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Note from Administration



On behalf of administration and our school community, I would like to congratulate the staff of the BENN for the publication of this 50th issue. Over the years good ideas come and go. Effort, commitment and vision bring about sustainability. It is a tribute to the BENN staff to achieve this milestone.

The BENN had a clear vision to improve communication for our community with a primary purpose of keeping parents informed and it has done an outstanding job to this end. The quality and informative nature of the content generated on a bi-weekly basis is no small task. This is a reflection of the effort and commitment of the BENN staff and its many contributors. On behalf of administration, I would like to express our sincere thanks to the BENN staff for their tremendous service to our community.

– Mr. D. Witt, Principal

ST. BENEDICT IN THE LOCAL MEDIA

CAMBRIDGE TIMES: [Bennies teacher gets school MAD](#)

Administrative

2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR SURVEY

SPECIAL NEWS FROM THE WCDSB

The Waterloo Catholic District School Board is currently in the process of consulting with all of its stakeholders in regards to the 2011-2012 school year calendar. A short five minute survey is posted on our Board website at www.wcdsb.ca. We encourage staff members, parents, and students to fill it out.

The survey will be open until February 14th.

NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

By MRS. P. KLASSEN

COURSE CHANGES FOR SEMESTER TWO

Guidance is always a busy place, however the start of new semester makes things "extra" busy as we work to register new students who are joining us and work at making course changes in a timely manner. Students are encouraged to take advantage of their "exam break" to schedule appointments with their counsellors if timetable changes are necessary. Other students will need to follow the process that we have in place for course changes which allows counsellors to make the most urgent and necessary changes first, followed by elective change requests. Students need to also be aware that counsellors are available for appointments both before and after school during the course change period. Please note that request to change lunch periods, as well as teacher requests are not possible. The deadline for changes to second semester courses is February 16, 2011. Any student wishing to make a course change must submit a course changed form, signed by a parent, prior to this deadline date.

USED UNIFORMS

Students who are interested in expanding their school wardrobe should be aware that the school has a good supply of clean, quality used uniform pieces available. Anyone who is interested in obtaining uniform clothing should contact their guidance counsellor. Male pants are in short supply, however we have an excellent selection of female pants, golf shirts (both long and short sleeved) and sweaters and vests that are good for the cold weather. There is no set fee for clothing, however donations would be welcome.

If your son or daughter will be leaving St. Benedict at the end of first semester or you are aware of other students who have clothing to donate, please forward these donations to the school. Any used uniform clothing that is clean and in good condition is welcome! Please note that we will only accept pants and shorts that are McCarthy brand.

THE COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS QUICKLY APPROACHING

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

CURRICULUM EVENING

The Curriculum Night that was scheduled for Thursday, February 17 has been cancelled and will not be re-scheduled.

COUNSELLOR ASSIGNMENTS

Please feel free to contact your son or daughter's counsellor if you have questions or



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concerns. Case loads are determined as follows:

Ms. Deanna Wehrle: A – C and V – Z, ext. 265

Mrs. Patricia Klassen: D – J and International Students, ext. 190

Mr. Sean Kritz: K – Persaud, ext. 512

Mrs. Katherine Menjolian: Petcu – U, ext. 240

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.

Need more uniform pieces?

McCarthy Mobile Top up Sale will be visiting St. Benedict's on February 9th from 3-7pm.

McCarthy's will be bringing inventory of all in-stock uniform items to the school.

Come out and save up to 25% off when you purchase 3 or more uniform items (hosiery excluded)

One DAY only at the McCarthy Mobile Store:
February 9th from 3-7pm.

Payment can be made using cash, debit, Visa, or Mastercard.

Please note that McCarthy's does not accept personal cheques.

