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## A View From The Inside

The activities never cease! Just as our Fall sports move into playoff mode and start their wrap up, Winter sports are starting to gear up. If your son or daughter is into any winter sports, make sure they keep their eyes on the Ranger announcements, ears on the morning announcements, and browser set to the school website.

This Friday we will continue our tradition of celebrating our students with our annual graduation ceremony. This is truly a great opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of our students as they move onto post-secondary, and we pass on the task of educating them to others.

Parents, there is an opportunity for you to play an active role in the St. Benedict community. This Thursday night we have our monthly School Council meeting. More members are always welcome, so come get involved!

Next Monday is Hallowe'en, appropriate attire is outlined below. Please read and review with your son or daughter before Monday.

We strive to provide success for all, and you are an integral part of that. Come join us.

– Mr. A. Milardovic, Editor

## BENNY'S IN THE LOCAL MEDIA

CAMBRIDGE TIMES: [Saints second in District 8 cross country](#)

## Administrative

### ST. BENEDICT HOMEWORK CLUB IS BACK!

BY MR. D. JAEGER

*Sick of doing all of your homework late at night? Tired of rushing to print assignments at the last minute? Still have lingering questions about the hypotenuse of a triangle, Romeo's true intentions, the highest mountain in Canada, and when was the War of 1812?*

Well, we have the all the ANSWERS for you! The St. Benedict Homework Club is back and better than ever. Meeting in room 224 every Monday and Wednesday throughout the school year, Homework Club is the place to be to get homework done right, to print assignments out the day before they are due, and to complete any other work you may need to do. A terrific Benny's teacher is there to make sure you get as much or as little help as you need.

So, any time that you need that extra helping hand, Homework Club is still the one and only answer!

## NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

BY MRS. P. KLASSEN

### ACADEMIC AWARDS NIGHT

On Thursday, October 13, the gymnasium was filled with proud students, parents and teachers who gathered to celebrate the academic accomplishments of the 2010-11 school year. Subject awards were presented to students who had achieved one of the two highest marks awarded in all grade 9, 10 and 11 courses offered at all academic levels. In addition to subject awards, students who achieved overall averages of 80%, 85% and 90% were recognized as members of the honour roll.



Cole Boland, a current Grade 12 student, was recognized as the first ever recipient of the *Thomas C. Rawley Memorial Scholarship*. This scholarship has been granted to our school by Judy Rawley, in memory of Tom, a long-time friend and volunteer with the St. Benedict business classes, who passed away in September after a courageous battle with cancer. The intent of the scholarship is to recognize a student for their "Spirit of Entrepreneurism". Congratulations Cole!

Students who were eligible to receive an award and unable to attend the event, may pick up their awards in the Guidance Office. A huge thank-you goes to Mrs. Kathy Menjolian for her outstanding effort in organizing this celebration of academic success!

### COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY VISITS

Attending presentations hosted by visiting colleges and universities continues to be a popular and worthwhile choice for many of our grade 12 students as they ponder their various choices for next year. Scheduled visits will continue into the month of November. Please see a complete list of schedule visits on the St. Benedict website. *Students must sign up in Guidance at least a day before attending.*

#### UPCOMING UNIVERSITY VISITS

Mon. Oct. 31: McMaster University, 11:00 am  
Mon. Oct. 31: Queen's University, 1:15 pm  
Tue. Nov. 1: Algoma University, 8:30 am  
Tue. Nov. 1: Kings College (U of Western), 10:00 am  
Tue. Nov. 1: Brock University, 11:30 am  
Tue. Nov. 1: University of Ontario, 1:15 pm  
Wed. Nov. 2: Nipissing University, 10:00 am  
Tue. Nov. 8: University of Ottawa, 8:30 am  
Tue. Nov. 8: Windsor University, 1:15 pm

#### UPCOMING COLLEGE VISITS

Thu. Oct. 27: Niagara College, 8:30 am  
Fri. Oct. 28: Humber College, 1:15 pm

### EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST

Our Grade 12 email distribution list is growing daily, however many students have still not signed up for this useful service. Signing up is easy! From the St. Benedict web site, click on the Guidance link and follow the instructions. Being part of the distribution list will keep you up to date on visits, scholarship information and deadlines. Parents are welcome to be part of this list as well.

