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Getting Ready for Grad

BY THE GRAD COMMITTEE

While students' minds are on completing final projects, getting ready for exams, and summer holidays, plans are in full swing for our graduation ceremony June 26. This is a change from past years (both time of year and venue), so we are asking grade 12s and their parents to please take note of the following important information items.

There is limited seating at the venue at Conestoga College, and only people with tickets will be allowed in. There is a waiting list in guidance, but we are already quite full. As a result, we would appreciate it if any student who has extra tickets could please hand them back in to guidance.

There will not be a coat/purse check this year. Students will have to leave their valuables with their parents.

Thank you for your cooperation, we look forward to seeing you on June 26!

Benny's in the Local Media

THE RECORD: [Heading to OFSAA](#)

Administrative

Final Examination Schedules

Please note:

1. Students are expected to be in full uniform during Final Evaluation and Credit Rescue classes.
2. This schedule could change in the event of a school bus cancellation or school closure.

Grade 9-11

All courses (except those listed below) will have a 75 minute Final Evaluation taking place on June 19, 20, 21, or 24.

Students who meet the following criteria will not be required to attend school in the afternoon on these days:

- a) have achieved a passing grade;
- b) have submitted all summative activities, and
- c) have completed all components of their final culminating activity

Students who do not meet the above criteria will be required to attend a two-hour Credit Rescue class in the afternoon on these days with the possibility of attending an additional two-hour Credit Recovery class on June 25th in an attempt to be successful in obtaining their credit.

The following courses will have a two hour Final Evaluation taking place on June 19, 20, 21, or 24 as per the schedule below:

Business: Introduction to Financial Accounting BAF3M

Communications – English/French: Grade 11 University English ENG3U; Grade 11 College English ENG3C; Grade 11 University Core French FSF3U

Geography: Physical Geography CGF3M

History: American History CHA3U, World History CHW3M, Understanding Canadian Law CLU3M

Math: All Grade 10 Academic 2D; All Grade 11 University 3U; Grade 11 University/College 3M

Religion: Grade 11 University/College World Religions HRT3M

Science: All Grade 9 & 10 Academic 1D, 2D; All Grade 11 College 3C; Grade 11 University/College 3M; Grade 11 University 3U

Social Sciences: Introduction to Anthropology HSP3M

Wednesday, June 19	Thursday, June 20	Friday, June 21	Monday, June 24
8:20–9:35: Period 2 class 9:40–10:55: Period 1 class or 75 min. Final Evaluation 11:00–12:10: Lunch 12:15–2:15: Period 1 two-hour Final Evaluation or Credit Rescue (if required) Bus Pickup 2:30 PM	8:20–9:35: Period 3 class 9:40–10:55: Period 2 class or 75 min. Final Evaluation 11:00–12:10: Lunch 12:15–2:15: Period 2 two-hour Final Evaluation or Credit Rescue (if required) Bus Pickup 2:30 PM	8:20–9:35: Period 4 class 9:40–10:55: Period 3 class or 75 min. Final Evaluation 11:00–12:10: Lunch 12:15–2:15: Period 3 two-hour Final Evaluation or Credit Rescue (if required) Bus Pickup 2:30 PM	8:30–9:45: Period 4 75 min. Final Evaluation 8:30–10:30: Period 4 two hour Final Evaluation 11:00–1:00: Period 4 Credit Rescue (if required) Bus Pickup 10:40 AM

Tuesday, June 25

8:30–10:30: Credit Rescue as arranged by teacher and student

No Buses

Grade 12

All courses (except those listed below) will have a 75 minute Final Evaluation taking place on June 13, 14, 17, or 18. The 75 final evaluations will take place beginning at either 8:20 am or 11:50 am as per the schedule below.

The following courses will have a 2 hour Final Evaluation taking place on June 13, 14, 17, or 18 as per the schedule below:

Business: Analyzing Current Economic Issues CIA4U, Principals of Financial Accounting BAT4M
Communications – English/French: Grade 12 University English ENG4U; Grade 12 College English ENG4C; Grade 12 University Writer’s Craft EWC4U; Grade 12 University English Literature Studies ETS4U; Grade 12 University Core French FSF4U

Geography: The Environment & Resource Management CGR4M, Canadian & World Issues CGW4U

History: Canadian History CHI4U, World History CHY4U & CHY4C, Canadian and International Law CLN4U

Math: Grade 12 University 4U; Grade 12 College Technology MCT4C

Physical Education: Grade 12 University Exercise Science PSE4U

Religion: Grade 12 University/College Church & Culture HRE4M

Science: Grade 12 College 4C; Grade 12 University 4U

Social Sciences: Individuals & Families in a Diverse Society HHS4M, Challenge & Change in Society HSB4M

Note for students who require CREDIT RESCUE: Teachers will co-ordinate time for CREDIT RESCUE with these individual students.

