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The BENN newsletter is a publication of St. Benedict CSS. It is distributed every second Wednesday during the school year using the WCDSB News-wire service. Any questions or comments pertaining to this publication can be sent to the editor [Anton Milardovic](#) or the school's principal [Dan Witt](#).

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NEXT ISSUE

December 21, 2011

School Council wants to give you \$100

School Council has committed to developing a Parent Toolkit for parents of students new to our community. The intention of the Toolkit is to provide parents with the necessary information to help them become active participants in our community, and thereby effectively support their son or daughter as they transition into our community.

We would like your input on the information that should be included in the toolkit. Tell us the information that you feel is important, as well as the questions that you feel every parent needs answered as their son or daughter enters St. Benedict school.

To gather your input we have set up a [very simple one question survey](#) which you can complete online. We Have also included a copy of the survey with report cards that you can return to the main office once completed.

As an added incentive for you to participate, all those who submit suggestions will be entered into a draw for a \$100 McCarthy's voucher. The draw will take place at our Grade 8 Parent Night the evening of Thursday January 19, 2012. Please take a moment to share your thoughts and suggestions.

— Mr. D. Witt, Principal

Administrative

Half Day PA Day Schedule

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2011

8:21 - 9:37 PERIOD 3 OR 4 CLASS

9:42 - 10:58 PERIOD 5 CLASS

**MORNING BUS DROP OFF IS AT REGULAR TIME,
SPECIAL BUSES WILL DEPART THE SCHOOL AT 11:10**
For more bus information, see GRT slide on the website [infoReel](#).

JOSEPH and the Technicolor Dreamcoat

BY MRS. J. JACKSON

For three days, St. Benedict's school cafeteria was transformed into a miraculous theatre, where day after day, audiences were treated to the brilliant and dazzling production of Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat.

In preparation for opening night, 28 cast members and 14 stage crew members worked under the remarkable direction of Mr. Andrew Renner and Ms. Janet Cox, while 14 musicians were conducted perfectly by the very talented musical director, Mrs. Joan Harris.

For three months, this large group rehearsed three to five times a week; the results, a spectacular, entertaining, and often humorous show that delighted audiences time and time again.

The musical is based on a biblical story found in Genesis. Taking place in Egypt, the story tells of a father's love for his children, especially for his youngest son, Joseph; who is blessed with the ability to interpret dreams. Joseph's talents—along with the affection shown by their father—causes grave jealousy among the brothers which leads them to



master's wife, Joseph is thrown in jail.

Just when things seem at their darkest, Pharaoh, ruler of Egypt, has been haunted by nightmares. Desperate to know what his dreams mean, Joseph is summoned to help. After Joseph successfully helps Pharaoh, he becomes second in command.

While the future is looking bright for Joseph, the family he left behind has been suffering from a famine. Joseph's brothers travel to Egypt where they lay at Joseph's feet, not recognizing their own brother and beg for food. Joseph puts them to the test; but after proving they are changed men, Joseph reveals himself as their long

perfectly harmonized songs involving all 26 cast members to the very moving and heart wrenching solo sung by Joseph - Joel Cumber, while held in jail.

In addition to their vocal talents this cast also proved they could dance! Thrilling audiences with dance numbers such as an upbeat Southern hoedown to a Jamaican style Calypso complete with limbo and a conga line; these numbers created by choreographer Mrs. Marisa Rocha were performed to perfection and added to the excitement and delight being felt by the audience.

Each night as the show came to a close, audience

unspeakable transgressions. Joseph is sold into slavery by his brothers, where his luck continues to spiral downwards. Unable to ward off the advances of his



Joel Cumber as Joseph.

lost brother and the family is reunited!

Within minutes of the opening number, audiences were introduced to Jacob, his many wives, and his dozen sons. It was in this impressive number that we got our first glimpse at Joseph's Technicolor Dreamcoat that can only be described as AMAZING. A true work of art; designed and created by the brilliant costume director Mrs. Ildi Kloiber. Mrs. Kloiber, with the assistance of her team, worked diligently over the months to create all of the magnificent costumes that helped to bring this story to life.

