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January 26, 2011

Final Evaluation Schedule

JANUARY 25

8:21 – 9:37 Period 2 class

9:42 – 10:58 Period 1 class or 76 min. Final Evaluation

11:03 - 12:10 Lunch

12:20 – 2:20 Period 1 - 2 hour Final Evaluation or Credit Rescue (if required)

Bus Pickup 2:30 PM

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JANUARY 28

8:30 - 9:46 Period 5 – 76 min. Final Evaluation

8:30 – 10:30 Period 5 – 2 hour Final Evaluation

11:00 – 1:00 Period 5 Credit Rescue (if required)

Bus Pickup 1:10 PM

JANUARY 31

8:30 – 10:30 Credit Rescue as arranged by teacher and student

Bus Pickup 10:40 AM

In the event that there is inclement weather and cancellations, the whole schedule will be pushed forward a day. Good luck to all students as they prepare for their final evaluations!

Administrative

IMPORTANT NOTICE: TEXTBOOKS

BY ST. BENEDICT ADMINISTRATION

On Friday January 21, 2011, your child will be required to bring all of their school issued textbooks back to their teachers. On this day, the teachers will either collect the textbooks if

your child no longer require them for the course or will do a quick check to ensure the book is in good repair and that the number matches the book signed out at the beginning of the semester.

We are asking for your assistance with this important task. Please remind your child to look for their textbooks and bring them to school on January 21st. Your child will be financially responsible for any lost or damaged textbook. Each year the school spends thousands of dollars replacing lost or damaged textbooks. It would be great if this year we kept this expenditure to zero!

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

LOCKER CLEANOUT

On Friday, January 21st there will be a locker cleanout during periods 1 and 2.

Period 1 Grades 9 and 10

Period 2 Grades 11 and 12

CHANGE TO ST BENEDICT AM SPECIAL

GRT will be implementing a change to the Poplar-Guelph / Winston Loop Morning Special effective Monday, January 17th, 2011.

This special will now start five minutes earlier. Students who have any questions, can consult the new maps posted on the office door, the main front doors and the guidance & tech hall entrances. If you have any further questions, please see Ms. Falsetto in the main office.

NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

BY MRS. P. KLASSEN

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

The Waterloo Catholic District School board will be hosting an event at St. Benedict on Thursday, January 13, 2011 to share information regarding the many new exciting Grade 11 and 12 pathway programs that exist within our school and our board. The timing for this event is perfect as it is occurring prior to the time when students will be expected to choose their courses for the next school year. If you have often heard terms like SHSM, OYAP, UCEP, CCEP or Coop and aren't really sure what they mean, or what they might offer your son or daughter, then this is an evening for you. The following topics will be covered:

- Cooperative Education – work placements in the community for all pathways
- Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) for trade related pathways
- Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) – industry certifications and reach ahead activities
- Community Home Build Program – build a home from the foundation up
- Specialized program offered on-site at our local university(UCEP) and college (CCEP) campuses

Please join us on Thursday, January 11 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM and learn "What it is all about?" For more information see <http://coop.wcdsb.ca> and www.highskills.ca

GRADE 8 PARENT EVENING

Our Grade 8 Parent Night will be held on Thursday, January 20, 2011 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. Please pass this along to any neighbours in your community that have a student who is scheduled to begin high school in September, 2011. All Grade 8 students, regardless of where they are attending school currently are welcome to join our community in September. Grade 8 students who currently attend one of our feeder schools will be visiting our school this week and will be provided with registration information from their current grade 8 teacher. Grade 8 students from outside of our system may pick up registration packages from the guidance office at any time. Your help in promoting our school to those in our community is greatly appreciated!

ARE YOU PLANNING TO APPLY FOR COLLEGE?

