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## NEXT ISSUE

April 27, 2011

## Faith Resonates...

As the warm weather approaches and spring is in the air, let us all take some time to reflect on the journey that Jesus our Lord embarked on in the week leading to his crucifixion and triumphant resurrection three days later. How many times are we called on to carry a burden which is so great that we are not sure we can carry it? May we see in those around us the caring hands of Veronica, who wiped Jesus' face as He carried His cross through the crowds, and may we be the hands of Simon to help another carry their cross.

Our website features a slide on it which asks "For whom will you be the good Samaritan?" Our staff and students have profoundly given witness to the test of faith life has presented us, through our efforts in Haiti and Japan. In Canada, our students will be standing up for unborn children in Ottawa this May, and in June we will give witness to the fact that there is hope in the fight against Cancer. And we encourage all to get involved.

Our faith truly does resonate through our community. While we strive to create an environment of success for all, we do so as disciples of the Risen Lord, whose conquest over death and evil we will celebrate in a week and a half. With that in mind, on behalf of the staff and students of St. Benedict, I wish you and yours a joyous and blessed Easter Season!

- Editor

## ST. BENEDICT IN THE LOCAL MEDIA

CAMBRIDGE TIMES: [Talking up the trades](#)  
CAMBRIDGE TIMES: [Uniting to fight cancer](#)

## Administrative

## SEMESTER 2 - 2011 FINAL EVALUATION SCHEDULE

All courses (except those listed below) will have a 76 minute Final Evaluation taking place on June 21, 22, 23 and 24th as per the following schedule. Students who meet the following criteria will not be required to attend school in the afternoon on these days:

- i) have achieved a passing grade;
- ii) have submitted all summative activities and
- iii) have completed all components of their final culminating activity

Students who do not meet the above criteria will be required to attend a 2 hour Credit Rescue class in the afternoon on these days with the possibility of attending an additional 2 hour Credit Recovery class on June 27th to be successful in obtaining their credit.

The following courses will have a 2 hour Final Evaluation taking place on June 21, 22, 23 and 24th as per the schedule below:

**Business** - (Analyzing Current Economic Issues CIA4U, Introduction to Financial Accounting BAF3M, Principals of Financial Accounting BAT4M)

**Communications** - English/French (Grade 11 & 12 University English ENG3U, 4U; Grade 11 & 12 College English ENG3C, 4C; Grade 12 University Writer's Craft EWC4U; Grade 12 University English Literature Studies ETS4U; Grade 11 and 12 University Core FrenchFSF3U & FSF4U)

**Geography** - (Physical Geography CGF3M, The Environment & Resource Management CGR4M, Canadian & World Issues CGW4U)

**Guidance** - (Autonomous Learner IDC4UI)

**History** - (American History CHA3U, World History CHW3M, Canadian History CHI4U, World History CHY4U & CHY4C, Understanding Canadian Law CLU3M, Cdn and International Law CLN4U )

**Math** - (All Grade 10 Academic 2D; All Grade 11 & 12 University 3U, 4U; Grade 11 University/College 3M, Grade 12 College Technology MCT4C)

**Physical Education** - (Grade 12 University Exercise Science PSE4U)

**Religion** - (Grade 11 University/College World Religions HRT3M; Grade 12 University/College Church & Culture HRE4M)

**Science** - (All Grade 9 & 10 Academic 1D, 2D; All Grade 11 & 12 College 3C, 4C; Grade 11 University/College 3M; Grade 11 & 12 University 3U, 4U)

**Social Sciences** - (Intro. To Anthropology HSP3M, Ind. & Families in a Diverse Society HHS4M, Challenge & Change in Society HSB4M)

**NOTE:** ALL STUDENTS ARE TO BE IN FULL UNIFORM DURING FINAL EVALUATION AND CREDIT RESCUE CLASSES

## **TUESDAY, JUNE 21**

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)