The entire show is made up of musical numbers for which the cast was able to showcase the wide variety of talent we have here at St. Benedict's School. From

jumped to their feet eager to present these tremendously talented students with a standing ovation. Closing night proved to be a mixture of emotions, as the excitement and pleasure of yet another perfect show had just come to an end. Yet cast members and audience member alike could not hold back their tears as they knew the time had come to say goodbye to Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

As the reviews continue to pour in, the enjoyment and pride felt by all who attended is repeated time and time again. The St. Benedict's Community is extremely proud of the students and everyone who participated in this production and we wish to congratulate every member of *Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* production for a job well done!





DO YOU HAVE A CHILD IN GRADE 8? ARE YOU CONSIDERING HAVING THEM ATTEND ST. BENEDICT?

Plan now to attend Grade 8 Parent Night, January 19, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

We extend a warm welcome to all parents and students from Christ the King, Clemens Mills, Mother Theresa, Hespeler Public, Our Lady of Fatima, Lincoln Avenue, St. Elizabeth, Silver Heights, St. Joseph, William G. Davis, St. Margaret, Woodland Park, St. Michael, Temple Baptist and St. Peter.

SCHOOL UNIFORM INFORMATION

The St. Benedict school uniform is supplied by R.J. McCarthy. Please visit them online at www.rjmccarthy.com at your convenience to pre-register. Once registered, you can view uniform options and pricing, as well as find the showroom nearest you. You also have the option of receiving email notifications of upcoming sales, promotions and events.

As well, as part of their ongoing mission of creating the world's highest quality school uniforms in a socially responsible way, R.J. McCarthy will be transitioning to internet-based, online school uniform guides. This new service will not only be more convenient for customers, but will also greatly reduce RJM's carbon footprint by:

- eliminating the use of many thousands of sheets of paper and envelopes
- reducing carbon emissions resulting from shipping and delivery
- eliminating the use of great amounts harmful paper dyes and colouring agents

As of March 1, 2012, your new uniform guide will be available online at www.rjmccarthy.com.

NEWS FROM THE CHAPLAIN

BY MR. B. REMPEL

Our school continues to express its generous spirit. Several students and staff from our St. Benedict community spent a week in the Dominican Republic on a social justice/solidarity trip. As a school we raised \$2,200 to provide busing for Dominican students to attend school. These funds will provide busing for dozens of students for a year.

As well, we continue to fill Christmas baskets and Christmas stockings. The 39 Christmas baskets are to provide gifts for Cambridge families struggling financially. This is the 22nd year we have collaborated with the Cambridge Fire Department in this important initiative. The Christmas stockings provide school supplies for school children in Kenya. With the money not spent on school supplies, school administrators can provide students with much needed breakfast and lunch. Working together with St. Mary of the Visitation parish, we will fill 54 stockings.

Each day during December at the beginning of period 2, we are showing a short video clip that tells an interesting story about Christmas. One of them explains that Xmas is not taking

Christ out of Christmas. In fact Xmas has been used since the time of the early church as a sign of respect for Christ. X is the Greek symbol for Christ and was used represent the Christ rather than naming Christ.

While described elsewhere, the musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat was an awe inspiring presentation of the familiar Biblical story. We were once again reminded of the incredible talent of many of our staff and students. The story emphasized again that God's call and plans can inspire hope and confidence.

We wish you a meaningful Advent season as you reflect on the confident hope the Virgin Mary displayed in her faithful response to the bold action plan God had for her.

NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

BY MRS. P. KLASSEN

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

In addition to fulfilling a requirement that is necessary for high school graduation, volunteering is an excellent way to develop skills and abilities, as well as a chance to give back to the community. Volunteer opportunities for students are updated and posted regularly on both the Ranger system and the Guidance bulletin board. The upcoming Christmas season brings special opportunities for helping in our community. Why wait until your Grade 12 year to find out how fun and fulfilling volunteering can be? Check out these great opportunities now!