Grade 12 students who are planning to apply to college for the 2011 – 2012 academic year are reminded that the application deadline is quickly approaching. Please note the following:

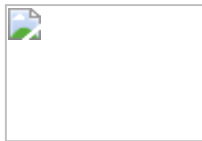
- College applications are due February 1, 2011. Students need their OEN number (found on all report card) to set up an account for application.
- Apply early and avoid the stress of last minute on-line delays. The OCAS site becomes overloaded as the deadlines approaches and delays are common.
- Complete your Community Service Hours as soon as possible. Completing Community Service Hours is a graduation requirement and your acceptance into a program could be delayed if you do not have this requirement completed.
- Information regarding college programs can be found www.ontario.colleges.ca

DO YOU NEED HELP PREPARING FOR FINAL SUMMATIVES? LAURIER SOS IS HERE TO HELP!

SOS (students supporting students) is a charitable organization run by students from Wilfrid Laurier University. During the week before final summatives, they will be running 2 – 3 hour group review sessions. For a donation of \$25 (or \$40 for 2), these review sessions will cover course work and will also provide students with a take-home review package filled with questions and answers to help students prepare. They offer support in the following subjects: Grade 9 math, French and geography, Grade 10 math, science and history, Grade 11 U math and U sciences and Grade 12 U math and U sciences. Go to SOShighschool.com to register.

COURSE CHANGES FOR SECOND SEMESTER

The month of January is a great time for students who are considering a course change for second semester to see their guidance counsellor to discuss this. All timetable changes must be approved by a parent or guardian and please remember that we do not accommodate lunch changes or teacher requests. Your support in encouraging your sons and daughters to follow protocol is much appreciated by us.



UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO GRADE 10 FAMILY NIGHT

Parents and their Grade 10 university-bound students are invited to an information evening hosted by the University of Waterloo. Learn about the university application process, financing a post-secondary education, and studying what you love.

Register to attend or watch the live webcast at <http://findoutmore.uwaterloo.ca/parents>.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY
20TH, 2011
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM**



SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR 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



St. Benedict is turning 50!

VISIT

[HTTP://STBENEDICT.WCDSB.CA/50/](http://stbenedict.wcdsb.ca/50/)
TO STAY INFORMED ABOUT THE
50TH BIRTHDAY FESTIVITIES!

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.

UNIFORMS

We remind students that non-uniform clothing is not permitted in the classrooms, and should be left in your locker. Pants and shorts are to be worn properly, not rolled.

BENNY'S STAFF BIOS



Delmar Borba has been teaching with us in the math department for the past 4 years of his young 5 year teaching career. His dedication and passion for math is infectious to all those that cross paths with him.

When not teaching Mathematics, you can find Mr. Borba in the Math

Credit Rescue program Monday and Wednesday, or in the gymnasium helping the boys wrestling team after school.

What he likes most about Benny's is "the spirit and generosity the students share with each other and the community of Cambridge. Our Saints do their best in leading by example".

His words of wisdom are packaged into one message: "Do what you love to do. If you love it, chances are you're good at it. If you are good at it, you'll be successful."



Simone Beaucage has taught for 15 years with the Toronto Catholic School Board prior to becoming a Vice-Principal with our Board. She has been VP for 5 years, the past 2 years here with us at Benny's.

Prior to her current role Simone was a music teacher and the Chaplain at her previous school in Toronto. What she loves most about Benny's is "the students and the energy they bring to my days and that they are very proud 'Saints'".

Her message to us is that "Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but the moments that take our breath away."

ENRICHING THE LIVES OF STUDENTS

BY MRS. D. WITTMANN

INTERDISCIPLINARY COURSE IDC₄U FOR UNIVERSITY-LEVEL AUTONOMOUS STUDENTS IS THIS THE COURSE FOR YOU ?

Student Assessment: Give yourself a mark out of 10

1. How would you rate your ability to think creatively and independently?
2. How would you rate your industriousness and ability to motivate yourself?
3. How would you rate your level of curiosity and interest in Autonomous?
4. How would you rate your academic ability in the natural sciences?
5. How would you rate your academic ability in the social sciences?
6. How would you rate your academic ability in the humanities?
7. What other interests and activities do you pursue, outside of academics, to demonstrate breadth of character?