2:30: Bus Pickup

## **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22**

8:21 - 9:37: Period 3 or 4 class

9:42 - 10:58: Period 2 class or 76 min. Final Evaluation

11:03 - 12:10: Lunch

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

2:30: Bus Pickup

## **THURSDAY, JUNE 23**

8:21 - 9:37: Period 5 class

9:42 - 10:58: Period 3 or 4 class or 76 min. Final Evaluation

11:03 - 12:10: Lunch

12:20 - 2:20: Period 3 or 4 - 2 hour Final Evaluation or Credit Rescue (if required)

2:30: Bus Pickup

## **FRIDAY, JUNE 24**

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)

1:10: Bus Pickup

## MONDAY, JUNE 27

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

10:40: Bus Pickup

**Note: This schedule will change in the event of a school bus cancellation or school closure.**

## RELAY FOR LIFE COMING TO ST. BENEDICT'S

BY MRS. N. WINKLER

Please join us on Friday, June 3rd to Saturday, June 4th for our very first Relay for Life. It will take place on the Bennies track in front of the school from 7:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.



We are looking for Survivors who are willing to participate in the Survivor's victory lap at the very beginning of the Relay. Please note that survivors are not required to spend the entire 12 hours at the school and are free to leave whenever they like.

Information about joining the survivors can be found at our website: [relayforlife.ca/stbenedicts](http://relayforlife.ca/stbenedicts). Luminaries are available now for purchase from the school. They cost \$5 each and you may purchase as many of them as you like. Again you are not required to stay the 12 hours, we would be happy to place your luminary on the track for you.

One of our fundraising initiatives for our relay is to sell t-shirts to raise money. These t-shirts were featured in the Cambridge Times along with an article about the relay. The t-shirts are available in white and blue and you can find out more information by contacting [Deanna Wehrle](#) at the school.

If you would like to volunteer for our evening, please go to the website where you can register to volunteer. A committee member will contact you in the near future.

## NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

BY MRS. P. KLASSEN

### FIRST TIME, FULL TIME

Any graduating grade 12 student who is planning to seek full time work after leaving high school should consider attending *First Time, Full Time*, which is a one day conference designed to enhance the employability of graduating students. This event will be held at Conestoga College on Tuesday, May 10. Admission is free and all costs associated with the day (transportation and lunch) will be covered. Any grade 12 student interested in attending should sign the list in the Guidance Office and pick up a registration form as soon as possible as enrolment is limited. First Time, Full Time is a collaborative effort by the Business and Education Partnership of Waterloo Region, Cambridge Career Connections, Communitech, Conestoga College Job Connect, Lutherwood, Waterloo Catholic District School Board and the Waterloo Region District School Board. In addition to hearing guest speakers and taking part in a presentation regarding workplace safety, students will have the opportunity to participate in interactive workshops which will be presented by industry professionals in a wide variety of areas. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to enhance your skills!

### THE ONE WEEK JOB PROJECT

On April 6, seventy students from St. Benedict had the opportunity to hear Sean Aiken speak about his *One Week Job Project* as part of his 2011 *Discover Your Passion* tour. After graduating from school with a business degree, Sean Aiken struggled to find his passion and direction. In 2008, he launched his *One Week Job Project* which involved working 52 jobs in 52 weeks across North America to help him answer a question which plagues many: "What should I do with my life?" Sean has been featured on CNN, The New York Times, CBC News and Good Morning

America. In his 90 minute presentation, Sean shared both his adventure as well as lessons learned along the way. More information about Sean Aiken can be found at [www.OneWeekJob.com](http://www.OneWeekJob.com).