REGISTRATION AND TRANSITION INFORMATION FOR IN-COMING GRADE 8S

Early in 2012, St. Benedict will formally begin the transition process for in-coming grade 8 students. Each of our feeder schools will take part in a half day visit to our school following the Christmas Break and our Grade 8 Parent Night will take place on Thursday, January 19, 2012. Please pass this information on to any neighbours who may be considering St. Benedict for the 2012-2013 school year. All are welcome to attend this event which will highlight all that our great school has to offer.

INTERESTED IN USED UNIFORMS?

If your son or daughter is interested in supplementing their school wardrobe with pieces of good quality used uniform tops and bottoms, please have them visit their guidance counsellor. Currently we have a good selection of short sleeved golf shirts, as well as many sweaters, sweat shirts and fleece jackets that will come in handy now that the colder weather has arrived.

There is no cost for used uniform pieces, however donations would be welcome. Any money earned through used uniform distribution will go directly back into our student assist fund.

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](#).

WE ARE ONLY A PHONE CALL AWAY

Student case loads are determined by alphabet as follows:

Mr. M. Ambeau	A - E	ext. 503
Mrs. P. Klassen	F - Lazdins	ext. 190
Mr. S. Kritz	Le - Pl	ext. 512

THE BARRDAY TEACHER OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The mediocre teacher tells.
 The good teacher explains.
 The superior teacher demonstrates.
 The great teacher inspires.

— William Arthur Ward

Bariday, a Cambridge business, is committed to learning. We believe that curiosity and the desire to learn are inspired at an early age in many places. In order to encourage and recognize learning and excellence in our schools, we will salute ten inspirational teachers each year in the City of Cambridge, with ten \$1,000 Teacher of Excellence awards.

We are looking for teachers who consistently demonstrate

- **Excellence** - motivating students to achieve their best
- **Integrity** - consistently thinking, saying and doing what is right
- **Respect** - treating each student as valuable and full of potential
- **Innovation** - inspiring students to explore and make choices

Do you know a teacher in Cambridge, from JK to high school, who inspired you or someone you know? We invite parents, grandparents, students, former students, school administrators and colleagues to nominate that teacher for a Teacher of Excellence award.

Nominate your teacher of excellence today.
 ALL nominations will be forwarded on to the teacher you nominated.

Please visit our website at www.barrday.com to find out how you can share the reasons why your teacher is deserving of a Teacher of Excellence award. Nomination forms may be requested by phoning 621-3620 ext. 1228 or e-mail your nomination to 2011nominations@barrday.com.

THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS DECEMBER 9, 2011.

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 hypoteneuse of a triangle, Romeo's true intentions, the highest mountain in Canada, and when was the War of 1812?

Well, we have 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!

Academic

ENRICHING THE LIVES OF STUDENTS

BY MRS. D. WITTMANN

WHAT IS TED?

TED is a nonprofit devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading. It started out in 1984 as a conference bringing together people from three worlds: Technology, Entertainment, Design. Since then, its scope has become

BEYOND BENNY'S

BY MRS. N. OFFAK

MATH:

Math @ MAC Day

For grades 10, 11 & 12 students. Designed to be inclusive and fun, the day will feature individual and team prizes for a variety of problems.

Registration Deadline: January 11-17, 2012

Event Date: March 1, 2012

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

Sponsored by McMaster University's Dept. of Mathematics & Statistics

ever broader. Along with two annual conferences—the TED Conference in Long Beach and Palm Springs each spring, and the TEDGlobal conference in Edinburgh, UK each summer—TED includes the award-winning TEDTalks video site, the Open Translation Project, and TED Conversations, the inspiring TED Fellows and TEDx programs, and the annual TED Prize.

The annual TED conferences, in Long Beach/Palm Springs and Edinburgh, bring together the world's most fascinating thinkers and doers, who are challenged to give the talk of their lives in 18 minutes or less.

