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IN THE EVENT OF A CANADA POST MAIL INTERRUPTION OR STRIKE...

Students only may pick up their report card and registration forms/information package for the 2011-2012 School Year on Wednesday, July 13th or Thursday, July 14th. Photo identification is required. Report cards and registration packages will not be given without proper photo identification.

Please note: these are the only two days report card pick up will be available.

If there is no interruption in mail service, there will be **no pick up dates**. Report cards will be mailed on Friday, July 15th.

TEXTBOOK CHECK/COLLECTION

BY MR. L. BELLINI, VICE-PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On Friday, June 17, 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 you for your assistance with this important task. Please remind your child to look for their textbooks and bring them to school on June 17th. 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.

Administrative

RELAY FOR LIFE A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!

BY TARA CHEN

On June 3rd, volunteers and teachers could be seen setting up equipment, posters, and tables around the front field to prepare for the crowd that began pouring in around 5pm for St. Benedict's very first Relay for Life.

The event began that evening at 7 o'clock and ended at 7:00 the next morning. Over 300 students, teachers, parents and volunteers participated in the event. There was a great



spirit!



Afterwards, around 2 am, the fight back ceremony pumped everyone up with energy and reminded them of the importance of pledging to fight back.

As the closing ceremony approached, a grand total of over \$42 000 was calculated to have been raised! The original goal was \$20 000 so it is safe to say that the event was an incredibly great success! *If you still want to make a contribution, please click on our banner on the school website, or by going to our page on the [Realy for Life website](#).*

Just another big thanks to all participants, volunteers, Mr. Furtado, teacher coordinators, and a great committee for making all this happen!

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:



atmosphere with music playing and a lot of school

The night began with an opening ceremony which included a very special victory lap for survivors of cancer, where students too celebrated those who have fought the disease. There was a luminary ceremony where a touching video was played in the gym, and as the participants walked back out to the field, an unforgettable scene came upon their eyes. All around the field were luminaries, lit up; each with a name to remember those who have passed away.



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.

NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

BY MRS. P. KLASSEN

SCHEDULES FOR NEXT YEAR

The schedule for next year is in the process of being finalized so counsellors are currently meeting with students who have conflicts based on the courses that they selected during the registration period in March. Many students and parents wonder why we do not distribute timetables in June and the main reason for this is that all schedules are subject to changes right up until the start of the school year in September. At times it is necessary to juggle classes in order to meet the needs of a greater majority of students and this becomes increasingly difficult to do if students already have an expectation of their schedule. Please be assured that as a department we do our very best to make sure that all students in our school have schedules that are balanced and include the classes that they both need and wish to take to meet their graduation requirements.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES

Although we have not yet 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. 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.

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 while registration for make-up credits will continue until June 27.

YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (YEP)

Are you planning for a career in the skilled trades? If so, you may be interested in this opportunity. This summer the Waterloo Region Small Business Centre, in partnership with the Waterloo Catholic District School Board and Waterloo Region District School Board, are hosting two 2-week long seminars focused on career development and business skills for those considering self-employment as a skilled trade small business owner/operator. The program is intended to be hands-on and interactive; the students will have the opportunity to create their own 'company' as a class project and to apply all concepts learned to this business. Students from grades 10 – 12 (minimum age 15) who are currently enrolled in school curriculum leading to a career in a skilled trade are welcome to apply for the program. Two sessions are available: July 11-21 or August 2–12 and are approximately 50 hours in length. Interested students are invited to pick up an application form in the Guidance Office. This program is being offered FREE

of charge.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

The summer holidays offer a perfect opportunity for students to complete their 40 hours of Community Service that are required for high school graduation in Ontario. Opportunities for community service are posted at the school as we are made aware; however students are also encouraged to check out local agencies that rely on volunteer support on their own.

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?

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

www.ontariocolleges.ca - Information about Ontario Colleges and Programs

www.electronicinfo.ca - Electronic Guide to Ontario University Programs

www.highskills.ca - Information regarding our Specialist High Skills Major Programs is found here

www.apprenticeshipsearch.com

www.careersintrades.ca

www.careercruising.com

www.jobbank.gc.ca

www.skillsontario.ca

ARE YOU PLANNING TO GRADUATE THIS YEAR?

Grade 12 Students who are planning to attend the fall Graduation Ceremony are reminded that their Graduation Fees and Registration papers are due to Guidance by Friday, June 10. Avoid the last minute long line ups and register soon!

Also please remember that your Community Service Hours need to be completed in order to graduate.

If you did not receive forms in your period 2 class, please pick them up in guidance asap.



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
Sign up in the GUIDANCE office.



During the month of May, St. Benedict's Specialist High Skills Major students participated in a wide variety of training opportunities with the program.

On May 12, Justice, Community Safety and Emergency Service students joined on a trip to the Cambridge Fire Department, where they learned about emergency response techniques, vehicle extraction techniques, investigated a fire, and used many emergency tools in the process.



Other training sessions for the Specialist High Skills Major students this month included:

- Smart Serve
 - Tourism & Event Co-ordination
 - Electrical Safety
 - Network Cabling
 - CNC/Auto CAD
 - Infection Control
 - Customer Service
- ... and much more!



Students! Please Note! The SHSM T-Shirts will be arriving at your school shortly! You should have your spirit wear by the first week in June. For any questions about the SHSM program, please contact Tara Fitzgerald (519) 578-3660 ext. 2549 or tara.fitzgerald@wcdsb.ca.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT?

In September a group of international students from Colombia, South America will be attending St. Benedict CSS for two months. The Waterloo Catholic DSB is looking for interested families who would like to host a student, share our Canadian customs and help the students improve their English skills. As well, you will have the opportunity to learn some Spanish and discover how similar we are to students from another continent!! Please contact Margo Jones for more information at 519-578-3660 x 2375 or margo.jones@wcdsb.ca.