## **SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR**

The Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) is a Ministry approved designation that can be earned during grade eleven and twelve in a variety of employment sectors. It is valuable because it shows that you have focused your education toward a particular employment area. The Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) encourages



**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

Get more information at [www.highskills.ca](http://www.highskills.ca)  
Sign up in the GUIDANCE office.

students to focus their secondary school education toward a career area of choice. Whether students plan to go to work, apprenticeship, or college/university, earning a Specialist High Skills Major may be a possibility. The SHSM symbol (Red Seal) on your diploma lets employers know that you have knowledge, skills, and industry-recognized qualifications related to a particular career field. Between April 4 - 13, St. Benedict's has had two counsellors working in our school who specialize in this program. They have been busy meeting with students who have signed up for the Specialist High Skills Major program in order to review course and program requirements and to answer questions. Their work has been much appreciated by the students as well as the guidance department of St. Benedict.

## **ARE YOU PLANNING TO GRADUATE IN JUNE? GET YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS FINISHED!**

In addition to earning 30 credits and completing the Literacy Requirement, all students must complete 40 hours of Community Service in order to achieve their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). All Grade 12 students intending to graduate this June, must have their Community Service Hours completed and submitted to the main office for documentation by June 17, 2011. This is especially important for students who have applied to college or university because if this requirement is not completed when final grades are submitted to OCAS and OUAC, admission offers can be denied. As well, in order to attend the Graduation ceremony in October, hours must be completed. Please take care of this important detail as soon as possible.

## WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER?

If you are looking for part-time work or opportunities to volunteer this summer be sure to check out the ranger system as well the bulletin boards outside of the Guidance Office. As information regarding summer work or community opportunities comes to our school is posted and updated. The summer months can be a wonderful time for students to complete the necessary volunteer work needed for high school graduation.

### 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 consequence.

## 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.

## Academic

## ENRICHING THE LIVES OF STUDENTS

BY MRS. D. WITTMANN

### MOST CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES HAVE THEIR OWN MAJOR SCHOLARSHIPS

The largest, most prestigious scholarships at most universities are in fact application-based. These scholarships not only require high marks (usually 90+ averages), but require a list of your awards/accomplishments and extra-curricular/volunteer activities, and often essays about leadership, volunteerism and/or creativity.

The reason why major scholarships are not completely mark-based is because universities (and private organizations) recognize that marks are not the only factor for future success, both in the academic world and outside of it. Marks only take you so far in life, and once you are out in the real world, you are rarely asked for your marks. Therefore, other qualities like leadership, communication, teamwork, and character are important. In addition, high school averages vary from school to school, with some schools being much tougher than others.

Here are some examples of major university scholarships:

- York University - Governor's Awards of Distinctions
- University of Western Ontario - National Scholarships
- Queen's University - Major Entrance Scholarships
- University of Toronto - National and Arbor Scholarships

For more information: <http://www.youthcanada.ca/article/what-major-canadian-scholarships-are-available>

## SAINTS SHOWCASE SKILLS

BY MRS. M. CROWELL

Several St. Benedict students recently qualified to compete at Skills Canada at Fanshawe College on Saturday. The qualifiers are for competitions where they cannot accept a student from each school board at the provincial level because of the time, space and resources required to hold that competition.

Our students will be competing against a number of school boards and the top 2 (or 3) finishers will advance to the provincials at RIM Park on May 3. They are:

- Ryan Carney–Precision machining
- Will Robertson and Andrew Kolacz–TV Video Production
- Brandon Leduc and Dylan Linn–TV Video Production
- Seamus Finn–Culinary Arts
- Nathan Coleiro–Culinary Arts

Already attending provincials will be Catherine Umolac as winning gold in public speaking allowed her to directly advance. Aidan Oatridge will also be able to go to provincials for restaurant Service as there were no other regional competitors.

Good luck to all our students.... GO SAINTS!

## Clubs & Athletics

### GIRLS SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts begin on Monday. Bring your gear for outside. See Ms. Wehrle or Mr. Jankura if you can not attend.

Looking for something fun and exciting to do this summer?