### GRADE NINE "TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY"

On November 2, 2011, thousands of grade 9 students across Canada will have the opportunity to spend the day at work, job shadowing a parent, relative, friend or a volunteer host. It is our hope that all grade nine St. Benedict students will be able to participate in this worthwhile event

which among other things, allows students to explore career options in a very practical way. If you have a student in grade nine please ask them for the package that they should have received in their period one classroom last week. In order to participate in this event, students must return their parent permission form to their period one teacher by Friday, October 28. Students who do not participate in this event are expected to be in their regular classes on November 2.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

In addition to completing the required 40 hours of community service that is required for high school graduation, volunteering can be a fun and rewarding way for students to spend some of their spare time. While many students complete all of their hours in the same place, others opt to participate in a wide variety of volunteer positions. As the guidance office becomes aware of opportunities, they are posted on the ranger system or on the bulletin board in the guidance area. Currently the following opportunities are available for interested students:

1. Community Living Cambridge is seeking volunteers for a variety of positions. Please note that there is an application process involved for these placements and volunteers must be willing to commit for a specified period of time.
2. St. John's Ambulance is seeking volunteers to help with their Gift Wrapping Fundraiser at the Cambridge Mall during the Christmas Season.
3. "Christmas in Cambridge" is seeking volunteers to help with their annual festival.

Please see the guidance office for these, as well as for other volunteer opportunities. Don't wait until your Grade 12 year to complete this important graduation requirement.

## **WE WANT OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY TO BE A REAL CELEBRATION OF PEOPLE.**

In our yearbook this year, we want to publish stories about parents and children who both attended St. Benedict. Even better if you married your high school sweetheart, then sent your children to St. Benedict, who later met their future spouse. Then, they had children. And so on, and so on, and so on. The more, the better.

If you're one of those people who made a real "love connection" at Benny's, then contact John Curtis, our yearbook supervisor, at [John.Curtis@wcdsb.ca](mailto:John.Curtis@wcdsb.ca) to arrange an interview.

## **HALLOWEEN DRESS UP**

This year, Halloween Dress-up will be similar to a Spirit Wear Day. You must wear your uniform bottoms **appropriately** (shorts unrolled, pants pulled up) and may choose ANY form of Halloween costume, accessory or orange or black shirt.

If you choose to participate in Halloween Dress Up, you must:

- Wear your uniform bottoms appropriately
- Have a modest costume top with no midriff or cleavage showing
- Not cover your face. No masks allowed and your face must be showing at all times.
- Choose a theme that matches the moral tone of St. Benedict's – no violent accessories please.

This dress-up will occur on **Monday, October 31st** along with all of the other SAC Halloween Activities.

## **WHO IS YOUR ADMINISTRATOR?**

The administrative contact for your son or daughter is based on your last name:

A to Ge: [Mrs. Beaucage](#)

Gh to N: [Mr. Sauve](#)

O to Z: [Mrs. Leusink](#)

As always, feel free to contact our principal, [Mr. Witt](#).

# ENRICHING THE LIVES OF STUDENTS

BY MRS. D. WITTMANN

## WILLIAM'S TAXONOMY TO DEVELOP CREATIVE AND DIVERGENT THINKING

*Williams' Taxonomy has eight levels, also arranged in a hierarchy, with certain types of student behavior associated with each level:*

**Fluency:** generating a great many ideas, related answers or choices.

**Flexibility:** changing everyday objects to generate a variety of categories, by taking detours and varying sizes, shapes, quantities, time limits, requirements, objectives or dimensions.

**Originality:** seeking new ideas by suggesting unusual twists to change content or coming up with clever responses.

**Elaboration:** expanding, enlarging, enriching or embellishing possibilities that build on previous thoughts or ideas.

**Risk Taking:** dealing with the unknown by taking chances, experimenting with new ideas or trying new challenges.

**Complexity:** creating structure in an unstructured setting or building a logical order in a given situation.

**Curiosity:** following a hunch, questioning alternatives, pondering outcomes and wondering about options.

**Imagination:** visualizing possibilities, building images in the mind, picturing new objects, reaching beyond the limits of the practical.

## SKILLS WORK FOR WOMEN

BY MR. S. GRANGER

On Thursday, November 24th, Skills Canada-Ontario is hosting a "Skills Work for Women" networking dinner at The Frank Hasenfratz Centre for Excellence in Manufacturing in Guelph. Girls who are interested in attending this session should contact Mr. Granger in the tech. department.

