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## Note from Administration

### HALF PD DAY THURSDAY FEBRUARY 23RD - IMPORTANT REMINDER

This Thursday, we once again have a half day of classes scheduled in the morning with the dismissal of students at 10:58. The morning will consist of the regularly scheduled period 1 and 2 classes and normal instruction will continue in these classes. As always students who miss classes will be responsible to get caught up on missed work. Excellent attendance is a critical factor contributing to student success.

Thank you for your continued support of positive attendance patterns for our students.

– Mr. D. Witt, Principal

### BENNY'S IN THE LOCAL MEDIA

CAMBRIDGE TIMES: [Saints push Phoenix to the limit](#)

## Administrative



**Service to/from St. Benedict  
Catholic Secondary School  
Thursday, October 17, 2013**

**Morning Service to the school:** regularly scheduled times.

**Dismissal from the school,** buses depart at 12:10pm, regular routing  
Position 1 Cooper-Winston Special to Franklin at Winston  
Position 2 Poplar-Baldwin Special to Guelph at Fisher Mills  
Position 3 Melran Special to Adler at Cooper

Regular service options:

Route 53 to Hespeler Terminal at 12:02pm and 12:32pm  
Route 60 to Cambridge Centre at 12:16pm  
Route 75 to Cambridge Centre at 12:05pm and 12:35pm

For more information refer to our website at <http://www.grt.ca>

## Look Who's Turning 50!!

The St. Benedict community is celebrating 50 years with a reunion weekend on May 4-6. Events will include an open house on Friday May 4 with a musical coffee house, an open house on Saturday May 5 with an old style assembly. A reunion boys basketball game, along with a reunion co-ed track and field event are scheduled for the Saturday morning. The weekend will be topped with a dinner at the Police Association Hall on Saturday evening.

We are looking for acts for our coffee house and assembly. Details and registration information can be found at [www.sbc50th.myevent.com](http://www.sbc50th.myevent.com).

### **PUBLIC ADVISORY**

## **POLICE AND COMMUNITY WORKING TOGETHER IN CRIME PREVENTION**

**Waterloo Region, Ontario**—Waterloo Regional Police are currently investigating numerous incidents in which young victims were approached by groups and robbed of their personal electronic devices and other valuables.

Police crime analysis has revealed that incidents of this type tend to escalate during school breaks and holidays. In addition, investigation has revealed that some robberies occurred after the location of house parties and social gatherings were posted on social media.

Robbery is a serious criminal offence with severe penalties and occurs when violence or the threat of violence are used in the commission of a theft.

With March break approaching, Waterloo Regional Police are encouraging the public to help make personal safety their top priority and offer the following tips:

- Walk in well lit areas in easy view of other pedestrians or motorists
- Listening to music through headphones or talking on cell phones may detract from your awareness of surroundings or the ability to spot suspicious activity

- Families should discuss street-proofing tips and safety plans
- Arrange for safe transportation home following outings or social events
- Whenever possible, especially in the late evening hours, try to walk with at least one friend.
- If approached or threatened make every attempt to avoid a physical confrontation.
- Record registration and serial numbers of your valuables
- Should you or anyone you know become the victim of this type of crime ensure it is reported to police as soon as possible

The Waterloo Regional Police Service continues to investigate these incidents and values the support and cooperation of the community as we work together to prevent crime and ensure the highest level of safety for all. For additional street proofing and personal safety tips, please visit our website at [www.wrps.on.ca](http://www.wrps.on.ca).

Anyone with information or who wishes to report a non-emergency situation should police at (519) 653-7700. For emergencies, please call 911.

## **NEWS FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT TOOLKIT SURVEY - MCCARTHY'S UNIFORM PRIZE PACK WINNERS**

Congratulations to Tracy Rego and Kelly DaSilva who participated in our Parent Toolkit Survey and were winners of the McCarthy's Uniform Prize pack worth approximately \$200 each.

Thanks to all who provided very meaningful feedback to our school council through your participation in this survey.

## **NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE**

BY MRS. P. KLASSEN

### **2012-2013 COURSE SELECTIONS**

Although second semester is barely underway, plans for the next school year have already started. For the past week, counsellors have been visiting classrooms to discuss the important process of choosing courses for the 2012-2013 school year. The decisions that students make now regarding their choices for next year are what drive the scheduling decisions that are made with regard to both the courses and the numbers of sections that we offer at the school next year. The importance of making the right choices should not be underestimated.