McCarthy's School Uniforms

MOBILE STORE

- Convenient in-school shopping
- Top up your uniform needs
- Take in-stock products home with you the same day

Payment Options:

Wednesday, February 9th
3pm-7pm
Cafeteria
St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School

top up sale
on all in-stock uniform items

- Buy 1 item, Save 15%
- Buy 2 items, Save 20%
- Buy 3 or more items, Save 25%

1 DAY ONLY

BENNY'S STAFF BIOS



Jennifer Dietrich is an 18 year veteran of the teaching profession, the past 15 years have been with us here at St. Benedicts. She is a member of the Religion Department who is passionate about teaching the grade 11 World Religions course; "the students really seem to enjoy this course!"

Jennifer is also a member of the graduation committee. She is in charge of the grads and "outfitting them in their own gowns. The key is for them to look their best! This is one of the most important days of their life as each student begins the next stage of their career journey.

Jennifer has dedicated her time to the Literacy Committee and in coaching the Senior Girls' basketball team in previous years. What she likes most about Benny's is "the people I work with! Everyone is always willing to help others out."

Academic

ENRICHING THE LIVES OF STUDENTS

BY MRS. D. WITTMANN

THE CENTRE FOR MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTING: UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

CEMC WORKSHOP IN COMPUTER SCIENCE FOR YOUNG WOMEN

The CEMC Workshop in Computer Science for Young Women is a unique opportunity designed to ignite enthusiasm for computer science in interested female students from across Canada. The young women invited learn that computer science is about much more than using and programming computers. Through lectures, labs and hands-on activities, the workshop explores the foundations and applications of computer science that have a profound effect on the world today. Lasting friendships develop as participants stay in on-campus residences for one week and enjoy many social events.

INTENDED AUDIENCE

Female grade 9 and 10 students attending a Canadian high school or middle school.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

<http://cemc.math.uwaterloo.ca/events/csgirls.html>

GR. 12 RELIGION CLASS PUTS THEIR FAITH INTO ACTION

BY MRS. D. LOWE

Pat Singleton, executive director of the Cambridge Self Help Food Bank came to St. Benedict to talk to some of the Religion classes about the programs offered at the food bank. Her talk inspired a Religion class of grade 12 students to start a penny drive to raise money to buy 6 pairs of boots for children of families who use the food bank.

In just 3 days the students raised \$300. They surpassed their goal and were able to buy over 10 pairs of boots.

The students were passionate about helping those in need in our community. They put their faith into action and lived out the curriculum of the gr.12 Social Justice Religion course. Special thanks to Nichole Maher, Kaitlyn Schlesak, and Mallory Duggan who lead by example and motivated the success of this penny drive. Congratulations Saints!

Clubs & Athletics

WINTER MELTDOWN TOURNAMENT

BY MRS. L. O'NEILL

The fifth annual Winter Meltdown Tournament sponsored by the Waterloo Region Catholic Schools Foundation was held in Waterloo January 12 & 13th. Sixteen girl's teams from the Waterloo area, Collingwood, London and Kincardine would battle it out to see who would become Champions.

St. Benedicts started the pool play against Grand River from Kitchener. Kelly Melo started the scoring and had the Saints out to a 3 goal lead. Grand River battled back and scored 5 unanswered goals with a final score of 5 - 3 for Grand River.

In the second game the Saints took on Mother Teresa of London. They were a very strong team and took it to the Saints. Kaitlyn Kok played a great game in net, but the Saints fell to Mother Teresa 3 - 0.

On to their third game and with only ten skaters it was becoming a long day. But the Saints rose to the challenge and played a great game to win 5-1 against Jean Vanier from Collingwood.

Day two would start with a win or go home game against Waterloo Collegiate. The Saints were holding on to a 1 goal lead when a soft shot hit a defenceman and bounced into the net to tie the game. The Saints held strong and managed to score another goal to take the game 2 - 1.

Heading to the semi finals the girls would faceoff against Regina Mundi from London. The girls played a great game winning 6 - 0. Kirsten Carnegie recorded the shut out and they were off to the Consolation Championship game.



