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June 28, 2017

...Times they are a-changin'

It's Thursday, 12:40, and I realize *I forgot to send out the BENN yesterday...* so here it is!

There is a perfectly good reason I forgot to send it out yesterday. Quite simply, I forgot. While I had been working on it off and on all day, another much larger project has been sitting on my desk and has been the focus of my attention for the last six weeks.

The next issue of the BENN newsletter will be the last issue as we know it. And sometime over the summer, our school website is going to disappear.

Don't worry! We're just doing a major overhaul of *all things web* at St. Benedict. So the school website will live on, and the BENN is just going to get a cosmetic change.

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Bennie's in the Media

CAMBRIDGE TIMES: [Saints on cloud nine after Sears Drama Festival](#)

CAMBRIDGE TIMES: [Twins ready to touch down at Yale University](#)

CAMBRIDGE TIMES: [Ghazarian heads to Yale with OFSAA gold in ha...](#)

CAMBRIDGE TIMES: [Now it's official](#)

THE RECORD: [Three locals strike OFSAA gold](#)

THE RECORD: [Ghazarian, Taylor exit high school with gold](#)

CKCO TV: [Students show off their skills in electric car race](#)

Administrative

Yearbooks are IN!

By Mrs. R. Currie

This year's yearbook is centered around the theme of "Vision," and our hardworking designers, photographers, writers, editors, and business managers have worked hard to make sure it represents the dynamic variation in perspectives and experiences of all community members at Bennies. This year's book also features the new and exciting inclusion of actual video footage of events from throughout the year, which is activated using a smart phone!

Books can be picked up in the atrium at lunch from Thursday, June 15 until Wednesday, June 21, and students must have photo ID to pick up their books. Please note that books may be picked up on behalf of siblings, but not on behalf of friends. A very, very limited number of books is available for purchase for any student who has not pre-ordered one, but act fast! Bring \$25 to the atrium for your chance to purchase one of the very few extras.

Change

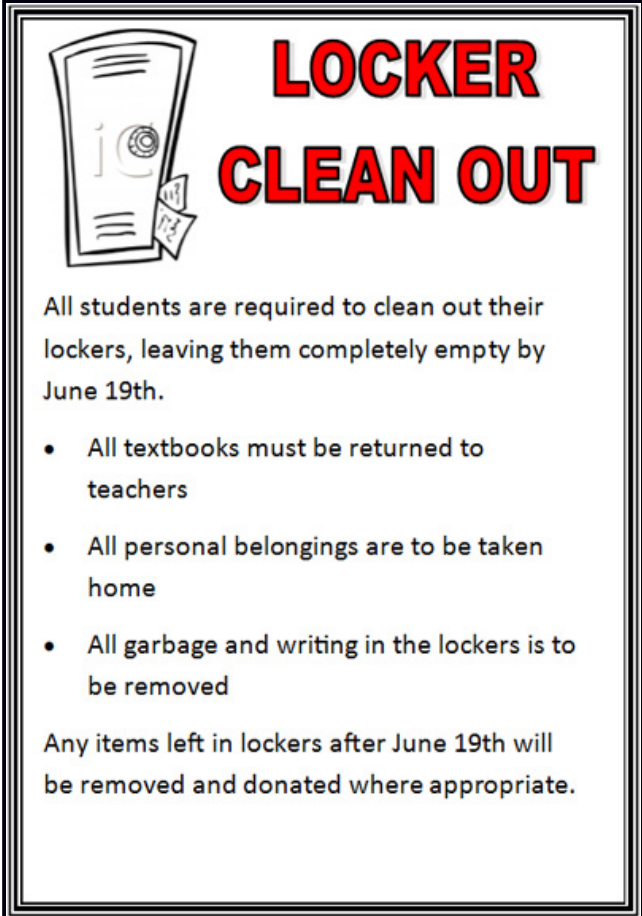
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The school board is migrating the school websites to a WordPress platform and, alas, that means that the familiar school website and BENN newsletter will simply be retooled. Hopefully, all the changes will be ones that will better serve you and your information needs, in a new format that is mobile-friendly and AODA compliant.