As has been the practice for the past number of years students will be choosing their courses on-line. The course calendar including course descriptions about all of the courses offered at St. Benedict can be accessed at [www.wcdsb.ca/planner](http://www.wcdsb.ca/planner). Detailed instructions for choosing courses are included below as well as some other information to consider as you help your son or daughter choose their courses.

Please note that all option sheets must be signed by a parent and are due back to the school on **Tuesday, March 1**.

## **STUDENTS! DO YOU MEAN BUSINESS?**

A career in business opens up many opportunities for you in international travel, meeting interesting people, and being a part of many successful products and entrepreneurial endeavours. Are you considering getting into



business? Check out [what our business department has to offer](#). All of our courses and their descriptions are listed, as well as which teacher to contact if you want more information.

Students taking business and computer courses can qualify for our *Business and Information Technology Certificate* upon graduation—check out the site or speak to one of the business teachers for more information.

Finally, all of the grade 11 and 12 business and computer studies courses qualify towards different **Specialist High Skills Majors**, as you can tell from the chart on the bottom of the page.

Are you open for business? We are!

## **SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR**

**Are you interested in any of the following sectors?**

Arts and Culture • Business • Construction  
Energy • Environment • Health and Wellness  
Hospitality and Tourism  
Information and Communications  
Technology  
Justice, Safety, and Emergency Services  
Manufacturing • Transportation

Get more information at [www.highskills.ca](http://www.highskills.ca)  
Sign up in the GUIDANCE office.

## **STUDENT SUCCESS CENTRE A HUGE SUCCESS!**

**BY MR. D. JAEGER**

It was with great fanfare and expectation that the newly created Student Success Centre opened last September in room 208. Combining the awesome forces of SST and Special Education, the Success Centre managed to do exactly what the name implied: create an environment where students could be successful.

Fast forward to February 2012 and the Student Success Centre is once again open for business, literally helping students from dawn till dusk! Need help with a Math equation? Need to print a History paper? Need a place to write that Civics test? We have the place for you! Just make sure you remind your teacher to call ex. 208 first and to complete an admit slip. Mrs. McLaughlin, Ms. Trentini, Mr. Malnerich and Mr. Jaeger are ready, willing and able to assist in any way possible.

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY**

**23**

**Early Dismissal Day**

### **BUS SCHEDULE**

#### **Morning Service to the school**

All school specials operate in the morning at the regularly scheduled times.

#### **Dismissal from the school**

##### **Position 2, Poplar-Guelph Special:**

11:10am departure to Guelph at Fisher Mills via regular routing.

##### **Position 3, Jamieson-Cooper Special:**

11:10am departure to Jamieson at Franklin via regular routing.

**Position 4, Melran Special:** 11:10am departure to Kerwood at Ellis via regular routing.

#### **Regular GRT service options:**

Route 60 to Cambridge Centre at 11:16am



## **ARE YOU AN EXCEPTIONAL ATHLETE? THEN YOU SHOULD CONSIDER APPLYING TO LEAP**

LEAP is an enrichment course for student-athletes who demonstrate exceptional athletic potential in a given sport.

Route 53 to Hespeler Terminal at 11:32am

*All students are expected to attend their period 1 and period 2 classes in the morning.*

**Go to the PHE Office for a brochure and/or application package.**

*Or visit the school website for more information*

<http://stbenedict.wcdsb.ca/leap>

## **NEWS FROM THE ECO TEAM**

### **E-WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM**

Did you know that your old electronic devices contain harmful chemicals and precious metals that can be recycled? If you bring your old cell phones, digital cameras, and empty ink cartridges to us, we can raise money to buy trees and other items for make our school more environmentally friendly. The drop off box can be found us inside the door at the Main Office.

### **DEAD BATTERY RECYCLING PROGRAM**

Do you have dead batteries at home? Did you know that when you throw them in the trash, they can leak harmful chemicals into our water system? Instead of throwing them out, bring them to use and let us recycle them for you. You can drop any dead batteries in the bin in the Main Office.