[Visit the TED website.](#)

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION CAREER FAIR

BY MRS. M. CROWELL



On Tuesday, December 6, 2011 the Co-op and Home Build students filled the atrium with their career fair display boards and showcased their co-op placements.

The students advertised their ongoing co-op experience to the rest of the school and guests to educate people on the wide

Canadian National Math League Contest

December 13, 2011 & January 10, 2012

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

Sponsored by the University of Windsor

LANGUAGE & LITERACY:

Jessamay Stursberg Poetry Contest

Grades 7-9 & Grades 10-12

Contest Deadline: January 2012

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

(follow "Markets & Contests" link for many more youth writing and publishing opportunities!)

Sponsored by League of Canadian Poets

Legion Public Speaking Conference

Students may choose their own topic for the address.

Grade 7-9 & Grades 10-12

January 2012 - see websire for details

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

Sponsored by the Canadian Legion

Mathieu DaCosta Challenge

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

Submission Deadline: December 2011

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

Sponsored by the Dept. of Canadian Heritage

FRENCH LANGUAGE

The French Essay Contest

Two categories are French as a second language and French as a second language.

Submission Deadline: January 2012

<http://french-future.org/en/>

Sponsored by French for the Future

MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY

Seminar in Computer Science for Young Women

A unique opportunity designed to ignite enthusiasm for computer science in interested female students across Canada.

Registration Deadline: Jan/Feb 2012

Event: May & June 2012

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

Sponsored by Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing at the University of Waterloo

SCIENCE:

Engineering Science Quest

Submissions Year Round

Register online

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

Sponsored by the University of Waterloo

Brain Bee

In this competition, grade 9-12 students in Waterloo region answer questions about the

variety of placement experiences available. Many students are Specialist High Skills Major students who need to complete a placement in their sector to meet the SHSM requirements.

Some of the areas students are working in this semester include spa, school, daycare, construction, automotive, retail, social work, office administration and many more. Please check out the school board website for the most detailed information about co-op opportunities.

If you have questions about co-op at St Benedict or would like to get your business involved please contact Michelle Crowell [by email](#), or at 519 621-4050 ext 509.

SHSM EXPERIENCE: TRAINING FOR RECORDING EQUIPMENT

On November 23, students from St. Benedict's attended the Specialist High Skills Major training for recording equipment, and recorded a radio ad in a professional studio. This ad will be used in the coming months and years to promote the Specialist High Skills Major program. Way to go Saints! [Click here to hear the ad they created.](#)

Congratulations to Kory Beaudry, Pierce Cowan, Madison Demarte, April Espinal, Tiffany Pacheco, Christine Qaqish and Rebecca Turner for their great work on their commercial.

EQAO MATH TEST PREPARATION

Students who will be writing the EQAO math test will have an opportunity to better prepare themselves at a special EQAO preparation session on Monday, January 16th from 2:30-3:45. The applied session will run in room 308 and the academic session will be in room 310.

brain and neuroscience. 100 spots available.

Registration: January 2012

<http://www.ahs.uwaterloo.ca/~brainbee/i...>

Sponsored by the University of Waterloo

Computer Science Girls Rock

A unique opportunity designed to ignite enthusiasm for computer science in interested female students across Canada.

Registration Deadline: Jan/Feb 2012

Event: May & June 2012

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

Sponsored by Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing at the University of Waterloo

THE ARTS:

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 & 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

OTHER:

Medicine Youth Summer Program

<http://www.ysp.utoronto.ca/medicine>

Grades 10-12

A 1-4 week residential summer camp program immerses students in lectures and hands-on experiences as a medical student.

Application Deadline: End of January 2012

Law Youth Summer Program

<http://www.ysp.utoronto.ca/law>

Grades 10-12

A 1-4 week residential summer camp program immerses students in law, legal thinking and advocacy.

Application Deadline: End of January 2012

Laurier Enriched Academic Program

<http://www.wlu.ca/leap>

Summer camp for gifted/highly able students in grades 1-9. Saturday morning programs and summer camp.