## St. Benedict Basketball Camps 2011

**July 11 - July 15**

*For Boys & Girls  
Entering Grades 1 to 9*

#### Program features:

- ☞ Age specific divisions
- ☞ Camp t-shirt for each camper
- ☞ Certificate of achievement
- ☞ Coaches' individual evaluation
- ☞ Package of age-specific drills and fundamentals to take home
- ☞ Individual and team competitions
- ☞ Awards and prizes
- ☞ Special guest lecturers and much, much more!



For more information or application brochure contact:  
John Malnerich at St. Benedict C.S.S.  
519-621-4050 ext 250 or  
See our webpage at [stbenedict.wcdsb.ca](http://stbenedict.wcdsb.ca)  
under "ATHLETICS".

## Student Activities

## Other News

# ST. BENEDICT IS GOING TO MARCH FOR LIFE IN OTTAWA

BY MRS. M. ROCHA

On Wednesday, May 11 to Thursday, May 12, St. Benedict students have the opportunity to participate in the National Walk for Life in Ottawa. By participating, they will speak out in defense of the most vulnerable members of our society—the unborn children of Canada. The experience will allow the students to transfer their knowledge of injustice into peaceful social action that can restore justice.

While in Ottawa on Wednesday, students will attend Mass, Perpetual Adoration, and a Candlelight Vigil in front of the Human Rights Memorial. On Thursday, they will participate in the March, Silent No More Awareness Campaign, and the Closing Prayer Service.

The trip costs \$70 per student, which includes coach transportation and accommodations at the University of Ottawa. Any interested students must pick up consent/information forms that are posted on the MAD bulletin board on the 2nd floor (near room 224) or they can see Mrs. Rocha for more details. Completed forms and money are due by Tuesday, April 26.

For more info please visit [www.marchforlife.ca](http://www.marchforlife.ca).

## LINK CREW

Any Grade 10 or Grade 11 student interested in becoming a Link Crew leader must submit an application by Friday, April 29th. Pick up your application in Guidance.



**Dr. Pandey**  
invites you to the  
**7<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Healthy  
Heart Day**

Saturday, April 30, 2011  
8:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Live Life in the Now – Put Yourself First**

Keynote Speaker: **Diana Swain**, Senior Investigative Correspondent CBC News

St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School — 50 Saginaw Parkway, Cambridge

Door Prizes ♥ Light snack and refreshments ♥ Personalized Risk Assessment  
♥ Demonstrations and Talks Given By Leading Experts

Register for this popular event by e-mailing YOUR NAME and PHONE NUMBER to  
[healthyheartday@rogers.com](mailto:healthyheartday@rogers.com) or call 519.624.3511 after 5 pm.

Visit: <http://www.cambridgecardiaccare.com/healthyheartday>

Cambridge Cardiac Care Centre, CBC, 96.7 GIVN FM, 570 News All News Radio, Canadian Diabetes Association, HEART & STROKE FOUNDATION, WATERLOO REGION RECORD

*One in five Canadian youth have a treatable mental health issue. The stigma forces many to suffer in silence. Join us as we talk about teenage mental health and break the silence.*

## SHH... IT'S MENTAL HEALTH

### A LUTHERWOOD SPEAKERS SERIES

Managing Anxiety in Your Teen	April 14
Attention Defecit Hyperactivity Disorder	April 28
Helping Your Teen Cope	May 5
Navigating the System When a Teen has Suicidal Thoughts or Behaviours	May 22

All presentations are FREE and will be held at St. Benedict's Catholic Secondary School, Lecture Hall  
7:00 - 8:30 pm

For information visit [lutherwood.ca](http://lutherwood.ca) or call 519-884-1470

## Upcoming Events

**April 18:** Holy Week Observances begin

**April 25:** EASTER MONDAY

**April 21:** Report card distribution

**April 22:** GOOD FRIDAY

**April 22:** Earth Day

**April 24:** EASTER SUNDAY

**April 28:** Coffee House

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.