## BEYOND BENNY'S

BY MRS. N. OFFAK

### MATH:

Canadian National Math League Contest  
November 12, 2011

<http://www.themathleague.com/>

Sponsored by the University of Windsor

Math Circles

October 5 - November 23, 2011

<http://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/events/ma...>

Sponsored by the University of Waterloo

Canadian Senior & Intermediate Math Contest  
November 22, 2011

<http://cemc.uwaterloo.ca>

Sponsored by the University of Waterloo

### LANGUAGE & LITERACY:

Dorothy Shoemaker Literary Awards

Submission Deadline: Oct 1 - Nov 30, 2011

[http://www.kpl.org/programs/contests\\_exhi...](http://www.kpl.org/programs/contests_exhi...)

Entry is FREE with \$2400 in prize money!

Sponsored by the Kitchener Public Library

Young Writers Poetry Contest

Submission Deadline: November 4, 2011

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

Sponsored by the Poetry Institute of Canada

Legion Literacy Contest - Poem/Essay about Remembrance Day

Submission Deadline: Prior to November 11

<http://www.on.legion.ca/youth/literary.asp>

Sponsored by the Canadian Legion

Mathiew DaCosta Challenge

Submission Deadline: December 2011

Theme: How do people from different ethno-cultural backgrounds make a difference to Canada.

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/multiculturali...>

Sponsored by the Dept. of Canadian Heritage

### SCIENCE:

Engineering Science Quest

Submissions Year Round

<http://www.esq.uwaterloo.ca/>

Sponsored by the University of Waterloo

# COMMUNITY LIVING STUDENTS EXPERIENCE OKTOBERFEST

BY MRS. N. OFFAK



On Wednesday, October 12, the Community Living students had the opportunity to travel to Bingeman's in Kitchener for an Oktoberfest fun day! Upon arrival, the students immediately put on their dancing shoes as they enjoyed the music of the George Cash Band. The Chicken Dance was definitely the crowd favourite! After working up an appetite, the students and staff enjoyed an amazing lunch consisting of schnitzel, sausage, potatoes, salad and sauerkraut—it was definitely a German inspired meal enjoyed by all!

To end the day, students had a surprise visit from Onkel Hans and had the opportunity to have their picture taken with him! With the assistance of the EAs, it was the perfect day full of fun and camaraderie!

Physical Sciences @ Mac

Registration Deadline: Friday, November 4

<http://www.science.mcmaster.ca/macsci/...>

Sponsored by McMaster University

## THE ARTS:

Legion Remembrance Day Poster Contest

Submission Deadline: Prior to November 11

<http://www.on.legion.ca/youth/poster.asp>

Sponsored by the Canadian Legion

Public "Art Talks"

Check website for class and talk listings

<http://www.kwag.ca/en/exhibitions/ArtTa...>

Sponsored by the K-W Art Gallery

Art Exhibits and Programs

Check website for program listings

<http://www.theclayandglass.ca>

Sponsored by Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery

Arts & Culture Venues and Events in Waterloo Region

Check website for program listings

<http://www.explorewaterlooregion.com/a...>

Sponsored by Waterloo Region Tourism

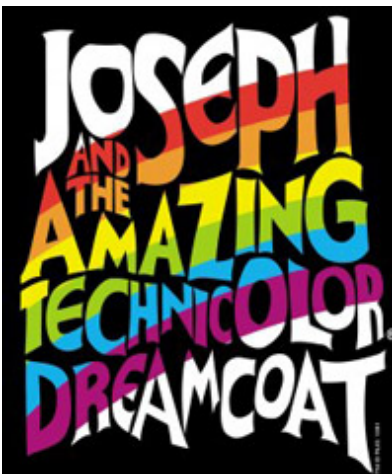
Wilfrid Laurier Music Workshops

Check website for program listings

<https://www.webaccess.wlu.ca/page.php...>

Sponsored by Wilfrid Laurier University Music Department

**For more information on these Enrichment Opportunities, please Contact Mrs. N. Offak!**



## ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY

With rehearsals taking place three nights a week the "Joseph" family is really forming well. Ms. Cox, Mrs. Harris, Ms. Parkinson, and Mr. Renner are extremely impressed by the group of talented performers who week after week display such dedication and hard work in bringing to life the story of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat". There is no doubt this show promises to be a showcase of great talent and entertainment. Tickets go on sale soon!!!



