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# Thank you!!

On behalf of the St. Benedict's AVIVA Team, staff, students and the Cambridge community, please accept our sincere thanks for your support of our AVIVA campaign. The first round of voting concluded Monday with our "Heart of the Community" campaign narrowly edging out a project from Sudbury for first overall in the voting.

Clearly what pushed our vote total over the top was the support of voters from the community as well as staff from throughout the Board who gave so generously of their time by voting.

This Friday we will find out if this strong showing of community support will qualify our "Heart of the Community" project will receive a bye from the next two rounds of voting and move straight to the Semi-Final round of voting, which begins December 1.

Our work is by no means done and your ongoing support will be critical to achieving our dream of improvements to our sports field. If we continue to work together, this project will enhance the health and well-being of both the City of Cambridge and athletics in Waterloo Region for years to come.

- Mr. D. Witt, Principal

## Benny's in the Local Media

THE RECORD: [A sea of runners, an ocean of hopes](#)

## Administrative

# Parent-Student-Teacher Conferencing

## Thursday, October 23

This Thursday—October 16—students will receive a copy of their progress report in their period 1 class.

### Schedule for the day

8:00–8:55	period 1
9:00–9:55	period 2

Students who do not have a period 1 class can pick up their progress reports from the Main Office.

Parents, please take some time to look at the reports and if need be, contact your son's or daughter's teachers for conferencing next Thursday.

You can do that by either asking your son or daughter to speak to their teachers, or you can email the teachers yourself directly.

9:55–10:35	lunch
10:35–11:30	period 3
11:35–12:30	period 4
1:00–4:30	conferencing times
5:30–8:00	conferencing times

## News from the Guidance Department

By MR. M. AMBEAU

### Academic Awards Night

On Thursday, October 9, the gymnasium was filled with proud students, parents and teachers who gathered to celebrate the academic accomplishments of the 2013–14 school year. Subject awards were presented to students who had achieved one of the two highest marks awarded in all grade 9, 10 and 11 courses offered at all academic levels. Honour roll recognition was given to students who achieved averages of 80%, 85% and 90%, over the course of both semesters, in a full course load of 8 subjects.

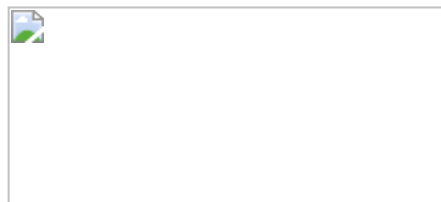
Following the program in the gymnasium, attendees were able to enjoy a reception in the atrium where they were treated to delicious refreshments that were both prepared and served by our capable OYAP hospitality students.

A huge thank-you goes to Mrs. Kathy Menjolian for her outstanding effort in organizing this celebration of academic success! Her tremendous organization skills were evident throughout the course of the evening and were much appreciated by all who were present.

Students who were eligible to receive an award and unable to attend the event, may pick up their awards in the Guidance Office.

### Progress Reports

Progress reports are being sent home with all students on Thursday, October 16. If you have not seen this report as of yet, please be sure to ask your son or daughter about the report that they should have received from their period one teacher. Although this report does not have grades, it still contains valuable information with regard to learning skills and general success. Please note that Parent/Teacher/Student interviews for first semester will take place this Thursday, October 23 from 1:00 – 8:00 pm.



### What is Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)?

The Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) is a Ministry approved program that encourages students to focus their education on a specific employment sector.

Components include:

1. A bundle of courses related to a major
2. Co-op experience in an area of interest
3. Industry-recognized certifications related to the employment sector

## Grade Nine “Take Our Kids to Work Day”

On Wednesday November 5th, thousands of grade 9 students across Canada will have the opportunity to spend the day at work, job shadowing a parent, relative, friend or a volunteer host. It is our hope that all grade nine St. Benedict students will be able to participate in this worthwhile event which among other things, allows students to explore career options in a very practical way. If you have a student in grade nine, they will be receiving a package about this event next week in their period one class early next week. In order to participate in this event, students must return their parent permission form to their period one teacher by Friday, November 1. Students who do not participate in this event are expected to be in their regular classes on November 6.