January-March, 2012 & Summer 2012

MORE FROM MATH

Students from any grade level are invited to participate in the Canadian National Math League contest that will be written after school on Tuesday, December 13 in room 309. All are welcome! See your math teacher or Mr. Modolo for details.

Registration information on the website.

House of Commons Page Program

40 students are selected from high schools across Canada to come to Ottawa to work as Pages in the House of Commons. Pages have the opportunity to learn about the House of Commons while witnessing the legislative process first hand. Those hired as Pages work on a part-time basis during their first year of study at one of the universities in the National Capital Region.

Application Deadline: online by December 22, 2011

SHAD Valley

<http://www.shad.ca>

Shad Valley is a 4 week summer enrichment camp for students in grades 10-12. The program focuses on the sciences, technology and entrepreneurship. Students spend a month living in residence at a host university. See Mrs. Offak in Room 213 for details.

Application Deadline: Early December 2011

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

ENRICHMENT STUDENTS GO TO SCIENCE CENTRE

By JULIA SNOW DONATELLI & TIMOTHY J COWEN

On Monday, December 5, 2011, Mrs. Offak led six grade 9 and 10 enrichment students on a trip to the Ontario Science Centre.

The first exhibit we went to was the Leonardo Da Vinci exhibition. It was a very interesting exhibit, featuring drawings and exciting interactive screens, that really made the exhibit come to life. The screens let you walk through all of his inventions, some even let you build them, and then see how they worked. This exhibit also featured the famous paintings he made like the The Last Supper and the Mona Lisa. The exhibit gave very interesting facts about these paintings. For example, in The Last Supper, some people believe that Jesus was sitting next to Mary Magdalene, not John the Baptist. We really liked this exhibit because we got to learn how Da Vinci lived his life and how he created all of his contraptions, like the Kite and Robot Soldier. Overall, we really liked the Da Vinci exhibit, we got to have fun and learn simultaneously.

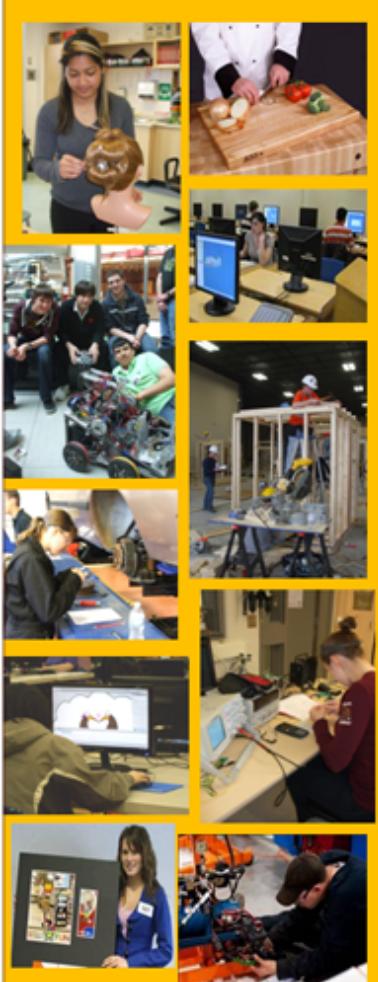
After the Da Vinci exhibit, we got some free time to explore. We all went to the Science Arcade and The Living Earth exhibits. They were very interactive as well, as we got to walk through a rainforest inside the exhibit. We were able to imprint our shadows on walls, and experience the creation of a tornado, amongst many other fun and interesting things.

The next activity we did was to build a pneumatic contraption to get a "radioactive object" into a container to stabilize it. We were all split up into groups and we had a half hour to complete this task. First we had 20 seconds to crawl through a door and set up the mirror so we can see what we were doing. We could only stay in for 20 seconds or we would be "exposed to radiation", too much to handle.