## **STUDENTS! WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS**

### **How can this club benefit you?**

- You have the chance to earn community service hours for your work after school hours.
- Earn experience that looks good on a resume
- Help make your school a more environmentally friendly place by helping out with our recycling programs, organizing Earth Week and Earth Day, activities, and organize school ground greening activities.

Watch the announcements for our next meeting date. Everyone is welcome to join.

## **Academics**

## **BENNY'S DECA STUDENTS ARE "TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS"**

BY MR. F. WITTMANN



*This year's edition of the DECA (Demonstrating Excellence, Celebrating Achievement) business club had many noteworthy accomplishments at*

## **BEYOND BENNY'S**

BY MRS. N. OFFAK

### **MATH:**

#### **Canadian National Math League Contest**

Annual contest with questions ranging from straightforward to challenging

March 13, 2012 - see website for details

<http://www.themathleague.com>

Sponsored by the University of Windsor

#### **Centre for Education in Math & Computing Contest**

Grade 9 (Pascal), Grade 10 (Cayley), Grade 11 (Fermat)

Thursday, February 23, 2012 - see website for details

<http://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca>

*the very competitive provincial championship last week.*

With 140 competitors in total, top 10 performances were achieved by Talal Abdali, Ali Sachoo, and Lucas Wozniak. Top 20 honours went to Jason Wozniak, Julia Wittmann, Ryan Dow, and Cole Boland. This was Benny's best showing in recent memory. Congratulations to all participants on a successful year!

The school will be sending four students to the International Conference in Salt Lake City for leadership training. Best wishes and good luck: Jason and Lucas Wozniak, Taranjeet Brar and Winona Roach.

## **STUDENTS WITH KNOWLEDGE OF COLLEGE COULD WIN THE ULTIMATE PARTY**

**BY THE CAREER STUDIES TEACHERS**

*A new online contest that tests Ontario high school students' knowledge of college will lead to one school winning a great party this spring.*

The contest, Win the Ultimate Party, launched today and quizzes students about the importance of a college education. The high school with the highest percentage of its student body successfully completing the quiz will win a year-end party complete with three DJs (hip hop, house and techno, and electronica), music, food, games and door prizes.

"Students will be eager to take this test," said Linda Franklin, president and CEO of Colleges Ontario, which is running the contest. "The ultimate party is a great prize for the winners."

Colleges Ontario is the advocacy organization for the province's 24 public colleges. The contest is part of the college sector's long-term

Sponsored by the University of Waterloo

### **Math Circles**

Free weekly enrichment activities  
February 8th - April 4, 2012 - 6:30pm - 8:30pm

<http://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/events/mathcircles...>

Sponsored by the University of Waterloo

### **Think About Math Conference**

A conference for Grade 9 Girls  
Apply online: February 2012  
Conference dates: Two held in May 2012

<http://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/events/tam.html>

Sponsored by the University of Waterloo

### **LANGUAGE & LITERACY:**

#### **OECTA Young Authors Award**

Submit short stories, poems, non-fiction article, and reports in both English or French. First place winners advance to unit level then provincial level. A collection of winning entries is published in book form.

Submission deadline: March 1, 2012

<http://www.oecta.on.ca/services/youngauth.htm>

Sponsored by Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association

### **Young Writers Poetry Contest**

Short story contest for ages 7-18. See website for details.

Submission deadline: March 2012

<http://www.youngwritersofcanada.ca>

Sponsored by the Poetry Institute of Canada

### **MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY:**

#### **Jumpcuts**

Young filmmakers create their own short films for this showcase of creativity and vision

Submission deadline: March 2012

<http://www.sprockets.ca/about/jumpcutsfilmmaker...>

Sponsored by Sprockets: Toronto International Film Festival for Children

### **Seminar in Computer Science for Young Women**

A unique opportunity designed to ignite enthusiasm for computer science in interested female students across Canada.

Registration Deadline: Jan/Feb 2012

Event: May & June 2012

<http://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/events/csgirls.html>

Sponsored by Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing at the University of Waterloo

marketing efforts to encourage parents and students to learn more about college and the careers available to college graduates.

Since 2008, the colleges have been running provincewide advertising campaigns and contests that encourage students to pursue the higher learning that best fits their interests and career goals. Often, that will be one of the more than 600 programs offered at Ontario's 24 public colleges.