Academic

ENRICHING THE LIVES OF STUDENTS

BY MRS. D. WITTMANN

THE NATIONAL PARKS PROJECT



In an increasingly urban nation, Canada's national parks are a treasured escape into extraordinary beauty and rugged wilderness. If the Group of Seven were an introduction to the landscape's majesty, National Parks Project is the next logical chapter. Fifty-two contemporary artists from across the country, whose talents are as diverse as the parks they set out to explore, used their surroundings as a source of inspiration to blend musical and cinematic skills into collaboratively crafted vignettes. Epic in its ambition to celebrate these locales during Parks Canada's centennial year, this omnibus film resonates with the knowledge that our unprotected land is more vulnerable than ever. Including films by Zacharius Kunuk, Peter Lynch, Sturla Gunnarsson and John Walker, and music by Sarah Harmer, Sam Roberts, Cadence Weapon and The Besnard Lakes, among many others, National Parks Project is a one-of-a-kind documentary experience. (Written by Alex Rogalski)

<http://www.nationalparksproject.ca/>

BENNY'S MATHIES ARE TOPS!

BY MRS. J. MUSCAT

Congratulations to the St. Benedict Mathletes who competed in the Problem Solving and Mathematics Team Competition. After 90 minutes of intense competition they defeated all of the other schools in the board and won **FIRST PLACE** overall! Way to Mathletes!

SCIENCE OLYMPIANS PUT FORTH GOOD SHOWING

BY MR. A. ARKELL & MR. J. BAILEY

A few weeks ago our Science Olympic Team competed at the Science Olympics at Western University. There were more than 700 students there from over 30 high schools from all over South-Western Ontario including Toronto, Guelph, London and Hamilton. This year's team had the strongest performance we've had in the last 5 years. They placed in the top 3 in 7 out of 18 events. Our results are as follows:

JUNIOR EVENTS

Grade 9 Team - 2nd in the Physics event (Circuit Design)

Nicholas Rego, Ethel Closa, Emily Dabrowski, Mitchel Hall, Vanessa Ironside & Alex Stark.

Grade 10 team - 1st in the Chemistry and Physics events and 2nd in the Biology event.

Kennedy Thompson, Sarah Fournier, Emil Danila, Ajan Packiyanthan, Julia Wittmann, Tully McWatters & Jason Wozniak.

SENIOR EVENTS

3rd in the Math Event

Danyial Abdali, Baljit Kaur, David Li, Evan Peng, Andrew Kim & Symara Cyr

3rd in the Rube Goldberg Machine
Gabe De Sousa, Ante Dodig, Sarina Dolch, Andrea Caple

3rd in the Earth and Space Science event
Ashley Turner, Jenna Jenkins & Andrea Macikunas

Congratulations to the students for their efforts!

Clubs & Athletics

JUNIOR FOOTBALL TRYOUTS

BY MR. J. VALE

Are you interested in playing Junior Football next fall? If so, you are invited out to a one night combine on Wednesday, June 8th from 2:30-4:30pm. Players will be put through a series of skills and drills by the coaching staff in hopes of bringing another title back to Bennies. Any questions, see Mr. Vale in the Phys. Ed. office.

GETTING CAUGHT UP WITH TRACK AND FIELD

BY MR. F WITTMANN

Congratulations to the Benny's athletes competing at CWOSSA, including 5 who are moving on to West OFSAA:

Jellisa Westney - 3 gold medals in the Senior Girls 100, 200 and 400 - This is first time the school has had a CWOSSA triple-gold athlete.

Mitchell Dempsey - gold in the Junior Boys shot put

Nathan Schmidt - bronze in the Open Boys steeplechase

Allie Amaral - 5th in the Midget Girls 1500

Abdallah Hassan - 5th in the Midget Boys 200

Congratulations to Jellisa Westney who won 2 gold medals and one silver medal at West OFSAA. Her 100m time of 11.89 seconds set a new meet record, smashing the old mark by 2 tenths of a second.

At OFSAA, Jellisa went on to win 3 medals: Silver 100m, Silver 200m, Bronze 400m. She is also the OFSAA Top Senior Girl Individual. In the process of achieving her victories, she also set 3 school records and is the first Benny's athlete to win 3 OFSAA medals in the same year. Congratulations Jellisa!

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

THE END IS NEAR...

Well, Saints it's almost summer, but don't lose focus, it's not over yet!

SAC has been doing a ton of stuff for the past month or so, and all of it has been extremely successful. Barbecue Fun Day was awesome, with the water walkers, food, games snack, music and more. We also had our annual agenda cover contest; the winner by school vote for the agenda cover for next year was #7, the juke box, by Dylan Linn. We also had a few social justice campaigns throughout May and June, including our SOS campaign, which is sending backpacks, school supplies and clothes for students that can't afford these things for school.

We also held our school's first ever Relay for Life, which was a huge success!

Some events coming up: prom pictures will be available soon, grad mass and breakfast is this Thursday, and get ready for this year's closing assembly on June 17! One more thing, don't forget to give a big congratulations to Tevin Heath and Colleen Ivits as our new school President and Vice President!

Other News

Upcoming Events

June 9: Grad breakfast
June 9: Grad liturgy
June 9: Athletic banquet
June 14&16: EQAO grade 9 math assessment
June 14: Arts banquet
June 17: Year-end assembly (2:25 dismissal)
June 21: Period 1 final evaluation

June 22: Period 2 final evaluation
June 23: Period 3/4 final evaluation
June 24: Period 5 final evaluation
June 27: Credit recovery (as needed)

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.