Thursday, June 13	Friday, June 14	Monday, June 17	Tuesday, June 18
8:20–10:20: Period 1 Final Evaluation	8:20–10:20: Period 2 Final Evaluation	CORRECTION 11:50–1:50: Period 3 Final Evaluation	CORRECTION 11:50–1:50: Period 4 Final Evaluation

**There will be NO special transportation schedule.
 Buses will run on their regular schedules for all 4 exam days.**

News from the Guidance Department

BY MRS. P. KLASSEN

Uniform Collection

If you are in grade 12 and not planning to return to St. Benedict next year, or if you have gently used uniform clothing that you no longer wear, St. Benedict will gladly accept uniform clothing that is clean and in good repair. Uniform collection will occur on Friday, June 7 and Monday, June 10. Non-returning grade 12 students who donate at least two pieces of clothing will be allowed to attend school in non-uniform clothing for the remainder of the school year.

All clothing collected will be made available to students at reasonable prices at a used uniform sale prior to the start of the school year in September. Proceeds will go to our student assist fund.

What should you wear if you are not wearing your uniform?

Decisions... decisions... remember that this is a uniformed school environment, and what you choose to wear should reflect that. Shorts and skirts shouldn't be too short; shirts should have sleeves; undergarments should not be seen (remember they are *under* garments ☺).

Enjoy your last few days of high school—study hard and don't stress out about what to wear!

Summer School

Summer school will be available this summer for St. Benedict students through the Waterloo Region District School Board, our coterminous board. Make-up credit courses will be offered at Jacob Hespeler Secondary School in Cambridge and Cameron Heights Secondary School in Kitchener. A selected number of new credit courses will be offered at Jacob Hespeler Secondary School in Cambridge, Sir John A. Macdonald Secondary School in Waterloo and Bluevale Collegiate in Waterloo.

Classes will begin on Wednesday, July 3 and will run until Friday, July 26. Make-up courses are three hours in length, either morning or afternoon, while new credit courses are six hours in length, not including a 30 minute nutrition break. Students can register for a maximum of two make up credits or one new credit course.

More information regarding summer school course offerings and registration is available in the guidance office. Please note that students interested in taking a new credit course in summer school *must register by June 13*. Students planning to take a make-up course have until June 26 to register. See guidance for more information.

Do you have a son or daughter entering Grade 9 in September?

If the answer to this question is “yes,” the following information might be of interest to you:

1. **Summer Skill Builder** – The WCDSB offers a Summer Skills Builder program for students currently in Grades 7 or 8. This FREE program runs for 9 mornings and offers support in math, reading, writing and study skills. The program is geared towards helping students prepare for the next level of study. The program will run from July 2 – July 12 (Monday to Friday) at St. Benedict CSS and St. David CSS. Contact your current elementary school or St. Louis, 519-745-1201, stlouis@wcdsb.ca for more information.
2. **HeadStart** – HeadStart is a FREE 4-day program for current Grade 8 students who are entering SBCSS in September. The program will be run by certified teachers and will focus on study skills, managing timetables, school orientation and other keys to success. This is a great opportunity for students to meet school and student leaders and get support for the transition to high school. The program will run August 22, 23, 26 and 27 from 9:00 AM to 12 noon. Contact your current elementary school or St. Louis, 519-745-1201, stlouis@wcdsb.ca for more details.
3. Consider starting, or completing your 40 hours of required community service this summer prior to starting Grade 9 in September. Beginning July 1, 2013, any community service completed can be counted toward this high school diploma requirement.

Are you in Grade 12 and still considering college and university for September?

Any grade 12 students who did not apply to college or university for September, 2013 or did not get accepted into the program of their choosing, should be aware of the following:

1. The Admission Information Service (AIS) will be available through OUAC (Ontario University Application Center) from early June to August for applicants who have not been accepted

to programs of their choice or for students who still wish to apply to university for September. All known openings in all university programs will be posted by the AIS at www.ouac.on.ca/ais/

2. Students who did not apply to college are welcome to apply on-line for September 2013 to any program that is still accepting applications. See www.ontariocolleges.ca for more information.



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 & Communications Technology
Justice, Safety, and Emergency Services
Manufacturing • Transportation

Get more information at www.highskills.ca
Sign up in the guidance office for next
school year.

Questions?
Please email [Mr. Kritz](mailto:Mr.Kritz).

