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NEXT ISSUE

November 3, 2010

Have you seen the Sign?



Watch the sign as you drive by the school for important information, coming events, sports results, and information from the Clemens Mill library.

ST. BENEDICT IN THE LOCAL MEDIA

CAMBRIDGE TIMES: [Municipal Vote 101](#)

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Administrative

NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

BY MRS. P. KLASSEN

ACADEMIC AWARDS NIGHT

On Thursday, October 14, the gymnasium was filled with proud students, parents and teachers who gathered to celebrate the academic accomplishments of the 2009-2010 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. In addition to subject awards, students who achieved overall averages of 80%, 85% and 90% were recognized as members of

the honour roll. Student who were eligible to receive an award and unable to attend the event, may pick up their awards in the Guidance Office. A huge thank-you goes to Mrs. Kathy Menjolian for her outstanding effort in organizing this celebration of academic success!

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY VISITS

Attending presentations hosted by visiting colleges and universities continues to be a popular and worthwhile choice for many of our grade 12 students as they ponder their various choices for next year. At times, however, students are unable to attend presentations due to the academic commitments of their courses. If your son or daughter have missed out on a presentation, or are interested in attending a few more, please be aware of the following opportunities available to both students and parents:

1. College Information Presentations (CIP) - Conestoga College will be hosting CIP on Monday, October 25 from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM and on Tuesday, October 26 from 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM. These presentations are free of charge and open to parents as well as students. Representatives from all Ontario Colleges will be present to answer questions and Conestoga College will be presenting information from their various schools of study. Students who wish to participate in the CIP on Tuesday, October 26, may do so with their parents consent. We would ask that student's pick-up the information package in the Guidance Office and return it to us by Monday, October 25. Please note that students will need to provide their own transportation to and from Conestoga College in order to participate in this event.
2. University Information Presentations (UIP) - The Cambridge UIP night will be hosted this year by Galt Collegiate Institute on Tuesday, October 26 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. All students and parents are welcome to attend this event. Representatives from all Ontario universities will be present at this event and attendees will have the opportunity to attend 3, 30 minute presentations and also have time to casually visit with representatives and ask questions at the end of the evening.

Parents of Grade 12 students, we hope that many of you will be able to join us on Thursday, October 21 for a Post-Secondary Information Presentation where we will share information with you regarding the university and college application process. The presentation will begin at 6:30 PM in the Lecture Hall.

Up-coming school visits (to November 12) include the following schools:

October 20: Loyalist College, 8:30 AM

October 29: Memorial University (Newfoundland), 9:45 AM

November 1: Humber College, 1:15 PM

November 2: McMaster University, 12:15 PM

November 10: Windsor University, 8:30 AM

GRADE NINE "TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY"

On November 3, 2010, 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 please ask them for the package that they should have received in their period one classroom last week. In order to participate in this event, students must return their parent permission form to their period one teacher by Wednesday, October 27. Students who do not participate in this event are expected to be in their regular classes on November 3.

EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST

Our Grade 12 email distribution list is growing daily, however many students have still not signed up for this useful service. Signing up is easy! From the St. Benedict web site, click on the Guidance link and follow the instructions. Being part of the distribution list will keep you up to date on visits, scholarship information and deadlines. Parents are welcome to be part of this list as well.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to completing the required 40 hours of community service that is required for high school graduation, volunteering can be a fun and rewarding way for students to spend some of their spare time. While many students complete all of their hours in the same place, others opt to participate in a wide variety of volunteer positions. Any students looking for worthwhile projects should be aware of the following opportunities:

1. The Aurora Lodge Sons of Italy is hosting an Autumn Celebration for families on Sunday, October 24. If your son or daughter enjoys working with children and would be interested in organizing games and craft activities for this event, please have them contact Mrs. Klassen in Guidance for more information.
2. Students who are interested in volunteering their time gift wrapping at the Cambridge Mall during the upcoming holiday season are welcome to sign up in the Guidance Office. Both "St. John's Ambulance" as well as the "Foster Families Association of Cambridge" are seeking volunteers during the month of December.
3. "Adopt a Family", which is a service provided by Family and Children's Services of Waterloo Region, are also seeking volunteers. Opportunities are available for service over the holiday season or on an on-going basis. Application forms are available in the Guidance Office.



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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SECTORS?

Arts and Culture • Business • Construction
Energy • Environment • Health and Wellness
Hospitality and Tourism
Information and Communications
Technology
Justice, Safety, and Emergency Services
Manufacturing • Transportation

Get more information at www.highskills.ca
Sign up in the GUIDANCE office.

