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## Administrative

### NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

BY MRS. P. KLASSEN

#### CALLING ALL GRADUATES

Although we have not formally said "good-bye" to our Grade 12 class as of yet, plans are well underway to welcome them back to St. Benedict on **Friday, October 28, 2011** for our annual Graduation celebration. All Grade 12 Period Two classrooms will be visited during the week of May 9 to inform students of the process for registering to attend the fall ceremony. Registration forms will be distributed at this time so any Grade 12 student who has a period two spare should pick up a registration form in the Guidance Office. Grade 12 students are reminded that if they are planning to attend the October celebration, they must complete their graduation forms and pay their graduation fee by Friday, June 10. Completed forms and fees can be handed in at the Guidance Office. Potential Graduates are also reminded of the importance of completing the mandatory 40 hours of Community Service prior to the end of June in order to meet diploma requirements.

#### COURSE VERIFICATION FORMS

All students currently in grade 9, 10 and 11 should have received a copy of their course verification form in their period one class on the same day that they received their mid-term report card. These course verification forms were sent out to remind students of their course selections for the 2011 - 2012 school year. We would encourage all students and parents to review the course choices that have been made for the up-coming school year to make sure that they are accurate and are still reflective of their wishes. Students who would like to change one of their requests are encouraged to make an appointment with their guidance counsellor as soon as possible.

## SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer school will be available this summer for St. Benedict students through the Waterloo Region District School Board, our coterminous board. Make-up credit courses will be offered at Jacob Hespeler Secondary School in Cambridge and Cameron Heights Secondary School in Kitchener. A selected number of new credit courses will be offered at Jacob Hespeler Secondary School in Cambridge and Sir John A. Macdonald Secondary School in Waterloo. Classes will begin on Monday, July 4th and will run until Wednesday, July 27th. Make-up courses are 3 hours in length, either morning or afternoon, while new credit courses are 6 hours in length, not including a 30 minute nutrition break. More information regarding summer school course offerings and registration is available in the guidance office. Please note that students interested in taking a new credit course in summer school must register by June 9. Students planning to take a make-up course have until June 27 to register.

## USED UNIFORMS

St. Benedict will gladly accept any uniform clothing that is clean and in good repair once your sons and daughters are finished with it. This clothing is made available to students interested in purchasing used clothing or for students who are unable to purchase enough clothing due to financial restraints. Any shirt that has the SBCSS logo on it will be accepted however we request that donated pants are pants that were purchased at McCarthy's. Donated clothes can be dropped off at the Guidance Office.

## WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?

The following web sites provide a wealth of information regarding the various pathways and options available to students following high school:

[www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca) - Information about Ontario Colleges and Programs

[www.electronicinfo.ca](http://www.electronicinfo.ca) - Electronic Guide to Ontario University Programs

[www.apprenticeshipsearch.com](http://www.apprenticeshipsearch.com)

[www.careersintrades.ca](http://www.careersintrades.ca)

[www.cambridgecareerconnections.com](http://www.cambridgecareerconnections.com)

[www.jobbank.gc.ca](http://www.jobbank.gc.ca)

[www.skillsontario.ca](http://www.skillsontario.ca)

## ST. BENEDICT TEACHERS HONoured AT OECTA DINNER

By Mr. A. MILARDOVIC

Every May, the Waterloo unit of OECTA (Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association, the federation which represents the teachers of the Waterloo Catholic District School Board) has its Spring General Meeting. After the official meeting, the members are invited to a dinner and several teachers are honoured for their contributions to the teaching profession.

St. Benedict made a near clean sweep this year, taking four of the five awards.

Miss Jennifer Campbell was recognized as the **Long Term Occasional Teacher of the Year**. She was nominated by Mr. Mike Mascarenhas, her department head, who also presented the



award. He described Miss Campbell's dedication to our school through her Literary Anthology, being part of the Literacy Committee, volunteering with breakfast club, chaperoning dances, and coaching the midget girls' volleyball team. He also praised her for maintaining a high standard in the classroom.

The ***Dedication to Catholic Education Award*** was presented to Mrs. Marisa Rocha. Mrs. Rocha's unwavering dedication to the spiritual wellness of staff and students, and her challenge to staff and students to right the wrongs has inspired many of us. Her nominator, Mrs. Sherry MacDonald very eloquently described Mrs. Rocha's involvement in the school community, and how we are all blessed to have her on staff!