Academics

Science Olympic team competes at UWO

By MR. A. ARKELL

On Thursday, May 23 our Science Olympic team competed at the University of Western Ontario against 700 other students from many high schools around southwest Ontario. Once the bunsen burners were turned off and the robots were powered down, our team came away with a total of 5 medals.

Our Math Biathlon Team earned a Bronze medal, Silver medals were award to the Robotics Team and Kristine Suarez for cup stacking, and our Grade 9 team and the Senior Taxonomy team won Gold medals.

Congratulations to all our students who represented our school so well.

Athletics

Ashleigh Brimo at OFSAA Tennis

By MRS. M. CROWELL

After qualifying at CWOSSA in the fall Ashleigh Brimo competed at OFSAA June 3 and 4, 2013 at the Rexall Centre in Toronto.

After a close loss (8-6) in her first match on Monday Ashleigh got a bye and resumed play Tuesday. Tuesday morning she won 8-2 and it was especially exciting as she got to play and win on the stadium floor. She won her afternoon match 8-2 as well and went into the consolation quarter finals really strong and was up 6-2.

Something happened to her shoulder while serving that allowed her competitor to bring it to a 7-7 tie. Ashleigh was able to win the tie breaker and the match that would advance her to the semis, still to be played Tuesday night.

We saw the paramedic and unfortunately her injury was too much. She was in a lot of pain and not very mobile so she reluctantly withdrew.

Ashleigh showed excellent sportsmanship, represented St Benedict extremely well and had a great tournament. I know she will be back at OFSAA again!

Track and Field: West OFSAA Results

By MR. F. WITTMANN

Several St. Benedict Records Fall

At the West OFSAA track and field meet, Devaughn Channer broke two school records in his races. While he only finished 7th in Midget Boys 1500m, his time of 4:30.23. This record setting time beat out Nathan Cumber's record set 4 years ago. He also placed 3rd in the 800m with a record time of 2:06.88. He will be competing at OFSAA on Saturday, June 7.

Augustine Soga also competed in Senior Boys Triple Jump, and set a new school record at 12.27m. His result assures him a spot at OFSAA as well.

Other school records set this year include: George Monaghan JB 200m 24.27s, and Aidan Yearwood MB 100m 12.07s.

Congratulations to all team members, and good luck to Devaughn and Augustine in Oshawa on Saturday!

Sprint, jump, throw, run. Track and Field is lots of fun!

The team's slogan became a reality for 70 athletes on this year's team. Training started before March Break and continued indoors until almost mid-April when the winter conditions finally subsided. The team ventured to 3 warm-up meets prior to District 8 where the team was second or third in all divisions.

Congratulations to Devaughn Channer and Augustine Soga who reached the OFSAA Regional level! Many thanks to Benedictus Soga for coaching jumpers every Tuesday and Thursday morning.

Coaching Staff: Mr. Wittmann, Ms. Stang, Ms. Booth, Mr. Martinello, Mr. O'Connor, Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Vale, Benedictus Soga.

Junior Basketballers Invited to Ontario U15 Camp

By MR. J. MALNERICH

Congratulations to Carter Johnson, Justin Malnerich, Evan Rodenburg and Zubair Seyed from our Junior Boys Basketball Team for making the Top 80 Camp in Whitby for the Under 15 Team

Ontario try-out. Good luck against the best in the Province!

Boys Softball

BY MR. N. O'CONNOR

This year's edition of the boys softball team was the youngest in recent history. The Saints were led by grade 11 students Jose Vasquez (outfield), Johnny Reinhart (outfield), and Derek Porter (short stop). This young and upcoming team played to a 4 win and 4 loss season, qualifying them for the playoff tournament at RIM park in Waterloo on June 4th.

The Saints failed to qualify out of their playoff pool. This year's experience combined with all players being eligible to return have the players and coaches excited about next year's team.

Ultimate Frisbee

BY MR. N. BETIK

The Benny's Ultimate Team had a solid third place finish at the MayDay Tournament held at RIM Park in May. Despite a cool morning and heavy wind conditions, the Saints played well and were recognized for their spirited play.

They continued their successful play last week as they were runners up in the first ever District 8 Championships! Despite excellent play, the Saints lost in the finals to a highly skilled Woodland squad.

Building on this year's successes, we look forward to a great season next year.

Looking for something fun and exciting to do this summer?

St. Benedict Basketball Camps 2013

July 8 to July 12

For boys & girls
entering grades 1 - 9



Camp t-shirt for each camper
Certificate of achievement
Coaches' individual evaluation
Age-specific drills and fundamentals to take home
Individual and team competitions
Elite sessions for more advanced players
University level guest coaches
Awards and prizes
Early-bird speed and agility sessions
Special guest lecturers and much more!