## University Information Presentation (UIP) Night – Coming Soon!!

This year Glenview Park S.S. will be hosting UIP night. This event is scheduled for Thursday, October 30 and will run from 7 PM – 9 PM. All 21 Ontario universities will have representatives at this event. This is a great opportunity for parents and students to learn more about specific universities and the programs that they offer. Attendees will be able to attend 3, 30 minutes presentations which will be followed by a “walk about.”

## Girls in the skilled Trades?

By MR. S. GRANGER

Hey Girls! Have you ever thought about a career in the skilled trades and technologies? Would you like to meet inspiring women from your community who have found exciting and

Students who successfully complete all components of the program earn a Specialist High Skills Major (Red Seal) designation on their Diploma.

## Majors offered at St. Benedict’s C.S.S. in 2014-15

Arts & Culture • Business  
Construction • Energy  
Environment • Health & Wellness  
Hospitality & Tourism  
Information & Communications  
Justice & Community Safety  
Manufacturing • Transportation

## Why get involved?

No matter which path you follow after high school, you will have a better idea of your direction and future career choice when graduating with a SHSM Red Seal. You will:

- understand how and why your classes apply to your future career
- obtain training and certifications from experienced industry staff (e.g. First Aid & CPR)
- learn on-the-job skills during a co-op placement
- gain experience in your field of interest

## How and when to get involved:

Experiences start in Grade 11 or 12. Now is the time to sign up and get involved! Deadline to sign up is October 30. Sign up forms are available in the Guidance Office. More information can be found online at [www.highskills.ca](http://www.highskills.ca).

rewarding careers in a field they love? On Thursday, November 6, Skills Canada–Ontario is hosting a Skills Work!® for Women Career Exploration Event at the Home Depot at 100 Gateway Park Drive in Kitchener.

Girls from past dinners have commented that they "learned more from this event than any other" and that "given the chance they would come again". This is a fantastic opportunity to meet and network with female mentors who work in the skilled trades and technologies, and ask them questions about how and why they pursued this career path.

For more information or to register for this event, contact Mr. Granger in room 110.



## Join us for Open House



Classroom Meet and Greet with  
Core Essentials, Guidance, Correspondence  
& ESL staff / PSW lab demonstrations

**Cambridge Annex**  
50 Saginaw Pkwy, Cambridge  
(behind St. Benedict CSS off Green Vista Dr.)

**Oct 22 (2:30 - 5pm)**

## Are you a student taking eLearning courses?

By Ms. M. BOOTH

This is a reminder for all students taking eLearning courses that your mandatory check-in date is Monday, October 20th in the Student Success Room (room 208). Please come to SST during your eLearn period.

# Student artist sells first work

BY MS. A. WEILER

One of Bennies' own brilliant artists, Christina Vogiatzis, recently sold her very first work in a professional exhibition at the TAG Art Gallery in St. Catherines. The piece, titled *Old Charm*, was one of two pieces Christina has on display at the gallery.

See the piece's information page and read a bit about Christina on the TAG Art Gallery website by clicking on the image. Congratulations, Christina!



## Academics

### Enriching the Lives of Students

BY MRS. D. WITTMANN

Visit the Enrichment blog for interesting articles, enrichment Links, school achievements, and enrichment course information: [Enrichment@St.Benedict.blog](mailto:Enrichment@St.Benedict.blog).



### COMM Corner

BY MRS. D. WITTMANN

Visit the English blog for information regarding our English programs, Literacy, interesting articles, and English links: [English@St.Benedict.blog](mailto:English@St.Benedict.blog).

## Athletics

### Girls golf going great!

BY MR. M. ANDERTON

Last Thursday the girls golf team braved 60km/hr wind gusts at Grey Silo Golf Course to capture our school's second every District 8 girls golf title! A big congratulations goes out to Alison Andrade who placed third in the tournament, and finished league play third overall.

Elanna Lachaine-DeMarchi continued her unbeaten streak, finishing first in the tournament, and easily capturing first overall in league play. Wish Elanna good luck at OFSAA this week as she travels to the Kingsville Golf and Country Club to take on the best in Ontario!

Check out our next issue of the BENN to hear how she completed her season.