Nomination forms are available in the Guidance or the English Office.



WHAT IS THE WATERLOO REGION SKILLS COMPETITION?

The competition consists of one day competitions where students will participate in an area of interest with other Catholic students from the board, running from March 24-30, 2011. Students have a chance to win gold, silver or bronze medals. The competition is open to **all** secondary students!

WHY SHOULD STUDENTS GET INVOLVED?

- Gain experience & knowledge
- Opens doors for the future
- Develops their SKILLS!
- Great addition to their resume

Although the Skills Competition has been focused on traditional technical areas, there are many other competitions which students can participate in including:

Computers & Technology	English/Co-op	Arts	Hospitality & Tourism	Business, English, Media
- 2D Animation	- Job Skills	- 2D Animation	- Baking	- Website
- 3D Animation	Demonstration	- 3D Animation	- Culinary Arts	Development
- Architectural Design	- Job Interview	- Fashion Design		- Photography
- Desktop Publishing	- Prepared Speech	- Floristry		- Graphic Design
- Graphic Design	- Workplace Safety	- Hairstyling		- Job Interview
- IT Software		- Photography		- Prepared Speech
- Photography		- TV/Video		
- TV/Video Production		Production		

[Click HERE for a full list of Regional Competitions](#) or for more information visit WWW.SKILLSWATERLOO.CA.

Students who are interested in participating in the Regional Skills Competition can register online before March 7 by visiting the website. Additionally, if you have more questions, please feel free to contact the Skills Contact at St. Benedict, Mrs. Crowell.

Clubs & Athletics

BOYS VARSITY HOCKEY

BY MR. N. O'CONNOR

The Saints won their first game of 2011 by defeating Huron Heights by a score of 4 - 1. The Saints were led by Matt Pyke who played a strong game in net. Dylan Costa, Connor Magwood, Tyler Melo and Brad Evans scored for the Saints.

SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

BY MR. J. MALNERICH

The Senior Boys Basketball improved to 12 and 6 on the season as they traveled to Stratford over the Christmas break for a pair of exhibition games. In their first contest they faced a scrappy St. Mike's team that put on a late rally in the dying minutes of the game. The Saints held them off and closed out with a 48 to 44 victory. Top scorers for the Saints were Santo Dak with 26 points and Tyrone Tyndale with 10.

In their next game, the Saints faced Stratford Central who also rallied from a 14 point deficit in the second half. The game was tied with one second on the clock and Kieran Senior finished the play to score the game winner. The final score was 45 to 43. Top point getters for St. Benedict were Santo Dak with 13 points and Tyndale with 11.

SAINTS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT WAS A SLAM DUNK

BY MR. J. VALE

The 23rd Annual Saints Invitational Basketball Tournament was held on the weekend of January 8-9/2011. This event is considered by many to be one of the premier senior boys basketball tournaments in Ontario as it plays host to 32 teams from across the province. The tournament served as a great opportunity for the St. Benedict Saints team to see where they stacked up against some elite teams in the area.

The Saints opening game had them matched up against Pauline Johnson Secondary School from Brantford. In front of an excited crowd Friday afternoon, the Saints started off red hot and didn't let up as they cruised to a 56-36 victory. The win landed the Saints on the Championship side of the tournament bracket and a match-up against powerhouse St. James from Guelph. The Saints battled hard and played very tough against a talented St. James team but came up just short losing 60-42. The loss eliminated the Saints from tournament contention, however, did set up another challenging game against St. Mary's from Sault Ste. Marie. After a sluggish start, the Saints worked their way back into the game with good shooting and tough defense, however, when the final buzzer sounded, the Saints ended up on the short end of a 54-41 score.

