the show" and their grace under pressure. St Mary CHS's production, *Lockdown*, was selected to represent our district at the Eastern Regional Festival in Perth.

Mr. Fraser would also like to send out a huge thank you to Matt Thompson who has been the Student Festival Coordinator for the past two years. The Festivals wouldn't have occurred without Matt's tireless work, dedication, and enthusiasm! Mr. Fraser would also like to congratulate Matt for being the first KCVI student to complete the I.B. Theatre program: well done, Matt!



KCVI MODEL UNITED NATIONS 33 YEARS AND COUNTING

BY **Dan Fruhling-**
KCVIMUN supervisor

Model United Nations, also known as Model UN or MUN, is an extracurricular activity where students typically delegates to the United Nations and recreate UN committees. Outstanding delegates in each committee are recognized and given an award certificate. Thousands of high school students across the country and across the world participate in Model United Nations. The simulation requires researching, public speaking, debating and writing skills, as well as critical thinking, teamwork, and leadership abilities. This activity builds many important social skills and helps them learn about the world and the global problems we face. No other activity that combines academic learning with skill-building – and most importantly, FUN-the way MUN does.

This year KCVI celebrates 33 years of continuous MUN conferences. There are approximately 130 students from Kingston Area high schools (and Vanier elementary) who participated in this year's 2018 MUN on April 17-19th. It started Tuesday afternoon with registration early sessions and Wednesday and finished with an award ceremony Thursday at 2:00 pm. There was also a banquet on Wednesday night in the KCVI gymnasium. The MUN organizing committee was led by Cecilia Lou and Matthew Thompson. Organization began in early October 2017 as students formed various committees to organize the banquet, set up the crisis, find speakers, write position papers, train pages (grade 7 and 8 Vanier students), and assigning countries to candidates.

The KCVI MUN 2018 created a dynamic and educational opportunity for high school students to expand their knowledge, build interpersonal skills, understand the value of compromise and collaboration and engage in high level debates. Who knows one day they might have a chance to

be decision makers and create positive change in Canada and the world.

DECA

The KCVI DECA season has come to an end, but not before a couple of KC Blues made a huge impact on the world stage. Last week in Atlanta, Georgia, Jane Smallman and Matthew Wilson captured first place in their Finance Research Category. Matt and Jane have competed against over 300 other competitors in various competitions throughout the year, and when the winners were announced last week, KC DECA stood on the Gold Medal podium.

In another surprise ending to the year, another KC DECA team also captured third place in the Business Operations event. Johnson Lee, Vanshik Patel and Cameron Smith shocked many with their business report on Freedom Mobile that resulted in a third place overall finish. Much like Smallman and Wilson, this mainly Grade 10 team competed against senior grade 12 students throughout the year. In fact, they improved on their fourth place Provincial ranking and beat out another 180 teams from the US in capturing KC DECA's second trophy.

KC DECA also had a number of top 20 finishes with Ian Ramzy and Matthew Thompson in Virtual Stock Market; Lydia Elbatarny, Asher Hounsell and Alex Chan in Entrepreneurship Franchise and Criswyn Paul and Justin Leung in Financial Literacy Promotion. Ramzy and Thompson were also announced as Top 10 finalists in their category.

Overall, 89 students registered for DECA this year; 85 competed at the Provincial Championship. 25 students competed at the International Competition and 12 students came home with some hardware.

DECA Executive applications for the 2018/19 school year will be available starting next week.

DECA strives to be the leading, innovative extra-curricular program for secondary school

students in Ontario by creating professional partnerships and experiential learning opportunities that allow students to develop confidence, employability skills and demonstrate leadership.

For more information on KC DECA, contact Huw Davies, Staff Advisor.



Relay For Life

Spring brings Relay for Life to our school. Under their direction the organizing committee (of twenty students!) has been established and teams

of students have been created to take care of fundraising efforts, registration, events and advertising/marketing. It is a wonderful event, in support of a worthwhile cause. Teams have already registered. The event is on Friday May 25th at 7 p.m. until Saturday, May 26th at 7 a.m. To date, having commenced Relay for Life in 2006, K.C.V.I. has raised over \$190,000.00. Our goal this year is to raise \$27,000.00 this year. We need your help – please consider sponsoring a student for this event or helping out as a chaperone at the school.



The Limestone Learning Foundation
Presents

The Grand Theatre – Saturday, December 15, 2018
VOCAL AUDITIONS 2018

The Limestone Learning Foundation (LLF) presents **Crystal Concert at the Grand**, a musical tribute to the holiday season Saturday, December 15, 2018, in the Regina Rosen Hall, Grand Theatre. This concert will celebrate

holiday traditions through song, from blues to jazz, timeless classics and multicultural music. The production will be a large vocal ensemble performance, starring students of the Limestone District School Board.

New Course for ALL Grade 11 Students!

As part of response to the Calls to Action stemming from the *Truth and Reconciliation Commission*, the Limestone DSB is implementing a new course for all Grade 11 students, for each pathway (University Preparation, College Preparation, and Workplace Preparation). This course will replace the existing courses, and is called **ENGLISH: Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Voices**. **We are inviting interested parents and community members to a sharing session on May 8, at 7:00 pm.** The intent of this sharing session is to hear your ideas about what we might include in our course planning, and to make connections to Indigenous parents in the KCVI community. As well, we will share drafts of the curriculum, and compare it with the previous English course.

Auschwitz Memorial Trip Information Session May 8 at 6:00 PM

In April, 2019, KCVI students are invited to participate in a trip to Berlin, Warsaw, and Krakow. This trip will focus on Holocaust Remembrance and World War II History and will culminate with a day at the Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp. This is a district trip, open to all secondary students in the Limestone DSB. We currently have interest from FSS, GREC, LCVI, KCVI, and NDSS.

The working itinerary is available here: www.eftours.ca using this tour number: 2007192AH

Interested? Email Mr. Switzer (switzerr@limestone.on.ca)