So all is not lost, things are just changing. We are meticulously working our way through the school website and busily transitioning pages over the new platform, and—despite my original apprehension—I must admit I am quite excited.

As your BENN editor and school webmaster I thank you for all your feedback and input that has helped guide the formation of both the website and the newsletter, and I will continue to look for your help as we transition over the summer. Change is good. And for our web presence, this change is going to be great.

– Editor



**LOCKER
CLEAN OUT**

All students are required to clean out their lockers, leaving them completely empty by June 19th.

- All textbooks must be returned to teachers
- All personal belongings are to be taken home
- All garbage and writing in the lockers is to be removed

Any items left in lockers after June 19th will be removed and donated where appropriate.

The sign is enclosed in a double-line border. On the left side, there is a simple line drawing of a locker with a keyhole and a small tag hanging from the handle. The text is in a clean, sans-serif font, with the title in large, bold, red letters.

It's almost Exam time!

Grade 12

All courses (except those listed below) will have a 75 minute Final Evaluation taking place on June 20, 21, 22, or 23. All final evaluations will take place beginning at either 8:10 am or 11:40 am as per the schedule below.

The following courses will have a 2 hour Final Evaluation taking place on June 20, 21, 22, or 23:

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, Global Indigenous NDW4M

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

Physical Education: Grade 12 University Exercise Science PSK4U

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 HHS4C & HHS4U, Challenge & Change in Society HSB4M

Tuesday, June 20

11:40 – 1:40 p.m.: Period 4 – Final Evaluation

Wednesday, June 21

11:40 – 1:40 p.m.: Period 3 – Final Evaluation

Thursday, June 22

8:10 – 10:10 a.m.: Period 1 – Final Evaluation

Friday, June 23

8:10 – 10:10 a.m.: Period 2 – Final Evaluation

Notes:

- There are NO grade 12 classes running on grade 12 exam days.
- For students who require CREDIT RESCUE: Teachers will co-ordinate time for CREDIT RESCUE with these individual students.
- For grade 12 students who take a grade 11 class: You are expected to be in class in the mornings on June 20 and 21.
- All students will remain in their exam room for the full 2 hours, even if they are writing a 75 minute exam.
- Please direct any student request for an alternate exam date to their respective administrator.
- QUIET DAYS for GRADE 12 students are JUNE 15, 16, and 19.
- Students who have not donated their uniforms are expected to be in full uniform during Final Evaluations and Credit Rescue.

Grades 9 to 11

All courses (except those listed below) will have a 75 minute Final Evaluation taking place on June 22, 23, 24, or 27.

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 Credit Rescue in the afternoon on these days with the possibility of attending an additional 2 hour Credit Recovery class on June 28th in an attempt to be successful in obtaining their credit.

The following courses will have a 2 hour Final Evaluation taking place on June 22, 23, 26, or 27:

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

Thursday, June 22

8:10 – 10:10 a.m.: 75 minute exam for Period 1 class *OR* 2 hour exam for Period 1 class

Friday, June 23

8:10 – 10:10 a.m.: 75 minute exam for Period 2 class *OR* 2 hour exam for Period 2 class

Monday, June 26

8:10 – 10:10 a.m.: 75 minute exam for Period 3 class *OR* 2 hour exam for Period 3 class

Tuesday, June 27

8:10 – 10:10 a.m.: 75 minute exam for Period 4 class *OR* 2 hour exam for Period 4 class

Wednesday, June 28

Credit Rescue time as arranged by the teacher and student.

NOTE:

- All students will remain in their exam room for the full 2 hours.
- Teachers will offer Credit Rescue on a needs basis in the afternoon.

- All students are expected to be in full uniform during Final Evaluation and Credit Rescue classes.