## Clubs & Athletics

### SENIOR FOOTBALL

BY MR. R. LOWES

The Senior Football team has had a very successful year so far in their first year at the top 'A' level. The Saints are 4-2 and tied for second place with one more game to play in the regular season against Bluevale. The Saints first play-off game will be next Wednesday afternoon at RIM Park in Waterloo.

The Saints have been led by an outstanding defence which has led to their success this season. Robin Petrie, Drew Walden and Dequan French-Grey on defence and Jordan Kerr, Tamaul Lewis-Gosslin and Jeff Hibbard on offence have been outstanding for the Saints.

### GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY

BY MRS. S. ROLT

Two weeks ago the girls field hockey team played a great game against Monsignor Doyle. Despite several goal-scoring opportunities, the game ended with a 0-0 tie. Congratulations to Kirsten Carnegie for her shut out.

That Friday, the girls were blanked 4-0 by the Phoenix from Resurrection, a team that has proven to be a difficult team to beat.

In the last regular season game last Wednesday, the girls played to a 1-1 tie with St. David's, securing second place in the league. Congratulations to Nicole Maher for scoring the goal.

This Monday, the girls battled hard in their semi-final game against St. David's. The girls fought hard to tie the game during the second half with a goal by Nicole Maher. The game was battled out all the way until sudden death when St. David's grabbed the win.

## BENN BOX SCORES

#### Junior Girls Basketball

Saints 37, Resurrection 43  
Saints 57, Rockway 12

#### Senior Girls Basketball

Saints 40, Resurrection 50  
Saints 40, Rockway 8

#### Girls Field Hockey

Saints 0, Msgr Doyle 0  
Resurrection 4, Saints 0  
Saints 1, St. David 1  
Playoffs  
St. David 2, Saints 1 (OT)

#### Junior Boys Soccer

Saints 2, St. Mary's 5  
Msgr Doyle 0, Saints 0  
St. David 5, Saints 0

#### Junior Boys Volleyball

Resurrection 3, Saints 0  
Saints 3, Pere Rene 1  
Woodland 3, Saints 1  
Rockway 3, Saints 2

#### Senior Boys Volleyball

Resurrection 3, Saints 0  
Saints 3, Pere Rene 0  
Woodland 3, Saints 0  
Rockway 3, Saints 1

#### Junior Boys Football

Saints 62, Glenview 21  
Sir John A 20, Saints 2

#### Senior Boys Football

# ATTENTION SWIM TEAM MEMBERS!

Saints 9, Glenview 7  
Sir John A 30, Saints 0

This is a reminder that swim team practices have been changed to start Thursday, November 3rd at 3pm at the YMCA. A bus will pick you up at the back of the school by the gym and you are responsible for your own ride home.

## GOLFER REPRESENTS BENNY'S AT OFSSAA

BY MR. D. SEGUIN

Congratulations to Stephanie Bothwell on a stellar season on the golf course. She finished third in the CWOSSA tournament at the end of September which allowed her to advance to the All-Ontario. She was the lone St. Benedict golfer at the OFSSAA event, where she placed 32nd out of over a hundred and twenty competitors. Well done Stephanie!



## CROSS COUNTRY DISTRICT 8 RESULTS

On Friday, October 14th, our cross country team ran a muddy race at Laurel Creek. Our senior boys placed 2nd while the midget boys placed 4th in their division. Top 10 finishers were Nathan Schmidt, Allie Amaral, and Tess Wittmann. Top 25 finishers were Alyssa

Mason, Julia Wittmann, Brandon Schneider, Colton Dorion, Justin Power, Keith Tanner, Peter Reynolds. What a memorable day of fun in the mud! See the full results at <http://www.athletic.net/CrossCountry/Results/Meet.aspx?Meet=52154#27484>.

Our team then travelled to Bechtel Park for the D8 Championships last Thursday. It was another day for the hardcore x-country team with wind, rain, mud, and cold!

Our Midget, Junior, and Senior Boys placed 2nd. Boys placed 2nd overall and our team placed 2nd overall!

Top 10 finishers - Donald Raymond, Darren Russo, Colton Dorion, Nathan Schmidt, Keith Tanner, Tess Wittmann, Alyssa Mason, and Allie Amaral. Captain America and our school president were also in attendance!