The Win the Ultimate Party contest quizzes students on everything from the types of programs available at colleges to the number of graduates produced each year. It includes clues to help students do well on the test and learn more about higher education. The contest runs until March 31.

It's similar to an online contest the colleges ran last year that awarded a concert by Down With Webster to the winning school's spring prom. That contest, which attracted more than 30,000 unique visits to the contest website, was won by Malvern Collegiate in Toronto.

More information is available on the Colleges Ontario website.

## CALLING ALL YOUNG AUTHORS!

If you are interested in submitting work for the Young Authors contest make sure you get your work



(poems, short stories, plays, fiction, non-fiction) in either English or French in to Ms. Campbell by March 2nd.

## BEATING THE ODDS

### SCIENCE:

#### **AAPT Photo Contest**

For students in grades 9-12. Three categories: nature, contrived, multiple images.

Submission deadline: March 1 - May 15, 2012

<http://www.aapt.org/Contests/photocontest.cfm>

Sponsored by the American Association of Physics Teachers

#### **Physical Sciences & Mac**

For grade 10 and 11 chemistry and physics students

Registration Deadline: February 2012

Event Date: April 2012

<http://www.science.mcmaster.ca/macsci/outreach/...>

Sponsored by McMaster University

#### **Catalyst - Engaging Women in Engineering**

An overnight conference for Grade 11 girls to experience engineering and what it is like to be a student here! Participate in a number of hands-on workshops, meet female students in engineering, compete in a design competition and experience life in residence! Spots are limited to 50 students.

Application Deadline: March 15, 2012

Event Date: May 4 to 6, 2012

<http://waterloocatalyst.ca/grade-11-girls/>

Sponsored by the University of Waterloo

#### **Engineering Science Quest**

Submissions Year Round

Register online

<http://www.esq.uwaterloo.ca/>

Sponsored by the University of Waterloo

#### **Computer Science Girls Rock**

A unique opportunity designed to ignite enthusiasm for computer science in interested female students across Canada.

Registration Deadline: Jan/Feb 2012

Event: May & June 2012

<http://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/events/csgirls.html>

Sponsored by Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing at the University of Waterloo

### THE ARTS:

#### **Public "Art Talks"**

Check website for class and talk listings

<http://www.kwag.ca/en/exhibitions/ArtTalks.asp>

Sponsored by the K-W Art Gallery

#### **Art Exhibits and Programs**

Check website for program listings

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<http://www.theclayandglass.ca>

Sponsored by Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery

# CONFERENCE

By Ms. A. GALLIPEAU

7th Annual Beating the Odds Conference took place February 10, 2012 at Wilfrid Laurier University. St. Benedict students were in high spirits as they boarded the bus at 7:30 a.m. wearing their professional attire. The students who ventured to Laurier were greeted by the Mayor of Waterloo. She emphasized to the students that it is so important to embrace obstacles and to rise above them.

The conference started after David Green, a former president of the Association of Black Students, learned of the alarming dropout rates of African Canadian students in the Kitchener, Waterloo, and Cambridge area. The conference's goal is to motivate and inspire high school students to pursue a post-secondary education.

Ricky Neckles, the conference's keynote speaker, began the conference with the message that defying the odds means prioritizing education. Ricky is a University of Toronto Alumnus and is the co-founder of TNTech Canada and is also the President of Necles Global Enterprise Inc, a commercial real estate holding and investment company. The students were captivated with his success and message.

Our students benefited from the conference's workshops and facilitating speaker's message and inspiration. Ms. Gallipeau's favorite part was the poet—Britta Bodour. Her talent in writing and performing poetry was spellbinding. Britta's message was to 'give back' to the community by highlighting the work she had done in Kenya building schools.

The day was wonderful for our St. Benedict students. If you are interested in attending next year's conference please keep your eyes and ears open during the month of January 2013.

## Arts & Culture Venues & Events in Waterloo Region

Check website for program listings

<http://www.explorewaterlooregion.com/artsculture/>

Sponsored by Waterloo Region Tourism

## Wilfrid Laurier Music Workshops

Check website for program listings

[http://www.wlu.ca/page.php?grp\\_id=160&p=253](http://www.wlu.ca/page.php?grp_id=160&p=253)

Sponsored by Wilfrid Laurier University Music Department

## OTHER:

### Enrichment Studies Unit

Residential programs for students in grades 6-11 in May of each year. A wide variety of courses to choose from and participate in at university atmosphere.