Bus schedule

Thursday, June 22

Morning: Regular Bus Schedule

After exam: Bus pick-up 10:30am

Friday, June 23

Morning: Regular Bus Schedule

After exam: Bus pick-up 10:30am

Monday, June 26

Morning: Regular Bus Schedule

After exam: Bus pick-up 10:30am

Tuesday, June 27

Morning: Regular Bus Schedule

After exam: Bus pick-up 10:30am

Wednesday, June 28

NO BUSES

News from the Guidance Department

By Mrs. L. O'NEILL

Summer School

Summer School is available through our coterminous board Waterloo Region District School Board (<https://www.wrdsb.ca/continuing-education/summer-school/#.WUFQ3-srJhE>)

Make Up Courses

Students, who require summer school to make up for an unsuccessful course, must register by Tuesday June 27. If you have questions about what courses are scheduled to be offered at summer school or where these courses are scheduled to run, please see your guidance counsellor as soon as possible.

New Credit Courses

The deadline for taking a new credit course at summer school is Tuesday June 27 on a first-come, first-served basis. However, late registrations will be accepted for some courses, pending the availability of space. Registration for Online Blended courses close Thursday June 22. NO late registrations will be accepted for online blended courses.

St. Louis

<http://stlouis.wcdsb.ca/summer-programs/>

Email confirmations of registration in summer elearn courses will go out this week. The email will:

- confirm course and start date (Tuesday, July 4th)
- will not indicate the teacher at this time
- will indicate that students will receive their introduction letter (including login, password, teacher and start date and pertinent contact info for St. Louis) the week of June 26th
- will ask students to connect with their Guidance Counsellor if they have concerns with the registration
- Introduction letters
 - Will be sent out the week of June 26th
- Course Start Date
 - Students will be able to access their course on D2L as of July 4th, 2017
- They will not be have early access to go through content

To explore additional summer school options please see your Guidance Counsellor or see the link under Guidance on the school website.

Grade 12 Graduation Reminders

We are looking forward to celebrating with the “Class of 2017” at the Graduation ceremony on Tuesday, June 27 at 7:00 PM. Please note the following reminders:

1. Students should plan to arrive at Conestoga College (Recreation Complex) by 6:15 PM. Staff will be present to direct you to the South Gym. There is lots of parking available at Conestoga College.
2. Once you arrive in the South Gym, you will be expected to line up in alphabetical order.
3. Come dressed in your graduation gown. Gown pickup will begin the week of June 19th. When you get your gown please take it out of the bag, please do so ASAP so that the wrinkles fall out of it! You will be provided with a stole to go over your gown, which will need to be returned at the end of the evening.
4. Please be prompt! We want to begin the processional and the ceremony promptly at 7:00 PM.

Still Interested in Attending College or University in September but didn't apply?

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 still welcome to apply on-line for September, 2017 to any program that is still accepting applications. See www.ontariocolleges.ca for more

information.

Community Service Hours

If you have been unable to find a summer job and are looking for something worthwhile to do, consider volunteering. In addition to completing your community service hours, you will gain valuable skills and experience which will help you to find employment at a later date. Most importantly, you will have fun and make a difference. Many organizations need and want your help.

Academics



Enriching the Lives of Students

By MRS. D. WITTMANN

There are many opportunities for students to enhance their learning experience: Enrichment courses, LEAP, OYAP, UCEP, Co-op, Home Build, SHSM, and Skills Canada. Visit the Enrichment blog for information on all these opportunities. The Blogroll contains a plethora of learning enhancements. To learn more about what we offer, click the link. [Enrichment@St.Benedict blog.](#)



English Corner

By MRS. D. WITTMANN

To receive an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) each student must obtain 4 credits in English (1 credit per grade). Visit the English blog to read the course offerings provided by the Saint Benedict English Department. The Blogroll has great resources for both students and parents. Enjoy! [English@St.Benedict blog.](#)

Saint Benedict Introduces Pre-AP Grade 11 English (ENG3UP)

By MRS. D. WITTMANN

This September St. Benedict is moving its Grade 9 and 10 Enrichment Program into Grade 11 Pre-AP. Provincial course expectations are maintained while students explore literary elements such as a work's structure, style and themes, as well as the use of figurative language, imagery, symbolism and tone.

Students enrolled in the Pre-AP course will be asked to complete summer reading. The reading will increase their knowledge base and maintain their skills over July and August. Students will be required to read two texts: a poem and novel.