## JUNIOR BOYS SOCCER

BY MR. N. DUFRESNE

Two weeks ago the Saints met up with the St. Mary's Eagles, hoping for a better result than in their first encounter. The junior Saints fell behind by one goal to the flying Eagles in the first five minutes of the match. However, they held strong, shutting down their opponents offensive attacks. In the 58th minute of play, Artur Brasil broke free and pocketed a brilliant equalizer. Seven minutes later, Artur struck again pulling the Saints ahead by one. A win was on the horizon!

Nevertheless, the Eagles flew high and strong pulling even in the 70th minute and taking the lead a minute later.

The man of the match was Harvy (Harveer) Somal for his outstanding play in the backfield.

Last week, in a rematch with Monsignor Doyle, the junior boys took to the pitch with a skip in their step and a fire within. The last encounter with the mighty Mustangs resulted in a lopsided loss. The boys had been practicing hard in similarly tornado-like conditions, honing their skills. With some great defensive plays by Sean Barron, Elliott Dixon, Harvy Somal and John Pham, as well as some great ball movement by John Cabral and Nick Lozano, the Saints were able to pull off a 0 - 0 draw against the Mustangs, securing a playoff spot.

The man of the match was the keeper, Vincent Robbins, for making some brilliant saves and keeping the score sheet clean. Game well played gentlemen!

## **SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL**

**BY MR. K. FRATARCANGELI**

The senior girls basketball paid a visit Resurrection to take on the Phoenix. After a solid first half, in which Benny's led 35 to 22, Resurrection stormed back in the second half to win the game 50 to 40.

Our next game took us to Rockway, where the girls went on to improve their league record to 4 and 2, scoring 40 to 8. Special note goes to Hilary Ferguson and Dana Milani both with 10 points.

## **SR. BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS**

**BY MR. J. MALNERICH**

Tuesday, Nov 1st, 7pm-9pm (enter school through back gym doors)

Wednesday, Nov 2nd, 5pm-7pm (enter school through back Gym Doors)

All interested players must see Mr. Malnerich by Friday, October 28 to Sign-up.

Come to Seminar Rm 3.2 or Rm 208 before school.

# **Halloween for Hunger.**

*Every Halloween, young people collect canned goods instead of candy to donate to local food banks and help fight hunger in their community.*

**SIGN UP TO FIGHT LOCAL HUNGER**



This year the Mad Movement will once again participate in Halloween for Hunger. We had a great time last year as we collected food items on Halloween night around the Bennies area. Last year we collected 650 pounds of food and our goal this year is to collect 1000 pounds of food for the Cambridge Food Bank. Join us Wednesday after school in portable 1 to pick up a permission form or if you want more info.

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTION CONFERENCE**

The Waterloo Catholic District School Board is having its third annual Social Justice Action Conference Saturday October 29th held at St. Mary's High School. This exciting event promotes social justice and collaboration between schools and other students. Hear guest speakers and



participate in meaningful group activities. If you are interested, pick up a permission form that is posted on the MAD bulletin board on the 2nd floor or see Mrs. Rocha.

## **WE DAY**

Do you want to go to WE DAY in Kitchener on November 16? Pick up an application form from the MAD bulletin board on the 2nd floor. Application forms are due by October 31 to Mrs. Rocha or Ms. Launslager.

## **MATH CLUB**

**BY MR. M. MODOLO**

The Math Club will be meeting after school on Monday in room 309. All are welcome to come out and work on some problems.

## **DECA BUSINESS CLUB**

**BY MRS. C. RATZ**

Congratulations to the St. Benedict DECA executive team on a great start to the DECA year! Their leadership in meetings and behind the scenes is appreciated. This year's DECA executives are: Cole Boland, Ryan Dow, Talal Abdali, Maria Quiroz and Kennedy Thompson.

DECA members meet every Thursday in Room 214 at either 7:00 am and 2:30 pm. Members must attend one meeting per week to be eligible for competition.

The regional competition will soon be here. There are two components to the regional competition: an online exam and the oral competition. Mark these dates on your calendar:

- November 1 -- online exam at St. Benedict, times scheduled by category
- November 23 -- oral competition at Bingeman Park, Kitchener

## **Student Activities**

### **BOB UPGREN MOTIVATES STUDENTS**

**BY MISS S. SKINN**

Bennies was able to kick off the school year inspired and entertained by Bob Upgren, a pro athlete, motivational speaker and a master chalk artist who has visited many schools worldwide and received lots of positive feedback from his incredible gifts of talent. He visited St. Benedict on September 22 and spoke to the students about his life and certain things that happened in his past as to why he is doing what he does today. Bob really knew how to get the students attention with his inspirational words of wisdom and life experiences.