For more information or
application brochure contact
John Malnerich @ St. Benedict C.S.S.
519-621-4050 ext 5337 or
<http://stbenedict.wcdsb.ca/bballcamp>

Clubs

Student Activities

JUST DANCE! An Awesome Display of Talent!

BY MRS. M. ROCHA

On Thursday, May 30, the St. Benedict's Arts Department hosted the 4th annual dance showcase. JUST DANCE! is an evening where dancers can express their talent and help to raise funds for charity. It is not a secret that we have some very talented dancers at St. Benedict's. Many of our dancers who train at studios invited their dance mates to perform at our showcase. This year, we had the privilege of welcoming some beautiful pieces from four local dance studios to our stage.

A big thank you to Dynamic Dance Force, Elements Dance Arts, Move With Grace and Grand River Academy of Dance. Also, a HUMUNGOUS thank you to all of the St. Benedict performers and volunteers for giving of their time and talent to this worthwhile fundraiser.

This year 50% of the ticket sales (\$250) went to the St. Benedict Dance Program to help pay for guest instructors for the dance class and the other 50% (\$250) went to Free the Children for the Clean Water Initiative. Great job, Benny's!

Attention All Link Crew Leaders!

There will be a BRIEF but important meeting at the start of lunch this Thursday in Room 314. We need your help completing the grade 8 postcards and it will take no more than 10 minutes of your time! See you there!

Other News

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, June 5

2:35pm Anime Club
2:40pm Hip Hop Dance Crew
2:45pm Fitness Club
Spirit Day
BENN Newsletter release

Thursday, June 6

8:20am Track and Field OFSAA
11:00am Ultimate Club
11:00am Glee club
11:00am Making A Difference Club
11:00am Eco Team
11:00am Puzzles club
2:35pm Girls' Workout club
2:40pm Games club
2:40pm Yearbook Club
2:40pm Making a Difference Club
2:45pm Girls' Fitness Club
4:00pm Athletic banquet, 4:00–9:00
7:00pm Parent Council meeting

Friday, June 7

8:20am Track and Field OFSAA
11:00am Lost Club
2:40pm Doctor Who Video Club
2:40pm Hip Hop Dance Crew
Closing assembly

Saturday, June 8

8:20am Track and Field OFSAA

Monday, June 10

11:00am Art Club
11:00am Saints 4 Life
2:40pm Camera Club
2:45pm Fitness Club

Friday, June 14

8:20am Grade 12 Final Evaluations
11:00am Lost Club
2:40pm Doctor Who Video Club
2:40pm Hip Hop Dance Crew
6:00pm Track and Field Cambridge Classic Mile

Sunday, June 16

FATHERS' DAY

Monday, June 17

CORRECTION 11:50am Grade 12 Final Evaluations
11:00am Art Club
11:00am Saints 4 Life
2:40pm Camera Club
2:45pm Fitness Club

Tuesday, June 18

CORRECTION 11:50am Grade 12 Final Evaluations
11:00am Self Defense and Conditioning Club
11:00am Artistic License
11:00am Puzzles club
2:45pm Fitness Club
6:00pm Badminton club, 6:00–7:30

Wednesday, June 19

8:20am Final Evaluations
11:00am ACTIVE and Friends
11:00am Puzzles club
2:40pm Hip Hop Dance Crew
2:45pm Fitness Club
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Thursday, June 20

8:20am Final Evaluations
8:45am Graduation Breakfast

Tuesday, June 11

11:00am Self Defense and Conditioning Club
11:00am Glee club
11:00am Science Team
11:00am Artistic License
11:00am Puzzles club
2:45pm Fitness Club
6:00pm Badminton club, 6:00–7:30
EQAO Grade 9 math assessment

Wednesday, June 12

11:00am Lost Club
11:00am Welding Club
11:00am ACTIVE and Friends
11:00am Puzzles club
2:35pm Anime Club
2:40pm Hip Hop Dance Crew
2:45pm Fitness Club
EQAO Grade 9 math assessment
Spirit Day

Thursday, June 13

8:20am Grade 12 Final Evaluations
11:00am Ultimate Club
11:00am Glee club
11:00am Making A Difference Club
11:00am Puzzles club
2:35pm Girls' Workout club
2:40pm Games club
2:40pm Yearbook Club
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Grad Mass and breakfast

Friday, June 21

8:20am Final Evaluations
SUMMER SOLSTICE

Monday, June 24

8:20am Final Evaluations

Tuesday, June 25

8:20am Credit Recovery day

Wednesday, June 26

7:00pm Graduation @ Conestoga College

Did you know?

There are over 1900 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.

To see the full calendar, go to **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.