1. "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" by Samuel Taylor Coleridge (1772 - 1834)

This poem relates the events experienced by a mariner who has returned from a long sea voyage. The Mariner stops a man on his way to a wedding ceremony and begins to narrate a story. The Wedding-Guest's reaction turns from bemusement to impatience, fear, and fascination as the Mariner's story progresses, as can be seen in the language style.

2. Frankenstein, or the Modern Prometheus by Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley (1797 – 1851)

Mary Shelley began writing Frankenstein when she was only eighteen. At once a Gothic thriller, a passionate romance, and a cautionary tale about the dangers of science, Frankenstein tells the story of committed science student Victor Frankenstein. Obsessed with discovering the cause of generation and life and bestowing animation upon lifeless matter, Frankenstein assembles a human being from stolen body parts but; upon bringing it to life, he recoils in horror at the creature's hideousness.

It should be a very exciting semester, and I am thrilled that we are able to offer this course to our students.

Athletics

Saints stellar at OFSAA

BY MR. R. MARTINELLO

Congratulations to the St. Benedict Track and Field team for an outstanding performance at OFSAA. For the first time ever, we had two separate individuals win gold medals in one OFSAA meet.

First we had Alexandria Webb put forward a dominating performance winning the midget girls javelin by over 7 1/2 meters. Her throw would have won the junior title and come second in the senior championship.

Sevanne Ghazarian followed up her bronze winning performance in the 1500 meter on Friday with a thrilling gold medal win in the 3000 meter race. Her race was probably the most exciting race of the OFSAA championships.

We also had great performances from Greg Danayan who ran close to a personal best in the senior boy's 1500 running against a tough field and from Xavier Isaacs who also turned a great race, also close to a personal best in the 100 m ID class.

Thus ends perhaps the best track season in the history of St. Benedict. The coaches would like to thank all those who supported us this year, particularly the parent coaches who offered time, expertise and encouragement.

Attention all returning Senior Football players

BY MR. J. VALE

There will be a mandatory meeting in the Lecture Hall on Thursday, June 15th for all students interested in playing Senior Football in the fall of next year. The meeting will begin at the start of lunch! See Coach Vale or Coach Lowes if you are unable to attend!

Clubs

Student Activities

The Arts



Congratulations to all the winners of the Arts Awards, Arts Spirit Awards and Arts Leadership Awards at the June 13th, 2017 Arts Banquet.

The Arts Department is blessed to work with so many young, energetic artists!

Other News

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FORE Links LEARNING



GOLF CLASSIC · IN SUPPORT OF THE WATERLOO REGION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

CONESTOGA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Fore...

Location: Conestoga Golf Club, Conestoga

Date: Thursday, August 24, 2017

7:30am Registration 8:00am Shotgun Start

Price: Registration+Cart+Breakfast+Lunch \$150

Lunch Only: \$30

Registration & Information: 519.578.3660, ext. 2373



Upcoming Events

Wednesday, June 14

2:15pm Concert Band
2:15pm Games Club
2:15pm Movie Club
BENN Newsletter release

Thursday, June 15

10:40am Accepting Differences Club
10:40am Equestrian Club
2:15pm Math Club
2:15pm Seams Sew Easy
Corpus Christi

Friday, June 16

Thursday, June 22

8:00am Gr. 12 Final Evaluations (period 1)
8:00am Grade 9-11 Final Evaluations (period 1)

Friday, June 23

8:00am Gr. 12 Final Evaluations (period 2)
8:00am Grade 9-11 Final Evaluations (period 2)

Monday, June 26

8:00am Grade 9-11 Final Evaluations (period 3)

10:40am Start Trek Club
10:40am Programmers' Club
10:40am Finance Club
2:15pm Doctor Who Club
2:15pm Worship band
Closing Assembly

Sunday, June 18
Father's Day

Tuesday, June 20
11:40am Gr. 12 Final Evaluations (period 4)

Wednesday, June 21
11:40am Gr. 12 Final Evaluations (period 3)
Summer Solstice
National Aboriginal Day

Eid-al-Fitr
Graduation Mass and Brunch

Tuesday, June 27
8:00am Grade 9-11 Final Evaluations (period 4)
7:00pm Graduation Class of 2017

Wednesday, June 28
BENN Newsletter release

Saturday, July 1
Canada Day

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.