Bob also talked about certain things that happened in his child, teen and adult life and how everyone was given a special gift in their life from God! Students were uplifted by his strong energy and humor. He ended his presentation off, with a very unique and mind-blowing piece of art, and the whole school was amazed by his great talent. As a very generous gift, he gave the school his chalk paintings. These will be put up in our school to remember his great presentation.

Overall, students and staff gave his presentation positive feedback, and Bob Upgren will definitely be remembered by Benny's for a while to come!

### **GETTING HYPED UP FOR HALLOWE'EN**

For Halloween student council has events planned throughout the day on Monday October 31. So far the plan for Halloween...

**Period 1:** Trivia during announcements. The first class to get all the correct answers is up for a prize

**Period 2:** Pumpkin carving.

**Periods 3 & 4:** Mr. Renner's drama class along with SAC will host a haunted house on the stage for anyone brave enough to enter. Pumpkin contest whole school judging will also happen at this time.

**Period 5:** Winner announcements for trivia and pumpkin carving.

Costume dress up for the day is permitted with the following guidelines:

- Wear uniform bottoms appropriately
- Have a modest costume top with no midriff or cleavage showing
- Do not cover your face. No masks allowed and your face must be showing at all times.
- Choose a theme that matches the moral tone of St. Benedict's; no violent accessories please.



## **DOMINICAN ENCOUNTER WITH FAITH & HOSPITALITY 2011**

**BY RACHEL ZAMMIT AND ANDREA CAPLE**

*Three students at St. Benedict have been selected this year to participate in the Dominican Encounter with Faith & Hospitality. This trip focuses on developing a faith based understanding of the social injustices present in our world.*

Rachel Zammit (Grade 12), Andrea Caple (Grade 12) and Erin Rivers (Grade 11) will be traveling to the Dominican Republic from November 26th to December 3rd with Mr. Betik of the religion department. They will be living with families for the week to experience the difference in cultures and explore the challenges of daily life in a developing country.

The remaining weeks leading up to the trip will be spent focusing on raising money and awareness to go towards the program.

### **Other News**

## **PARISH CONNECTIONS: ST. MARY OF THE VISITATION**

**BY FATHER F. FREITAS**

The months of September and October have flown by quickly. It has been a busy start at the parish; our children's programs at our Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass (J.K. - Grade 4) have been averaging over 60 children each weekend. Our Kids Klub (Grade 5-8) is entering its fifth year of great popularity; our High Schoolers are coming out full of energy and ideas for the Fall start up of Da Crew. It has been great to see such activity among our children and teens. But that is not all.

Our Wise Guys had a great start with an opening barbecue. The Catholic Women's League were not to be outdone though; their Corn Roast, which opened their year, had a great turnout



too. Our Celebrating the Word Small Groups are starting up, our Couples Groups are getting ready for their start. I hope that you are a part of the all that is happening at our parish, especially Mass on the Lord's Day- there is something for everyone at St. Mary's.

During October, we ran a Thanksgiving Food Drive which helps the St. Vincent de Paul Society in our parish provide assistance to the needy families in our community. Donations of canned goods are also always accepted at the back of the Church.

We will also be having another Service Saturday on October 29th - where we go out into the community and lend a hand - check out details on our parish website-[www.stmaryhespeler.ca](http://www.stmaryhespeler.ca)- and become involved as a family in helping the less fortunate.

It was a joy for me to celebrate Mass both our Grade 9 students as part of the fabulous LINK program we offer at St Benedict's, and also with the Grade 10-12 students. During the month of October I also had the opportunity for some class visits in the various religion classes and to be a part of the community at our parish school of St Benedict.

November will be just as busy! On November 1, the Feast of All Saints, we will gather for an evening which will feature a video presentation "Become One Body, One Spirit in Christ", a resource provided by our Bishop. Throughout the month I will be visiting classes at St. Benedict to speak with our young people about the changes to the Mass. November 7th the Wize Guys has their annual chili night, new missals are coming, we will have a "dress rehearsal" of the new mass on Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00pm...