We also had to make an electromagnet with nails and a copper wire. This electromagnet had to be hooked up to a battery to work. Then we had to make the pneumatic lever to hold the electromagnet so we could raise and lower it, to get the radioactive object into the container. My group didn't quite finish in time but most of the other groups got the radioactive object into the container. This activity made us work together under a time period, so it showed us we all had to

cooperate with each other to get through the activity.

Overall, this trip to the Ontario Science Centre was very exciting. We all learned new things, were able to physically interact with the exhibits, and got to build some extras along the way. We would recommend the Leonardo Da Vinci exhibit to anybody else!



BUILD YOUR SKILLS!
HAVE FUN! GAIN MORE EXPERIENCE!
BUILD YOUR RESUME!

PARTICIPATE IN A 1 DAY COMPETITION

MARCH 26-30, 2012

- Animation
- Automotive Service
- Baking
- Carpentry
- Culinary Arts
- Electrical Wiring
- Electronics
- Graphic Design
- Home & Team Build
- IT Office Software
- Job Interview
- Landscape Gardening
- Prepared Speech
- Photography
- Small Powered Equipment
- TV Video Production
- Website Design
- Welding ... and many more!

Check out the list of competitions online at
SKILLSWATERLOO.CA

Register online to get involved,
Or see Ms. Crowell for more information.

GETTING MUGGED BY A SAINT...?!

BY Miss P. CLARK, YCW

Mr. Briere's period four Personal Life Skills class has been busy these past few weeks! Operating under the name of "The Saints Mug Crew", the students have started taking and fulfilling orders for personalized coffee mugs. Each mug is hand painted and personalized; the artist's initials

appear at the bottom of each of their creations. Currently, the students are fulfilling staff orders, but hope to carry on with this business venture in the New Year by taking student orders. Watch for us after the Christmas break!



Clubs & Athletics

SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

BY MR. J. MALNERICH

Congratulations to the Senior Boys Basketball team as they opened their District 8 League schedule with a 67 to 31 win over St. David's. Top scores for the Saints were Santo Dak with 19 and Josh Edwards and Tyler Moulton both with 14 points.

The team then travelled to Fergus the last weekend of November to compete in the Centre Wellington Falcon Classic Tournament. After crushing Glenview 60 to 34 and then knocking off Guelph St. James 38 to 27, the Saints were in the Championship Final against the home school, Centre Wellington. After a see-saw battle, the Saints had to settle for silver as they were edged out 41 to 33. Top scorers were Kueth Geng with 14 points and Santo Dak with 11.

The team improved their record to 5 and 2 on the season last Friday as they beat the visiting Preston High Panthers 59 to 35. Top scorers for the Saints were Santo Dak with 22 points and Kueth Geng chipped in 16.

This Monday, the boys played an excellent against St. Mary's. The Saints came out strong in the first quarter with a 21 to 8 lead. However, St. Mary's battled back in the second to cut the Saints lead to two going into the second half.

After a see saw battle in the 2nd half, the Saints fell 52 to 45. Special note goes to high scorers Santo Dak with 17 points and Kueth Geng with 20 points. Please support the boys as they travel to Southwood this weekend to compete in the 16 team Southwood Roundball Classic.

MIDGET BOYS BASKETBALL

Attention Midget Boys: Please note a change to our scheduled time for uniform distribution. Please meet in the Phys. Ed. hallway tomorrow, Wednesday at 3:30 to pick up your uniforms. Please be advised that you must have your fees paid in order to sign out your uniform. Practice will follow the uniform distribution at 4:15 on Wednesday.

See Mrs. Edwards if you have any questions.