WHO IS YOUR ADMINISTRATOR?

The administrative contact for your son or daughter is based on your last name:
A to F: [Mrs. Beaucage](#)
G to N: [Mr. Bellini](#)
O to Z: [Mrs. Leusink](#)

As always, feel free to contact our principal, [Mr. Witt](#).

HATS AND CELL PHONES: PUT THEM AWAY, OR LOSE FOR A DAY!

Hats and cell phones should be off, and in student's lockers during the school day. Hats are not part of the school uniform, so they should not be worn in the school. Cell phones are distracting and hinder student progress, they should be off and put away.

Students who choose to wear hats or use cell phones in the school may have those items confiscated for the day and will be consequenced.

BENNY'S STAFF BIOS



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Paul Butler is a past chaplain at Resurrection CSS and before that a marketing agency representative. Mr. Butler has been teaching various religion courses (grades 9-12) for the past four years as a faith filled member of our religion department.

He is also one of the cornerstones of our school's "Faith Formation Committee", a committee which tries to develop ways to bring the gospel messages of Jesus Christ to life within our school community.

Demonstrating compassion, caring and inspiration are the messages he consistently shares with all members of our school population, both inside and outside of the classroom.

What he likes most about St. Benedict is the sense of solidarity among staff and students. "There is a tremendous willingness to help and support each other."



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Frank Wittmann has been dazzling us with his wonderful sense of humour in the business and math departments at St. Benedict for the past 12 years of his 25 year career. He considers himself a "Jack Of All Trades", since he has taught in six

departments in his time teaching.

Mr. Wittmann is currently teaching grade 12 international business, grade 12 economics, and grade 10/11/12 math. His co-curricular activities include cross-country, DECA, Track and Field, Respect & Responsibility Committee, piano player for liturgies and other events.

What he likes most about St. Benedict is the community feeling where we as a staff and students are very supportive of one another. We truly are a Celebration of People. "It's been a privilege and a pleasure to work at St. Benedict's. Keep the faith."

Academic

ENRICHING THE LIVES OF STUDENTS

BY MRS. D. WITTMANN

GIFTED EDUCATION SERVICES

Ontario's Ministry of Education defines giftedness as "an unusually advanced degree of general intellectual ability that requires differentiated learning experiences of a depth and breadth beyond those normally provided in the regular program to satisfy the level of educational potential indicated." Characteristic traits of giftedness include: advanced cognitive abilities, high intellectual curiosity, high creativity and sensitivity, capacity for intense motivation and advanced affective capacity. Learners identified as gifted often have exceptional intellectual, academic and social needs.

SECONDARY FIELD TRIPS

The Waterloo Catholic District School Board provides opportunities for identified gifted and academically talented students who need opportunities to explore future educational paths by visiting university campuses or other idea-centered venues in southern Ontario. Two or three field trips are coordinated with the assistance of each secondary school enrichment contact teacher per school year.

www.wcdsb.ca/spec-ed/gifted/pdf/Secondary%20Field%20Trips%202009-10.pdf

COMMUNITY AND OUTSIDE OF BOARD OPPORTUNITIES

www.wcdsb.ca/spec-ed/gifted/pdf/Community%20and%20Outside%20of%20Board%20Opportunities.pdf

ASSOCIATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS

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THE NAIL CHALLENGE

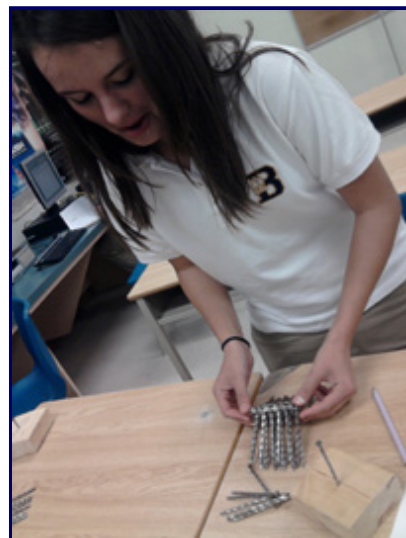
By Mr. M. OLINSKI

On the very first day of Learning Strategies class with Mr. Olinski, students learned to get rid of two useless words: I can't. They learned to exchange them with two more empowering words: positive attitude.