This is an exciting time to be a part of St Mary's Parish - come join us.

## **FAMILY NIGHT @ THE GYM**

**Friday, October 28th, 2011 - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
At Our Lady of Fatima School Gym**

Quality family time is so important (and so expensive)-so join us for a FREE evening for the whole family!

It is meant just for you - Come out!

## **NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY**

Join the Clemens Mill TEEN BOOK CLUB!

Find out what other TEENS are reading and watching.

Meet once a month from 2:00 to 3:00pm @ Clemens Mill Library. Contact PATRICIA 519-740-6294 or email [ppilon@cambridgelibraries.ca](mailto:ppilon@cambridgelibraries.ca) to register. Sign up today!

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Wednesday, October 26**

2:30pm Fanime/Anime Club  
2:45pm MAD Movement  
2:45pm Strategy Games Club  
3:30pm Sr. Girls Basketball vs St. Mary's  
3:30pm Sr. Boys Volleyball @ St. Mary's  
3:30pm Jr. Boys Volleyball @ St. Mary's  
5:00pm Jr. Girls Basketball vs St. Mary's  
5:00pm Jr. Boys Volleyball @ St. Mary's  
5:30pm College Information Days, Conestoga College  
Zoom Career Day for Arts & Culture Students  
BENN Newsletter out

### **Thursday, October 27**

8:30am College visit: Niagara  
9:00am College Information Days, Conestoga

### **Wednesday, November 2**

10:00am Univ. visit: Nipissing University  
2:30pm Fanime/Anime Club  
2:45pm MAD Movement  
2:45pm Strategy Games Club  
3:30pm Sr. Girls Basketball @ Msgr. Doyle  
3:30pm Sr. Boys Volleyball vs Msgr. Doyle  
3:30pm Jr. Boys Volleyball vs Msgr. Doyle  
5:00pm Jr. Girls Basketball @ Msgr. Doyle  
5:00pm Sr Boys Basketball tryouts  
Take Our Kids to Work day

### **Thursday, November 3**

2:30pm Yearbook Club  
2:30pm DECA meeting  
2:30pm Jr. Boys Football vs WCI

College

11:00am Cross Country: CWOSSA  
1:00pm Jr. Boys Football @ Bluevale  
2:30pm Yearbook Club  
2:30pm DECA meeting  
3:00pm Sr. Boys Football @ Bluevale  
7:00pm School Council meeting

### Friday, October 28

1:15pm College visit: Humber  
2:45pm Doctor Who Video Club  
7:00pm Graduation

### Monday, October 31

11:00am Univ. visit: McMaster University  
1:15pm Univ. visit: Queen's University  
2:30pm Camera Club  
3:30pm Jr. Girls Basketball @ St. David  
3:30pm Jr. Boys Volleyball vs St. David  
3:30pm Sr. Boys Volleyball vs St. David  
5:00pm Sr. Girls Basketball @ St. David  
SAC Hallowe'en Activities  
HALLOWE'EN

### Tuesday, November 1

8:30am Univ. visit: Algoma University  
10:00am Univ. visit: Kings College (U of Western)  
11:30am Univ. visit: Brock University  
1:15pm Univ. visit: University of Ontario  
2:30pm DECA Regionals online testing  
6:00pm Badminton Club  
7:00pm Sr Boys Basketball tryouts  
ALL SAINTS' DAY

### Friday, November 4

2:45pm Doctor Who Video Club  
Random Acts of Kindness Day

### Sunday, November 6

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS  
Cross Country: OFSAA

### Monday, November 7

2:30pm Camera Club  
3:30pm Jr. Girls Basketball vs Resurrection  
3:30pm Jr. Boys Volleyball @ Resurrection  
3:30pm Sr. Boys Volleyball @ Resurrection  
5:00pm Sr. Girls Basketball vs Resurrection

### Tuesday, November 8

8:30am Univ. visit: University of Ottawa  
1:15pm Univ. visit: Windsor University  
6:00pm Badminton Club

### Wednesday, November 9

2:30pm Fanime/Anime Club  
2:45pm MAD Movement  
2:45pm Strategy Games Club  
Zoom Career Day for Business students  
Ozone Depletion Training  
Electrical Safety, Lockout & Tagging Training  
BENN Newsletter out

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## Miscellaneous

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