After watching the Benny's boys team play a great final game, the pressure was on to play well and pull out a win. The girls gave it a good shot, but a short bench and a much stronger Kincardine team would stand in their way. Kincardine would finish as Consolation Champions.

The girls hockey team has had a trying season, we moved into the A pool where the play is a bit more competitive, had a few

injuries and a short bench for most of our games. It was great to see the girls rise to the challenge of the tournament and finish as a finalist. Thanks to Mr. Seguin for helping out on the bench, we only wish we could have pulled off the last win!

The girls are back in action February 7th at Moses Springer against Bluevale at 3pm, where they hope to have their first league win. The last regular season game will be February 10th at Hespeler arena against Jacob Hespeler 2pm start.

BOYS VARSITY HOCKEY

By Mr. N. O'CONNOR

The Saints captured the consolation championship at the Winter Meltdown Tournament. Jordan Kerr scored the winner in the second overtime for the victory.

In recent league play, the Saints lost 7-5 to Grand River despite Connor Magwood's 4 goals. They also lost 6-3 to St. David's.

MIDGET BOYS BASKETBALL

By Mrs. L. EDWARDS

Our midget boys played a superb game against St. Marys in their final game of league play, but just wasn't able to pull of a win.

They started strong in the first quarter outscoring the Eagles 8-4. In the second quarter St. Mary's worked hard to close the gap and we went into half time down by 2.

Unfortunately, our team came out flat in the 3rd where St. Mary's took a greater lead increasing the gap for a total of 11 pts.

In the second half of the 4th we saw a stronger team and they worked hard to recover, but just wasn't able to close the gap quick enough. The final score was 40 - 25 for St Mary's.

Leading the scoring for St. Benedict's was Gary Gill with 14 points. He had a great game, and was approached by the organizer for the Kitchener Vipers to come to their try-outs.

Undoubtedly, if the season was a little longer for our boys, we would have see great things from them. We applaud them for their enthusiasm and good sportsmanship nonetheless!

JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to the junior girls volleyball team on two hard fought victories last week. On Monday they beat St. Davids, 3-1 and on Tuesday night they defeated Pere Rene, 3 games to 1.

Student Activities

The kids are all writing exams, and looking forward to a few days off. Don't worry, SAC will be back with the new semester! Look forward to some events in preparation for Valentine's Day, the semi-formal, and more exciting activities in semester 2! Good luck to everybody on their exams, and we'll see you when semester two begins, **next Thursday**.

- Editor

Other News

RELAY FOR LIFE

The Relay for Life is a unique experience that celebrates survivors, remembers loved ones and raises money and awareness for the Cancer Society. This year the 12 hour event will be held on Friday June 3rd 2011.

DO YOU WANT TO BE INVOLVED? Please see Mrs. Wehrle in guidance office or Mrs. Crowell in the co-op office.

FEEDER SCHOOL PRINCIPAL RECEIVES AWARD

BY MR. A. MILARDOVIC

We would like to congratulate Mr. Mark Godin, principal of Our Lady of Fatima school, who was recently awarded the Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario's principal of the year award.

Mr. Godin, a strong advocate for the welfare and well being of all his staff and students, was informed of the award last week. Unaware that he was even nominated, he was shocked to hear the news.

The staff and students will be honouring him in an assembly at the school today. He will officially receive his award at the CPCO Annual General Meeting in April.

WEB LINK ► [CAMBRIDGE TIMES: A champion for children](#)



Upcoming Events

January 26-28: Final Eval days (attendance mandatory)

January 31: Credit rescue, as necessary

February 2: PA Day

February 3: Semester 2 begins

February 7: Sr. B. Bball vs Rez, 5:00

February 9: SAC Valentine activities

February 9: Sr. B. Bball vs Doyle, 3:30

February 11: Report card distribution

February 11: Semiformal at Portuguese Club (870 Townline Road)

February 14-15: DECA Provincials

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!

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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.