Application deadline: March 2012

Program: May 2012

<http://esu.queensu.ca>

Sponsored by Queen's University

### Deep River Science Academy

For students 15-17 years old who have completed at least one grade 10 science course. This program offers a lab immersion two-credit program in biology, chemistry or physics.

Application deadline: March 2012

Camp: Six weeks: July 1 - August 12, 2012

<http://drsa.ca>

### International Summer School for Young Physicist

The ISSYP is an exciting and challenging two-week program for Canadian and international high school students with a keen interest in theoretical physics and who intend to pursue physics studies at the university level.

Application deadline: March 2012

Camp: July 2012

<http://www.perimeterinstitute.ca/en/Outreach/Stud...>

Sponsored by the Perimeter Institute

### Katimavik

<http://www.katimavik.org>

Students aged 17 to 21 work in teams on community projects in six month themed programs. This volunteer experience develops leadership, improves understanding of environmental issues and tackles stimulating projects.

Application Deadline: Applications are now being accepted

*\*Programs run from July to December 2012*

Sponsored by the Government of Canada

### Laurier Enriched Academic Program

<http://www.wlu.ca/leap>



**Attendees at the 2012 Beating the Odds Conference**

## **ENRICHING THE LIVES OF**

Summer camp for gifted/highly able students in grades 1-9. Saturday morning programs and summer camp.

January-March, 2012 & Summer 2012  
Registration information on the website.

**For more information on these Enrichment Opportunities, please [contact Mrs. N. Offak](#)**



## **STUDENTS**

**BY MRS. D. WITTMANN**

### **WRITING CENTRES**

A university expects its students to write well, and it provides a number of resources to help them. Below is a list of Writing Centres. These centres also provide an excellent resource for high school students.

Check them out:

#### ***Laurier***

<http://www.wlu.ca/writing>

#### ***Guelph***

[http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/assistance/writing\\_services/](http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/assistance/writing_services/)

#### ***Waterloo***

<http://elpp.uwaterloo.ca/writingcentre.html>

#### ***McMaster***

<http://studentsuccess.mcmaster.ca/academic-skills/writing-support-services.html>

#### ***Toronto***

<http://www.writing.utoronto.ca/>

#### ***Western***

<http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/writing/index.html?handouts>

#### ***Queen's***

<http://www.queensu.ca/writingcentre/>

#### ***Ottawa***

<http://www.writingcentre.uottawa.ca/resources.html>

#### ***Trent***

<http://www.trentu.ca/academicskills/online.php>

## Clubs and Athletics

### TRACK AND FIELD

BY MR. F. WITTMANN

Jump, Throw, Sprint, or Run. Track and Field is lots of fun! Indoor fitness training takes place Tuesdays and Thursdays starting next week - Tuesday, February 28th, 2:45 - 3:45. Meet in the Phys. Ed. hallway after school, dressed to work out. All are welcome!

### WRESTLERS TAKE ON WCSSAA

BY MISS D. COSTA

On Wednesday, February 15th, the most important tournament of the season took place: WCSSAA. The wrestling team trained and participated in tournaments all season in preparation for this major tournament. The top 4 wrestlers in each weight category move on to CWOSSA. The Saints wrestled not only to bring home a medal but to keep the Saints alive in the big CWOSSA tournament. Kennedy Thompson represented St. Benedict with the almighty GOLD medal, Sarah Fournier, in her toughest battle yet, took home the SILVER medal, while Sarah Larkin and Andrew Smith placed 4th and secured their spot at the CWOSSA tournament. Congratulations to them all and we wish them luck as they battle to keep the Saints represented in OFSSA.

### GIRLS HOCKEY

BY MRS. L. O'NEILL

The Girl's Hockey team skated to a 4-4 tie against Waterloo Oxford. Sam Decan scored 2 goals. Kelly Melo had a goal and an assist and Ariel Cascanette had an assist. Mary Marshall had an assist and also scored her first goal in high school hockey - way to go Mary!

