

## Welcome to the First Issue of BENN!

Welcome back to all returning students and parents, and a heartfelt hello to all new members to the St. Benedict community. We hope you find that St. Benedict is truly *A Celebration of People*.

We hope to make this newsletter a biweekly electronic publication, sent out Wednesdays. If you want to remove yourself from the mailing list, please follow the directions at the bottom of this newsletter.

### Administrative

**Who is your administrator?** The administrative contact for your son or daughter is based on your last name; for A to F your contact is [Mrs. Daly](#), for G through O your administrator is [Mr. Bellini](#), and for P through Z your administrator is [Mrs. Leusink](#).

Please review the school's policies and procedures in the Student Handbook, especially with expectations surrounding the uniform and attendance.

If your son or daughter is absent from school on a particular day, please try to call the school by noon that day. **The direct phone line for the attendance office is (519) 621-4001.**

As the weather starts to get cooler, students will start wearing coats and sweaters for warmth. We take this opportunity to remind you that non-uniform clothing is not permitted in the classrooms. Students who want to wear a sweater in class must wear a Benny's sweater with the **B** logo. These can be purchased at Mark's Work Wearhouse.

### Academic

**WHAT DO YOU HAVE FOR HOMEWORK? NOTHING?** Many of our teachers are now posting homework assignments on the board's homework repository, ClassNet. In order to get to ClassNet to check for homework, assignments, or other information for classes, go to <http://classnet.wcdsb.ca>.

**HOMEWORK CLUB** will start again Monday, September 20th in room 224. Get some free teacher support after schools from Monday to Thursday each week. Computers are available for students to do and print assignments.

**OSSLT (LITERACY TEST)** Attention all Grade 10 parents! The literacy test will be written on April 2, 2009. Stay tuned for information on a parent night as well as handy tips to help your son or daughter prepare for this test.

**MATH CREDIT RESCUE** Beginning next week, the math department will be running Math Credit Rescue after school on Mondays and Thursdays from 2:40-4:00. During this time, students from ANY grade level can receive tutoring, homework support, or be given the time/opportunity, in consultation with their classroom teacher, to "rescue" summative assessments (test, quizzes, assignments) that students have had difficulties with. To participate, a student must get a letter from their math teacher, and must return it signed by a parent or guardian.

### Clubs & Athletics

**CLUBS & ATHLETICS:** Many of the clubs' and teams' pages have been updated, and more are to come... check them out under Athletics and Clubs and get involved!!

### Other News

**RANGER ANNOUNCEMENTS:** In an effort to keep you up to date with what is going on at St. Benedict, we will be posting the Ranger Announcements on the website. They can be found by clicking on **Benny's News**.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING:** Parents are invited to get involved in the St. Benedict community by joining our school council. Our first meeting will be Thursday, September 25th at 7:00 pm. New members are always welcome.

**SAVE THOSE ZEHRS TAPES!** Period 1 homerooms will be saving Zehrs tapes beginning next week. The homeroom with the highest total receipts will win a class-wide prize before Christmas holidays! Money raised goes towards the Math Department's purchase of Ti-Nspire CAS graphing calculators!

**ST. BENEDICT HIGH SCHOOL REUNION - CLASSES OF 87-98:** Were you a student at "the old St. Benedict"? Tickets are still available for this event, to be held on Saturday, September 27 at Bingeman's Grand Ballroom. Check out their website at <http://www.benniesreunion.ca/>.

## Dates to Remember

Sep 17: SAC Spirit Day  
Sep 18: Grade 9 Meet the Teacher Night, 6:30-8:30pm  
Sep 18: Grade 9 dance, 6:30-9:30 pm. Bring schedule or student card.  
Sep 25: Grade 9 Olympics, periods 4 and 5 (after lunch)  
Sep 25: School Council, 7:00 pm  
Sep 26: Professional Development Day  
Sep 29: Photo retake day  
Sep 30: Opening liturgy

## Miscellaneous

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

**Pass it on!** Encourage other parents to join our emailing list! On the Benny's webpage, click on **Benny's News**, and then navigate to the story "Join the Benny's E-Mailing List". This newsletter is also available on the school website if you [click here](#).

Any comments? [Send us an email!](#)