

Welcome to October!

Sometime this week (or maybe even last week) your son or daughter may have come home with Interim Reports from some of their classes. Please review with your son or daughter, sign, and have returned to the teacher. If you wish to book conferencing times with your student's teachers, should instruct them to book appointments. Conferencing is **Monday, October 6, from 3:00pm to 8:00pm, and Tuesday, October 7 from 8:30am to 2:30pm.**

There was a technical glitch with our provider for the first newsletter. Some Hotmail and live.com email users did not get the issue. (You may want to check your junk mail folder.) We've left most of the timely news articles from that issue here. New items have been highlighted with a simple **NEW** in front of the article.

If you want to remove yourself from the mailing list, please click on the link at the bottom of this newsletter.

Administrative

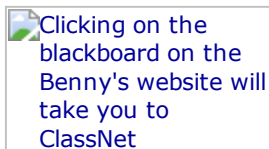
Who is your administrator? The administrative contact for your son or daughter is based on your last name; for A to F your contact is [Mrs. Daly](#), for G through O your administrator is [Mr. Bellini](#), and for P through Z your administrator is [Mrs. Leusink](#).

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 Warehouse.

Academic

A small screenshot of a blackboard on a website. The text on the blackboard reads: "Clicking on the blackboard on the Benny's website will take you to ClassNet".

WHAT DO YOU HAVE FOR HOMEWORK? NOTHING? Ah, that timeless answer students give to parents... 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 your son or daughter has, go to <http://classnet.wcdsb.ca>.

On the Benny's website, simply click on the blackboard in the bottom left corner of the screen and it will take you there.

HOMEWORK CLUB: has started again after school 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: The math department is 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!!

NEW FOOTBALL: The Junior Saints football team is off to a great start led by Kyle Americano on offence and Robin Petrie on defence. The Saints are 2-0 and looking forward to making the play-offs in their first year as a Junior team.



NEW BASKETBALL: All grade 9 & 10 boys' basketball players are invited to come out to open gyms every Wednesday morning, 7:00am – 8:05am. Get ready for November tryouts! For more information see Coach Fratarcangeli.

NEW CURLING: Curling has experienced a large increase in interest at St. Benedict School in recent years. Each year, the Galt Country Club generously offers its ice surfaces to Cambridge high school students at a subsidized cost. Curling at St. Benedict is open to all students, regardless of skill or experience. Our focus this year is been on recreation and skill development, in order to build a strong foundation for teams in the future.

We are looking forward to several exciting upcoming curling events, such as the "Teacher vs. Student" bonspiel and the city-wide playdowns, with students participating from five Cambridge high schools.

Parents and students that would like to find out more about curling at St. Benedict are encouraged to contact Mr. Fage or Mrs. Vopni. Curling begins on Thursday, November 6.

NEW The **Fitness center** is up and running. All students are welcome to come and work out after school 2:30 - 3:30.

Other News

ST. BENEDICT TEACHER WINS BARRDAY TEACHING AWARD

By Mrs. J. Cox

*"The mediocre teacher tells.
The good teacher explains.
The superior teacher demonstrates.
The great teacher inspires."*

Such are the words of William Arthur Ward. One will find these words inscribed on the Barrday Teacher of Excellence Award.

The Barrday website states, "Barrday, a Cambridge Business, is committed to learning. We believe that in order to encourage and recognize learning and excellence in our schools, we will salute ten inspirational teachers each year in the City of Cambridge."



We, at St. Benedict, are honoured and proud to announce that this November our own Mrs. Lorrie Temple is to be awarded the standard of Excellence in Teaching by the Barrday Business. This is a thrill for us to witness Lorrie's commitment and talent recognized and spotlighted in our city. We have always known Lorrie as the quintessential model of integrity, compassion, and professional ethics; now it is lovely to see her genuine passion for her vocation celebrated beyond our school community.

We thank God for Lorrie. Her enthusiasm, energy and contagious smile grace our staffroom everyday; and her love for our students, your children, make her a true gift to the teaching world. Congratulations Lorrie!

ST. BENEDICT TO HOST JAPANESE STUDENTS

St. Benedict's will be host to a group of 106 boys aged 14/15 and their teachers from Hakodate La Salle Catholic High School in Japan. They will be visiting from December 13th to 21st. Host families are needed to billet one boy each and are paid \$200.00 to help with their additional expenses. If you have room to take one of these boys and would like to make a new friend and have an amazing cultural experience please contact: [Ev Widarski](#), MLI Homestay Coordinator, 519-624-8316.

ST. DONAT SKI TRIP

By Miss A. Pawlowski

Your French teachers are organizing a ski trip to St. Donat from Sunday, February 22nd to Wednesday, February 25th, 2009 for grade 10 to 12 students enrolled in French semesters 1 or 2. This is the only ski trip of its kind! Highlights include:

- Mont Garceau skiing
- Ice and snow follies
- Ecolo-Rally, Quebec Folkloric show, and much more!

For more details, please contact Ms. Annette Pawlowski by phone at (519) 621-4050 ext. 149 or by email at annette.pawlowski@wcdsb.ca.

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**.

NEW SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING: Parents are invited to get involved in the St. Benedict community by joining our school council. Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 23 at 7:00 pm in room 103. 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!

Dates to Remember

- October 2: Coffee House
- October 6: Post-secondary information night
- October 6: Parent-teacher conferences (3:00pm to 8:00pm)
- October 7: Parent-teacher conferences (8:30am to 2:30pm)
- October 13: Thanksgiving Day
- October 16: Academic Awards night
- October 17: Opening assembly

Miscellaneous

NEW PARENT INFORMATION: We've made some changes to the school website, the most prominent one is the replacement of School Council on the menu with *Parent Information*. This is your section of the website, please let us know if it's not fulfilling your needs!

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](#). Our premier issue is still available if you [click here](#).

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