### STAY UP TO DATE WITH DISTRICT 8 SPORTS

*Now receive sports updates in your email or on your mobile device!*

The new [District 8 website](http://district8.ca/admin/emailSignUp.php) now allows you to sign up themselves for nightly e-mail updates. You can select the school (or schools) you want to follow, and all the sports results will be sent to your email address.

The service is free. Sign up by going to <http://district8.ca/admin/emailSignUp.php>.

## BENN BOX SCORES

### Junior Boys Basketball

**Saints 55**, Rockway 26  
Resurrection 50, **Saints 26**  
Semi Final  
St. Mary's 51, **Saints 21**

### Senior Boys Basketball

**Saints 47**, Rockway 39  
Resurrection 60, **Saints 22**  
Semi Final  
Resurrection 36, **Saints 31**

### Junior Girls Volleyball

**Saints 3**, Rockway 2  
Resurrection 3, **Saints 0**

### Senior Girls Volleyball

**Saints 3**, Rockway 1  
Resurrection 3, **Saints 0**  
Semi Final  
Resurrection 3, **Saints 0**

### Girls Hockey

Waterloo Oxford 4, **Saints 4**

### JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

BY MISS A. KREUGER

Congratulations to the Junior Girls Volleyball team who won their game on Wednesday, February 8th against Rockway with a nail-biting finish! In their last regular season home game, held on Monday, February 13, the team played a tough game against Resurrection losing 3-0.

The girls finished off their season in an honourable 5th place.

### SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

**BY MRS. S. LECLERC**

On Monday, February 13, the Senoir Girls Volleyball team played a great game, but lost a tough one to Resurrection.

## **BEAVER VALLEY SKI TRIP**

Don't delay! Sign-up for the March 1st ski trip to Beaver Valley NOW! All students interested must submit their forms and money into the phys-ed office before Thursday, February 23rd!

## **GIRLS VARSITY RUGBY**

There will be a meeting after School on Monday, Feb 27th in the lecture hall for girls varsity rugby. Any female student that would like to play girls varsity rugby must attend this meeting. Please see Mr. Sullivan if your unable to attend.

## **BOYS JUNIOR RUGBY**

Sign up for the Boys Junior Rugby Team outside the Phys Ed Office! There will be a meeting after school on Wednesday in Room 107. If you want to play, BE THERE!

## **INTERESTED IN PLAYING ULTIMATE FRISBEE?**

All Saints interested in a a fast paced and highly exhilarating new sport to play are welcome to come out and try Ultimate Frisbee. The action begins on Monday February 27th and Wednesday February 29th right after school in the gym. Ultimate is open to all students, male and female in grades 9 through 12. Bring a friend! If you have any questions please see Mr. Betik or Mr. Dufresne. See you there!

## **BADMINTON - A SMASHING GOOD TIME!**

Tryouts for Junior, Senior Boys & Girls School Team take place BEFORE March Break.

Tryout Dates:

Thurs March 1 after school

Mon March 5 at 4:00pm

Wed march 7 after school

Friday March 9 at 7am (in the morning!!)

You must attend at least 2-3 dates to be considered.

Come to the gym in phys ed clothing, ready to show your moves, skills, and winning attitude!

All are welcome!

See coaches for more information: Mr. Jankura, Mrs. Reis-Powers, Mrs. Adach

## **JUNIOR BOYS SOCCER**

All members of the junior boys soccer team are invited to the team party on Tuesday, February 28 @ 2:30 in the gym. Pizza to follow. See Mr. Dufresne in the PHE office for more details!

## **REACH FOR THE TOP**

There is a Reach for the Top meeting Wednesday after school in room 312. Attendance is mandatory for those wishing to compete this year.

**Attention Grade 9, 10, 11 Math Contest Writers** If you signed up for the University of Waterloo

math contests, please meet in portable 8 at the beginning of period 2 this Thursday, February 23. Good luck to all!

## **HEALTHIER FOR LIFE**

Join us after school on Wednesday, February 22 in Room 107 to talk more about health and wellness.

All Staff and Students are Welcome!

Talk to Mrs. Crowell or Mrs. O'Neill if you have questions

## **Student Activities**

### **NEWS FROM STUDENT COUNCIL - PHOTO DAYS**

**BY MISS S. SKINN**

Student council has had a busy start to second semester! February has brought our Valentine's day flower delivery with pink and white spirit day, semi-formal dance at the Armenian hall and serving up free pancakes for Shrove Tuesday.

