

Due to technical problems, last week's newsletter was not distributed to all members of our distribution list. We draw your attention particularly to the first article in the Administrative section in the red box.

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### NEXT ISSUE

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# *He Has Risen! Alleluja!*

## Administrative

**ST. BENEDICT PARENTS: WE VALUE YOUR  
UNIQUE INSIGHTS INTO OUR SCHOOLS!**

## HOW ARE WE DOING?

*The WCDSB is conducting a board-wide survey about parent perception of our schools.*

We want to identify—through you—those areas where we are doing well, and have you identify those areas where we need to focus our efforts to ensure we are heart of the community, where our students meet success and where there is a place for all.

Accordingly, we invite you to complete this anonymous on-line survey. The survey will ask you to identify the school(s) your child(ren) attend. The questions for parents/guardians will focus on the following key areas:

- Communications
- Learning
- Faith – Catholic Education
- Safety
- Respect and Dignity

Please [click here](#) to offer your important responses.

## WHO WILL SEE THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY?

Staff and trustees of the Waterloo Catholic District School Board do not have access to individual results. Once the survey is completed, a corporate report will be presented to the Board of Trustees. This report will help inform School Improvement Plans for the 2011-2012 school year.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support of our Board's efforts!

## 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 UPDATE**

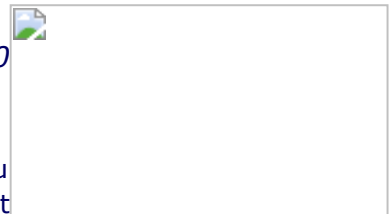
**BY MRS. N. WINKLER**

*Fundraising and registration continues for Benny's first ever Relay for Life. This event will be held on June 3, 2011 from 7:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m. on the track in front of the school.*

Registration packages and luminaries are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the atrium at both period 3 and 4 lunch. Should you require additional information or registration packages, please do not hesitate to contact the school and a committee member will be happy to assist you.

If you are interested in volunteering or participating in our Survivor Lap please go to our website to register: [relayforlife.ca/stbenedicts](http://relayforlife.ca/stbenedicts).

All survivors and volunteers must be registered on the website. A committee member will be contacting those who have volunteered and survivors in the next few weeks.



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.

Looking forward to seeing you out there!

## LINK CREW NEWS

BY MRS. A. HEALY

*As we are now in the middle of Semester 2, Link Crew is proud to say that it was involved in welcoming and introducing our new Grade Nine students to Benny's.*

Link is a program that helps bridge the gap in the transition process from elementary to high school. Our goal at St. Benedict's Catholic Secondary School is to ensure that every student has a place and that every student feels welcome.

In Semester 1 alone, Link Crew has been responsible for the following fabulous events:

- Specialized leadership training for grade 11 and 12 students chosen as Link Crew Leaders
- Running an amazing Orientation Day for ALL grade 9 students
- Encouraging social interaction with new students at a dance designed only for grade nine students and Link Crew leaders.
- Showing true school spirit through the *grade 9 Olympics!*
- Engaging students in group study sessions and providing extra support through *Cookies 'n' Cram* right before Semester 1 exams

Link Crew is proud to say that it has been a part of some many wonderful things here at Benny's.

## LINK CREW LEADER INFORMATION

We are now accepting Link Crew Leader applications for the 2011-2012 school year! Please pick up and drop off your application in Guidance by Friday, April 29th at 2:45pm!

A very special thank you goes to our Link Crew Leaders of 2010! It was an amazing year because of you!!

### 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](#).



### SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SECTORS?

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

## 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.

## **Academic**

# **ENRICHING THE LIVES OF STUDENTS**

**BY MRS. D. WITTMANN**

## **HEADING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO?**

### **ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY EXAM**

#### **WHAT IS THE ELPE?**

The English Language Proficiency Examination (ELPE) requires students to write a 300-500 word impromptu essay in 60 minutes. Students are asked to respond to topical issues.

**Tip:** How well students write is much more important than how much they write.

#### **WHO WRITES THE ELPE?**

All University of Waterloo undergraduate students are required to write and pass the examination.

#### **WHEN IS THE ELPE HELD?**

The examination is held three times per year:

September, December, April.

#### **PURPOSE**

The English Language Proficiency Program (ELPP) started at the University of Waterloo in 1976 to ensure that students would have the necessary writing skills for academic success. The Program consists of two parts:

- an Examination
- Writing Centre

#### **STUDENTS AFFECTED**

Students in ALL six faculties (and CFM and Software Engineering) at the University of Waterloo need to demonstrate proficiency in written English in order to graduate. Specific requirements vary from faculty to faculty; please contact the Academic Advisor within your faculty to determine what you need to do, or check the University of Waterloo Undergraduate Calendar for requirements concerning the English Language Proficiency Examination (ELPE).



# **DECA STUDENTS ORLANDO-BOUND!**

**BY MRS. C. RATZ**

We would like to extend our best wishes to three St. Benedict students who will be representing our school at the international DECA competition and conference in Orlando from April 29 to May 5: Kennedy Thompson, Cole Boland, Ryan Dow.

## **Clubs & Athletics**

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
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- ☞ 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

*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**

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





**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 or call 519.624.3511 after 5 pm.

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



## Upcoming Events

**April 28:** Coffee House

**May 2-6:** Catholic Education Week

**May 3:** Easter Liturgy

**May 6:** Prom

**May 9-12:** Co-Pres Campaign Week

**May 13:** Co-Pres Assembly

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.

