

*"Wellington Catholic Speaks Up!"* adopts passive consent procedure for 2016-2017 survey.

*"Wellington Catholic Speaks Up!"* is our bi-annual school climate, mental health, and well-being survey, which will be conducted again in March, 2017. Students from grades 4 through 12, as well as staff and parents, will be asked about important issues such as how safe and welcome they feel in their schools, about how supported they feel, and about student mental health and well-being. Information from this survey will help schools identify school and student needs, and to inform programming decisions.

The survey will be administered using a passive consent process, meaning that individual parent or guardian consent is not required for students to complete the survey. Participation is entirely voluntary and students or parents may opt out of the survey if they choose. Information about the survey opt-out process will be provided in periodic updates as the survey time approaches. However, we strongly encourage you to join your child(ren) in adding your voices and help shape future programs, supports, and initiatives in your schools through *"Wellington Catholic Speaks Up!"*.