People who have a positive attitude are more successful, earn more money and are, overall, happier than those with a negative attitude. That positive attitude was needed to solve the



nail challenge. Students were given a block of wood with a nail hammered into it. They had to somehow balance twelve nails on top. None of the twelve could touch the wooden block, a desk, or be supported by any other means. Impossible? With some trial and error, lots of patience and that ever present positive attitude, nothing was impossible the day of the nail challenge.



ARE YOU POET (AND DIDN'T KNOW IT)?

Ms. Campbell is accepting submissions for the poetry contest. All poems are due November first. See her for more details.

STUDENTS SUCCESSFUL AT MEDIA WORKSHOP

Congratulations to the St. Benedict students who participated in the "No boundaries digital media workshop". They placed first in the documentary category with "Genocide of Leaves" and first in the audience choice award with "Shakespearegate". Well done to all participants!

HOMework CLUB & CREDIT RECOVERY



Where: ROOM 224

When: MONDAYS and WEDNESDAYS

Time: AFTER SCHOOL 2:30 - 4:00

HOMework CLUB

A quiet place to get your school work completed!

You can get extra help from SUPER teachers!

There are computers and a printer for you to use!

CREDIT RECOVERY

Recover lost credits while still taking a full course load.

Get back on track to graduate.

SEE YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR FOR MORE INFO AND TO SIGN UP.

MATH ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITY

BY MR. M. MODOLO

The Waterloo Math Circles is a free weekly enrichment activity for grade 6 to 12 students organized by the Faculty of Mathematics of the University of Waterloo. The meetings are accessible to interested students from grades 9 to 12. Students are placed in groups based on their mathematical background and ability: a group of mostly grade 11 and 12 student and a group of mostly grade 9 and 10 students.

Math Circles meets on Wednesday evenings, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., from October to December and from February to April at the University of Waterloo.

The St. Benedict math department will be working to arrange volunteer drivers to bring students to and from the sessions. And providing optional after school follow-up for participating students.

Interested students or parents (including any parents interested in helping with driving duties) are invited to contact the math department head, Mr. Mark Modolo: mark.modolo@wcdsb.ca.

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS OF GRADE 9 MATH STUDENTS

BY MR. M. MODOLO

Is your son or daughter currently taking grade 9 math?

Are you unsure about how to help him or her with assigned homework?

Do you feel like you would like to be able to provide better homework support?

If so, you may be interested in taking part in our new Math Parent Support program. Please contact Mr. Mark Modolo to learn more about this opportunity: mark.modolo@wcdsb.ca.

Clubs & Athletics

JUNIOR FOOTBALLERS STILL PERFECT

BY MR. J. VALE

The Junior Football team continued on their winning ways with a 28-15 win against the Preston Panthers last Thursday evening. The game was back and forth as the two teams were battling for field position the entire evening. With the Saints up 21-15 in the fourth quarter, a 53 yard touchdown run by Dequan French-Gray sealed the victory. The offense was led by French-Gray who scored 4 touchdowns in all, while racking up 198 rushing yards as well as a kickoff return for a touchdown. Brad Vince led the team with 72 pass receiving yards. Defensively, the Saints were led by Drew Walden with 14 tackles and Devon Pelley who had 7 tackles. The Saints take their undefeated record on the road this Thursday against Grand River. Go Saints Go!

HOCKEY TRYOUTS SET TO BEGIN

BY MR. N. O'CONNOR

The boys Varsity hockey team tryouts begin on November 1st. The team has qualified for the playoffs in each of the last four seasons. The returning players and coaches are looking forward



Jr. Girls Basketball
St. Benedict 43, Resurrection 24
St. Mary's 33, St. Benedict 45

Sr. Girls Basketball
St. Benedict 48, Resurrection 31

Jr. Boys Football
Preston 15, St. Benedict 28
Grand River 0, St. Benedict 41

Girls Field Hockey
Msgr Doyle 0, St. Benedict 2

Jr. Boys Volleyball
Woodland 3, St. Benedict 2

to another successful season in the District 8 / WCSSAA loop.

Boys Tryout times:

Monday, November 1st, 3:30pm

Tuesday, November 2nd, 3:00pm

Wednesday, November 3rd, 3:30pm

Thursday, November 4th, 3:30pm

Monday, November 8th, 3:30pm

\$25 = try-outs and short sleeve spirit wear t-shirt

or

\$30 = tryouts and long sleeve spirit wear T-shirt

Contact Mr. O'Connor or Mr. Lisy if you have any questions.

GET SWEEP AWAY WITH CURLING

Ms. Gallipeau is starting a curling team - look for wonderful results in the upcoming winter season! More information will be posted on the ranger system and on morning announcements.