Coach Malnerich and Coach Vale were proud of the effort displayed by the players throughout the weekend and look forward to some important league games in the next few weeks. Go Saints

Go!



WRESTLER EARNS BRONZE

BY MISS D. COSTA

A heartfelt congratulations to Alan Hermer on his performance in the wrestling tournament at Waterloo-Oxford. Alan wrestled hard and avenged his two prior losses to secure the bronze medal. This was a proud moment for him and for St. Benedict, as he represented us in true Saints fashion. Way to go Alan!

YOUR NOVICE CURLING TEAM ROCKS!

BY MISS A. GALLIPEAU

St. Benedict's first competitive novice curling team rocked the house on January 12 in Elimra's curling club. The boys, coached by Ms. Gallipeau, took third overall. The boys took two of the three games. The team of four boys began in November (knowing nothing about the game) and took third place overall. It's amazing how time, patience, and dedication will turn 'nothing' into wow look at that 'something'. As a coach, I personally have not seen a team gel together the way these four boys have. Our team, Jordan Tambourine (Skip), Vince Robbins (Vice), Devan Tambourine (Second) and our very valuable – Nick O'Bright (first) showed what perseverance does. These boys of all grades and ages embraced the etiquette and strategy the curling game demands.

The playoff day started out roughly, the boys had a two-hour trip because of the snow, despite this they persevered to win 10 – 1 in their final game. Congratulations to our boys, they have made us proud.

If you're interested in being a part of a successful team season sign ups will begin after Thanksgiving and tryouts begin the first week in November. You only need a positive attitude, dedication, and a willingness to have fun.

M.A.D. MOVEMENT

BY MISS K. LAUNSLAGER

The M.A.D. Movement is dedicated to volunteering in the community this school year. Members have been volunteering at the food bank and Bridges Shelter. We are looking for interested students who would like to volunteer in the community as well. This is a great opportunity to get community service hours. Interested students should see Miss Launslager or Mrs. Rocha for details.

Student Activities

Hey Bennies! Student Council here again with your first update for the New Year, and this is an important one! We do not have many activities planned for the upcoming month just to make

room for exams, but upcoming in February is our annual Semi-Formal. Semi will take place on February 11th from 7-10:30pm. It will be held at the Portuguese Hall, on 870 Townline Road. The tickets will go on sale starting this Thursday, and will cost \$15. You will need your student ID AND your new timetable to buy your ticket. Your ticket will include; entry to the dance, coat check, 3 photos, and free water. Pop and Orangina will cost extra. So remember tickets are on sale January 13 through 17 and students must purchase tickets during their lunch (timetables will be checked). And lastly as always you will need your student ID to get into the dance and once in the dance there will be no re-entry. See you there!

Other News

RELAY FOR LIFE

BY MS. D. WEHRLE

St. Benedict's will be running their first Relay for Life event this year. It will take place on Friday June 3, 2011.

Relay for Life is a unique experience that celebrates survivors, remembers loved ones and raises money and awareness for the Cancer Society. Teams of 10 participate in a 12 hour, overnight event. It is primarily student run. Our hope is that Relay for Life becomes an annual event at St. Benedict.

We would like to have student volunteers from all grades participate and carry on this tradition. More details will follow.

If you are interested in volunteering to help, please see Mrs. Wehrle (ext. 265) in the Guidance office or Mrs. Crowell (ext. 509) in the Co-op Office.

Upcoming Events

January 13: Graduation photos
January 13: Semi-formal tickets go on sale
January 17: Sr. B. Bball vs St. David, 5:00
January 17: Semi-formal ticket sales end
January 18-19: EQAO Grade 9 math assessment
January 19: Sr. B. Bball vs Pere Rene, 3:30
January 20: Grade 8 parent night
January 20: Cookies 'n' Cram LINK event

January 25-31: Final Eval days (attendance mandatory)

February 2: PA Day

February 3: Semester 2 begins

Be sure to check the calendar on the school website for more information. You can find it under **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.