### Junior Boys football

BY MR. J. MEYER

## BENN BOX SCORES

Jr. Girls basketball  
Saints 34, Rockway 21

Sr. Girls basketball  
Saints 31, St. David 13  
Saints 50, Msgr. Doyle 37

Jr. Boys volleyball  
Rockway 3, Saints 2  
Saints 3, Msgr. Doyle 1

Sr. Boys volleyball  
Rockway 3, Saints 2  
Saints 3, Msgr. Doyle 0

Jr. Boys soccer  
Saints 2, Msgr. Doyle 0  
St. Mary's 8, Saints 2

Jr. Boys football  
Saints 34, Preston HS 6

The Junior boys Football team maintained their undefeated record on Thursday by winning their game against Preston. The final score was 34 to 6.

## Junior Boys soccer

By MR. N. DUFRESNE

Please congratulate the junior boys soccer team for their win last Wednesday against the Monsignor Doyle Mustangs. The boys played a heartfelt match and never let the pressure up throughout the entire 90 minutes.

Goal scorers were Salah Hamad and Josh Fernandes. Our 4 man defensive front was unbreakable, especially due to the hard nosed play of Marius Pop.

Man of the match was Chase Pereira for the shut out.

## Junior Girls basketball

By MRS. M. PENALOZA

Congratulations to the junior girls basketball for another win of 34-21 against Rockway last week in their home game. Top scorers were Nana-Afia Agyeipah - 14 pts. and Maya Danis - 10 pts.

## Senior Girls basketball

By Ms. A. WHALEN

Congratulations go out to the Senior Girls Basketball team for their win against Doyle last week. The final score was 50-37. Shout outs to Kayla Leusink with 20 points and Laura Ivits with 11 points. Go Saints!

## 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](#) 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 [following this link](#).

## Junior player of the week

By MR. M. BERGER

The sports writers have voted! The votes are tallied.

The junior athlete of the week award goes out to: Jake 'The Wall' Polski.

Jake embodies all the positive qualities coaches desire in elite athletes. Jake practices hard and plays harder, first one on the court and last one off. He has a 'team first' approach to his decision making. He spikes the ball with laser like precision, and drops the ball with pin point accuracy on his serves leaving opponents dazed and bewildered. Jake rises to every challenge and then spikes it down - and in.

Jake Polski is indeed a volley ball machine. The St Benedict Junior Volley Ball team is a dominating force because of players like JAKE 'THE WALL' POLSKI. We are glad you are a SAINT!

# Cross-Country update

By MR. F. WITTMANN

Last week members of the Saints' Cross-Country Team participated in the largest ever high school cross-country race in Canada.

Pre-OFSAA was held at the University of Waterloo, Thursday, October 9th, with 200 High schools and more than four thousand registered runners. Sevanne Ghazarian placed second in the junior girls race out of 500 runners. Many team members ran personal best times! Congratulations to everyone and good luck at District 8 on Friday October 17th!



This poll is closed.

## Is St. Benedict Leafs Nation?

Four games into the season, the Leafs are 2 and 2. What is your prediction?

They'll sputter before Christmas	2
They'll lose steam before the playoffs	3
They'll make a poor run in the playoffs	0
LEAFS ALL THE WAY!!	5

## Clubs

### New girls' club

By MRS. C. KOT

Introducing a new club for Bennies students: "Because I am Girl" Club will meet on Monday at lunch in room 123 with Mrs. Kot. We will be discussing issues of gender equality and what it means to live as a girl in various nations around the world.

If you are able to go to school, eat well, and pursue a dream, then you are luckier than many other girls in the world.

Males and females need to be part of the solution to creating a more equal world for all of us to live in, so both boys and girls are welcome to join. Think of your mothers, sisters, aunts, etc. and come out to our club to become more aware of this issue and to work towards becoming part of the solution!

All are welcome, bring your lunch – first meeting is Monday, October 20th in room 123.

### United Cultures Club

By MS. M. REDFEARN

Are you interested in learning about other cultures and languages? Do you have the desire to travel and to learn about what the world has to offer? If so, then The United Cultures Club may be for you! The United Cultures Club meets every Friday in room 322. Everyone is welcome! See Ms. Redfearn, Miss. Parkinson, or Mrs. Johnstone for details.