Student Activities

Hey Bennies, hope you have had an amazing start to the new school year. It is time for another SAC update, and it's going to be a good one, because the next few weeks are going to be pretty packed.

Coming up just next Wednesday is student council's Halloween Day! This will be a day in which you will be able to wear the costume of your choice! Guidelines for costumes will be posted in classrooms: in general costumes should not cover your face (masks, morph suits, etc), should not include any sort of weapon and be appropriate attire to wear to school. Any students that have inappropriate costumes will be required to change into their uniform. Any student that does not want to wear a costume can show their spirit by wearing black or orange tops with uniform bottoms. On Wednesday there will be a costume contest, a special Halloween episode of SBTV, and in the cafe....the haunted house! So be sure to get ready for this year's Halloween.

On Friday October 30 we will also be having a yearbook day! Everyone is encouraged to bring in their yearbook so that they can get all their friends and classmates to sign it. We will also have a banner for each class, so classes 2011 through 2014 will all have their own banners to sign!

Another thing to be reminded of is the fall dance which is coming up quickly on November 4. It is black and white themed, so remember to wear those colours...or shades for a discount at the door. Check back in the next issue of BENN for updates on the upcoming Fall Fair, which will have some outstanding food, games and activities.

Other News



in 140 characters or less
/building relationships with youth at home, in the church and beyond

Saturday, October 30, Rockway Mennonite Collegiate
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (for youth ministry staff/volunteers)
12:00 – 3:30 p.m. (for parents and youth ministry staff/volunteers)

only **\$10!**

featuring **marv penner**
author & speaker

free book!
Pickling Paths by Shara Hipp

To register + more information, go to
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WIRED
BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

FOR JR. HIGHS, SR. HIGHS + PARENTS
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, ROCKWAY MENNONITE COLLEGIATE
7:30 – 10:00 P.M.
ADULTS ONLY

\$10!
STUDENTS ARE **FREE!**

featuring **MARV PENNER**



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THE BARRDAY TEACHER OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS

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

William Arthur Ward

Barrday, a Cambridge business, is committed to learning. We believe that curiosity and the desire to learn are inspired at an early age in many places. 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, with ten \$1,000 Teacher of Excellence awards.

We are looking for teachers who consistently demonstrate:

- **Excellence** - motivating students to achieve their best
- **Integrity** - consistently thinking, saying and doing what is right
- **Respect** - treating each student as valuable and full of potential
- **Innovation** - inspiring students to explore and make choices

Do you know a teacher in Cambridge, from JK to high school, who inspired you or someone you know? We invite parents, grandparents, students, former students, school administrators and colleagues to nominate that teacher for a Teacher of Excellence award.

NOMINATE YOUR TEACHER OF EXCELLENCE TODAY

Please visit our website at www.Barrday.com to share with us the reasons why your teacher is deserving of a **Teacher of Excellence award**. Nomination forms may also be requested by phoning 621-3620

ext. 1228.

The extended deadline for nominations is October 31st, 2010.

Upcoming Events

October 20: JrB Ftbl @ Galt, Rogers Field, 5:00pm
October 20: SrG Bask @ St. David's
October 20: JrB VB vs SDCSS
October 20: SrB Ftbl vs Galt @ Rogers, 7pm
October 20: JrB Soccer @ St. Mary's, 3:30
October 21: Post-Secondary Info Night
October 21: Parent-teacher conferencing
October 21: District 8
October 22: Parent-teacher conferencing
October 25: SrG Bask vs Rockway
October 25: JrB VB @ RMC
October 25: JrB Soccer vs Msgr Doyle, 3:30
October 27: SAC Hallowe'en Activities
October 27: JrB Ftbl @ St. David's, 5:00pm
October 27: JrB VB @ PRDG

October 27: SrB Ftbl @ St. David's, 7pm
October 28: CWOSSA
October 29: Convocation
October 31: Hallowe'en
November 1: SrG Bask vs Monsignor Doyle
November 1: JrB VB @ MDCSS
November 2: JrB Ftbl vs Glenview Park, St. Benedict, 5:00pm
November 2: SrB Ftbl vs Glenview, 3pm
November 3: SrG Bask @ Resurrection
November 3: JrB VB vs RCSS

Be sure to check the calendar on the school website for more information. You can find it under **Benny's News > Calendar of Events.**

Miscellaneous

WE WANT TO KNOW...

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.

This newsletter is also available on the school website if you [click here](#). You may want to send this link to other parents rather than forward your email—doing so may alter the layout and generate the page incorrectly.