The ***Dwyer and Sheila Sullivan Award*** this year was awarded to Mr. Nick Betik. The award—named for former Benny's teacher Dwyer Sullivan and his wife—goes to a teacher who shows a dedication to Social Justice, and Mr. Betik exemplifies that. Many of the initiatives at Benny's that are related to helping those less fortunate, whether locally or globally, have in some way been influenced by Mr. Betik's involvement. Most recently he took several students on a Social Justice trip to the Dominican Republic.

The final award was the ***Daily Occasional Teacher Award***, which was awarded to Mrs. Jeannette Cowen, a supply teacher who frequently covers classes here at St. Benedict. Nominated by me, I was pleased to announce that "many staff members at Benny's breathe a sigh of relief when we know that Mrs. Cowen will be covering our classes."

The evening was further testament to the great people who come in contact with your sons and daughters every day. If you get a chance, please take an opportunity to congratulate these teachers in person!

## 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?

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.

## **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

#### **PLANNING FOR POST SECONDARY EDUCATION**

##### **EXPLORE CAREERS: "I'M GOING TO BE . . ."**

A software engineer. A TV scriptwriter. A sports therapist. Canada's next corporate executive. You name it, and that dream career could be yours. What people do for a living is a big part of who they are, and when people love their work, it shows: they're satisfied, confident and motivated.

Explore the CanLearn website from the Government of Canada:

<http://www.canlearn.ca/eng/preparing/explore/index.shtml>

### **U OF W CHEMISTRY CONTESTS IN MAY**

By Miss S. Skinn

The University of Waterloo chemistry contests are taking place in May. These contests are for any student in grade 11 or 12 that has taken chemistry or is currently enrolled in a chemistry course. Both contests offer a challenge to senior students. In addition the grade 12 contest offers prizes to top students and opportunity to work as a first year student with a chemistry research group at the University of Waterloo. The grade 11 contest will be written May 19, and the grade 12 contest on May 12. Any students interested in writing the contests can check out more info at <http://chemistry.uwaterloo.ca/outreach/exams> or see Ms. Skinn, Mr. Muscat or Mr. Billo in the science office.

## **Clubs & Athletics**

### **ARE YOU A KNIT WIT?**

Knit Wits are now meeting on a new day : Wednesdays ! Come and join us in room 303 after school on Wednesdays. We'll help you learn to knit or untangle your knitting issues! See Mrs. Missio or Mrs. Friedrich for more information.

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**  
**under "ATHLETICS".**

## **Student Activities**

**BY JORDAN WORRELL**

Another year begins to come to a close, as student council plans the last few events for the spring. BBQ fun day, and the senior prom dance are among the few lingering duties of this years student council members. Like the year before applications for a new crop of leaders will be handed out starting May 9, encouraging students who wish to have a voice or have unique ideas to get involved. Student council, in a nut shell, combines the creativity and high school experiences of a group of around 25 students, and uses these to improve, plan and coordinate school wide events. Applications consist of a written portion which gives students a chance to express their qualities and reasons for being an attribute to student council. From assemblies to coloured shirt days, fundraisers for charity, fall fair and dances, the students on student council work as a representative for the student body and their school within the community. Students considering applying for the 2011-2012 chapter should have leadership and organization among their qualities. Skills and characteristics like these help a student thrive in fast paced and exciting environment which student council offers, giving them the tools to learn and grow while creating an environment of learning and growing for others.

## **ST. BENEDICT CSS PARTICIPATES IN THE WALK AGAINST MALE VIOLENCE**

**BY MRS. K. LAUNSLAGER**

On Tuesday, May 10th, The M.A.D. Movement led a group of St.Benedict students in The Walk Against Male Violence. Students participated in this annual event, which raises awareness and funds in support of the victims of male violence. Students from the schools around Kitchener-Waterloo and Cambridge area walked through down-town Kitchener holding signs and chanting positive messages against violence. St. Benedict students showed great enthusiasm and solidarity for a very important cause.

## Other News

## Upcoming Events

**May 18:** SAC Barbecue Fun Day

**May 20:** SAC VP Forms due

**May 23:** Victoria Day

**May 26:** COPA Arts Night

**May 27:** SAC applications due

**June 9:** Grad breakfast

**June 9:** Grad liturgy

**June 9:** Athletic banquet

**June 13-14:** EQAO grade 9 math assessment

**June 14:** Arts banquet

**June 17:** Year-end assembly

**June 21-24:** Final evaluation (attendance mandatory)

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.