VARSITY BOYS HOCKEY

BENN BOX SCORES

Junior Boys Basketball

St. David 51, **Saints 44**
Saints 42, Woodland CHS 27
St. Mary's 61, **Saints 46**

Senior Boys Basketball

Saints 67, St. David 31
St. Mary's 52, **Saints 45**

Junior Girls Volleyball

St. David 3, **Saints 1**
Saints 3, Woodland CHS 2
St. Mary's 3, **Saints 0**

Senior Girls Volleyball

St. David 3, **Saints 2**
Saints 3, Woodland CHS 0
St. Mary's 3, **Saints 0**

Boys Hockey

Saints 3, Bluevale CI 1
Galt CI 1, **Saints 2**
WODSS 2, **Saints 3**

Girls Hockey

Saints 2, Msgr. Doyle 4
Saints 1, Preston HS 1

The Varsity Boys Hockey team has enjoyed a successful start to the first quarter of their regular season. The Saints started the season with three consecutive "come from behind" victories over Bluevale Collegiate, Galt Collegiate and Waterloo Oxford. The winning streak was stopped by a determined Monsignor Doyle team.

The boys are gearing up for their next three games before the Christmas break:

- Thursday, December 8th at McCormick West vs Waterloo Collegiate
- Tuesday, December 13th at RIM (Pillers) vs St. Davids
- Thursday, December 22nd at Hespeler vs St. Mary's

The Saints will also be competing in the High School Prospect Showcase in Kingston, Ontario on December 18th and 19th.

GAME RECAP

Tyler Butler scored 2 goals and Tyler Kilbride made several key saves as the boys won the first game of their season. The Saints defeated Bluevale 3-1. Jake Stewardson added a goal and an assist, Brad Evans recorded 2 assists and Cole Malatches had one helper in the win.

In their next game, for the second time in a row, the boys battled back from a one goal deficit to win, defeating Galt Collegiate by a score of 2-1. Matt Pyke made several key saves to move the Saints to 2 and 0 on the season.

Tyler Butler scored his team leading third goal of the season while Chad Herrington scored the game winner at the beginning of the third period. Chris Blanchette, Jordan Kerr, Cole Malatches and Devaughn Coston each recorded one assist.

The Saints then hosted Waterloo Oxford at Hespeler arena. Jake Stewardson's second goal of the game with 1:47 left to play in the third period proved to be the game winner as the Saints improved to 3 and 0 on the season. Davaughn Coston also scored and Tyler Kilbride recorded the win in net. Tyler Butler recorded 2 assists and Brad Evans had one.

GIRLS HOCKEY

The St. Benedict girls hockey team competed in their first tournament of the year on Monday November 28 at York University. The girls played very well and narrowly missed a spot in the championship game. Scoring was provided by Kelly Melo with 3 goals on the day as well as Kayla Carnegie and Alli McKinnon who chipped in one a piece. Kirsten Carnegie and Ariel Cascannette both looked solid between the pipes.

SWIM TEAM

The St. Benedict swim team is off to a great start to their swimming season! The team placed third over all at the first meet on November 23rd, which was held at Laurier University pool. The team placed second over all in the second meet on November 30th. They have one more meet on Wednesday, then gear up for the District 8 competition on December 15th.

A special mention goes to the Ben Taborek, Lance Farrugia, Tim Novak, Krystal McLean, Calum Bremner, Nathan Schmidt, Natalie Van Wyk, Peter Reynolds and Monica Zhara who all placed in the top 3 for individual races at their second meet. All of the swimmers showed amazing effort and sportsmanship.

JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The junior girls won their game against Woodland Christian yesterday! The girls played hard right until the end in a close 5th game ending with a score of 15-13. Way to go girls!

Their following game was against St. Mary's. The ladies worked hard but fell short losing 3-0.

**STAY UP TO DATE
WITH DISTRICT 8**

**SENIOR GIRLS
VOLLEYBALL**

SPORTS

Now receive sports updates in your email or on your mobile device!

The new [District 8 website](#) now allows you to sign up themselves for nightly e-mail updates. You can select the school (or schools) you want to follow, and all the sports results will be sent to your email address.

The service is free. Sign up by going to <http://district8.ca/admin/emailSignUp.php>.

Congratulations to the senior girls volleyball team, who played a great first game! It was an exciting, nail-biting match, where we tied 15-15 in the fifth set before losing by 2 points to St. David's. The girls displayed exceptional team spirit and sportsmanship right to the very end.

In their next match, the girls showcased their talents in their first home game, sweeping Woodland in straight sets.