## Student Activities

## The Arts



## Other News

### Upcoming Events

#### Wednesday, October 15

5:00pm Jr. Girls basketball @ Woodland Christian HS  
BENN Newsletter release

#### Thursday, October 16

8:05am Progress Reports Distributed  
9:30am Univ. visit: Carleton University  
10:45am Lost Club

#### Saturday, October 25

2:00pm Godspell  
7:00pm Godspell

#### Monday, October 27

9:30am Univ. visit: Redeemer University  
10:45am Benny's Press Team meeting  
2:15pm Fitness Club  
2:20pm Concert Band



10:45am Millionaires club  
11:30am Univ. visit: University of Waterloo & St. Jerome's  
2:10pm Games Club  
2:15pm Seams Sew Easy  
2:15pm Girls Workout Club  
2:15pm Math Club  
2:20pm Girls' Workout Club  
5:00pm Jr. Boys football @ Jacob Hespeler SS

#### Friday, October 17

10:45am Star Trek Club  
10:45am Programmers club  
10:45am United Cultures  
10:45am Fresh Club  
1:00pm Cross Country: District 8  
2:15pm Doctor Who Video Club  
3:00pm Jr. Boys volleyball vs Resurrection CSS  
3:00pm Sr. Boys volleyball vs Resurrection CSS  
4:30pm Jr. Girls basketball @ Resurrection CSS

#### Monday, October 20

10:45am Benny's Press Team meeting  
10:45am Because I am Girl club  
2:15pm Fitness Club  
2:20pm Concert Band  
3:00pm Jr. Boys soccer @ Resurrection  
3:00pm Jr. Boys volleyball @ ES Pere-Rene-de-Galinee  
3:00pm Sr. Boys volleyball @ ES Pere-Rene-de-Galinee  
5:00pm College Information Fair

#### Tuesday, October 21

8:00am Successful Exhibiting & Management  
10:00am College Information Fair  
10:45am Arts Council meeting  
10:45am Seams Sew Easy  
10:45am DECA Business Club  
2:15pm Fitness Club

#### Wednesday, October 22

10:45am Lost Club  
10:45am Puzzles club  
10:45am MC Crew  
2:15pm Fitness Club  
2:15pm Camera club  
3:00pm Jr. Boys volleyball vs St. David CSS  
3:00pm Sr. Boys volleyball vs St. David CSS  
4:30pm Jr. Girls basketball @ St. David CSS  
7:00pm Godspell  
SAC Fall Fair

#### Thursday, October 23

9:15am Univ. visit: University of Ottawa  
10:45am Lost Club  
10:45am Millionaires club  
11:00am Cross Country: CWOSSA  
1:00pm Parent-Teacher Interviews  
2:10pm Games Club  
2:15pm Seams Sew Easy  
2:15pm Girls Workout Club  
2:15pm Math Club  
2:20pm Girls' Workout Club

3:00pm Jr. Girls basketball vs St. Mary's HS  
3:30pm Sr. Boys volleyball @ St. Mary's HS

#### Tuesday, October 28

8:00am College visit: Mohawk  
10:45am Arts Council meeting  
10:45am Seams Sew Easy  
10:45am DECA Business Club  
2:15pm Fitness Club

#### Wednesday, October 29

8:00am Arts & Culture ZOOM Career Day  
10:45am Lost Club  
10:45am Puzzles club  
10:45am MC Crew  
2:15pm Fitness Club  
2:15pm Camera club  
3:00pm Jr. Boys volleyball @ Monsignor Doyle CSS  
3:00pm Sr. Boys volleyball @ Monsignor Doyle CSS  
BENN Newsletter release

## Did you know?

**There are over 1,100 entries on our school calendar on the website!**

**This means plenty of opportunities for your son or daughter to get involved!**

Check the calendar on our 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.

**Keep up with what's happening at St. Benedict's using your cell phone**



7:00pm School Council  
7:00pm Post-Secondary info Parent Night

Friday, October 24

10:45am Star Trek Club  
10:45am Programmers club  
10:45am United Cultures  
10:45am Fresh Club  
2:15pm Doctor Who Video Club  
7:00pm Godspell

**Visit**  
**[stbenedict.wcdsb.ca/calendar.php](http://stbenedict.wcdsb.ca/calendar.php)**  
**from your cell phone.**  
**(Be sure to bookmark it!)**

## 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.