Upcoming next week we have school photo day for semester 2. Any new or returning students that have not had their photo taken can do so on Tuesday February 28. These photos will be part of the yearbook and will be used to make student cards. Parents can also choose to buy photo packages; more information about photo packages can be picked up in the student council office.

Any questions or concerns about school events or photos can be directed to [Ms. Skinn](#).

## **Other News**

**St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School**  
**May 4 to 6, 2012**

**5<sup>th</sup>**

**Music Coffee House  
Dinner & Auction  
Sports Events  
Open House  
Assembly**

Photo: John Curtis

**www.sbcss50th.myevent.com**

**A Celebration of People for 50 years**

**REGISTER TODAY AT**  
<http://www.sbcss50th.myevent.com>

## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday, February 22

2:30pm Fanime/Anime Club  
2:35pm Junior Boys Rugby meeting  
2:35pm Healthier for Life meeting  
2:40pm Reach for the Top Practice  
2:45pm MAD Movement  
2:45pm Strategy Games Club  
Ash Wednesday  
BENN Newsletter out

### Thursday, February 23

2:30pm Yearbook Club  
7:00pm School Council meeting  
7:00pm Sears Drama Showcase  
Half-day PA Day - Early dismissal

### Friday, February 24

2:45pm Doctor Who Video Club  
Sr. Boys Basketball CWOSSA

### Friday, March 2

2:45pm Doctor Who Video Club  
2:45pm Young Author submissions due

### Monday, March 5

2:30pm Camera Club  
2:40pm Math Club  
4:00pm Badminton team tryouts  
Sr. Boys Basketball OFSAA 'AAAA'

### Tuesday, March 6

2:45pm Track and Field training  
6:00pm Badminton Club  
Sr. Boys Basketball OFSAA 'AAAA'

### Wednesday, March 7

2:30pm Fanime/Anime Club  
2:30pm Badminton team tryouts  
2:45pm MAD Movement

Junior Math Contests  
E-Business Software Training  
Equipment Interfacing & Electrical Safety

### **Saturday, February 25**

Sr. Boys Basketball CWOSSA

### **Monday, February 27**

2:30pm Camera Club  
2:35pm Girls Varsity Rugby meeting  
2:40pm Math Club  
Ultimate Frisbee

### **Tuesday, February 28**

8:25am UW Canadian Computing Competition  
9:15am School Photos - Yearbook & Student Cards  
2:45pm Track and Field training  
6:00pm Badminton Club  
Legal Terminology Training  
Semester 2 Photo Day

### **Wednesday, February 29**

2:30pm Fanime/Anime Club  
2:40pm Reach for the Top Practice  
2:45pm MAD Movement  
2:45pm Strategy Games Club  
Canadian Computing Competition  
Infection Control Training  
Hospitality & Tourism Zoom Career Day  
Ultimate Frisbee

### **Thursday, March 1**

2:30pm Yearbook Club  
2:30pm Badminton team tryouts  
2:45pm Track and Field training  
Course selections for 2012-13 due!  
PhysEd Ski Trip  
CPR-A & First Aid Training

2:45pm Strategy Games Club  
7:00pm Dance showcase  
Sr. Boys Basketball OFSAA 'AAAA'  
BENN Newsletter out  
CPR-A & First Aid Training  
Fitness Training  
Boating Licence Certification

### **Thursday, March 8**

2:30pm Yearbook Club  
2:45pm Track and Field training

### **Friday, March 9**

7:00am Badminton team tryouts  
2:45pm Doctor Who Video Club

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

**There are now over 1000 entries on our school calendar on the website!**

Check the calendar on the school website for more information. New information is always being added, and more detailed information about upcoming events can be found there.

On the front page of our website, the calendar displays what's coming up in the next week. If you would like to see the full calendar, you can find it under **Benny's News ► Calendar of Events**.

## **Miscellaneous**

### **WE WANT TO KNOW...**

Thank you to those who have taken time to provide us with feedback. Your opinions are important to us! Please [email us](#) with your comments and suggestions. If you like our newsletter, tell others; if you don't like it, tell us!

Check out our school website at <http://stbenedict.wcdsb.ca> for news and information updates.

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