CURLING

SAINTS ROCK THE HOUSE

BY Ms. A. GALLIPEAU

Saint Benedict's is off to a good start, winning 3 out of the 4 games. Your Senior Girls' curling team curls every Tuesday at Westmount Curling Club in Kitchener. Each Saint has previous experience: we have Tess and Maddi as lead, Kirsten as our Second, Elanna as Vice and Sabrina as Skip. This is the second year St. Benedict has had a Senior Girls' Curling team. We are very proud of the effort they are giving and wish them luck at the upcoming Gore School Girl Competition.

St. Benedict Novice Boys' Curling team (learning the sport from scratch) is officially continuing their undefeated curling season. Vince, his second year curing for the school, skips, while our all new to the sport—Joey, Aaron, and Alex—play with their heart. This fearless team plays every Tuesday at the Granite Club in Waterloo; proving Saints Rock the House!

In curling action yesterday, the senior girls' team won 12-0. The novice boys team won their match 8-0.

BENNY'S STUDENTS DAZZLE AT DECA

BY Mr. F. WITTMANN

Benny's DECA team had one of its most successful regionals ever, with 22 top-10 finishes, and 4 overall medalists.

Congratulations go out to: Cole Boland—1st overall in Food Marketing, Ryan Dow—1st overall in Sports Entertainment Marketing, Taranjeet Brar and Cassandra Marceau—3rd overall in Travel and Tourism.

Additionally, the following students achieved top 10 finishes: Talal Abdali, Symara Cyr, Emil Danila, Nikki Duong, Kaitlin Kok, Peter Reynolds, Winonna Roach, Ali Sachoo, Nathan Schmidt, Brittany Sowa, Nathan Tierney, Julia Wittmann, Colin Woodworth, Jason Wozniak and Lucas Wozniak.

Our next level of competition is February 12 to 14 at DECA provincials in Toronto.

ROBOTICS CLUB

BY Mrs. M. BOOTH

Robotics Club will meet this Friday, December 9th 2:45pm in A3. Lego Mindstorm continues. Everyone is welcome!

OUTERS CLUB MEETING

Allouters going on the winter camping trip are reminded of the mandatory meeting on Wednesday after school in room 315.

HEALTHIER FOR LIFE

BY MRS. M. CROWELL & MRS. L. O'NEILL

The Healthier For Life club is new at St. Benedict's. This club will be meeting once or twice a month to discuss ways to work towards being happy and healthy. Some of these topics may include: body image, balance, stress management, diet, exercise and nutrition.

We will be starting things off with an event on Wednesday, December 14 at 2:40pm in the Lecture Hall. **Healthier for the Holidays** will look at coping with holiday drama, making better choices and will feature Wendy Schuster as our guest speaker.

Come out to the first event to get more details about the club. Staff and students are welcome to join us. We hope to see you!

Student Activities

Other News

RELAY FOR LIFE IS BACK AT BENNIES!

BY MRS. L. O'NEILL

Relay For Life will be back at St. Benedict's on June 1, 2012.

The Canadian Cancer Society Relay For Life gives you and your community the opportunity to celebrate cancer survivors, remember and honour loved ones lost to cancer and fight back against all cancers. It is an overnight event where teams of ten raise money and take turns walking the track to Celebrate, Remember and Fight Back.

The planning committee has already started getting things organized. We are looking for any students that would like to assist with planning or help out on the day of the event to attend a meeting on December 12, 2011 in the lecture hall after school.

Any parents or community members that are interested in helping out can call or email [Michelle Crowell](#) or [Laura O'Neill](#).

Keep watching the BENN and announcements at school for more information.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, December 7

2:30pm Fanime/Anime Club
2:35pm Outers Club Mandatory meeting
2:40pm Reach for the Top Practice
2:40pm Christmas assembly auditions
2:45pm MAD Movement
2:45pm Strategy Games Club
3:30pm Sr. Girls Volleyball @ Pere-Rene-de-Galinee
3:30pm Jr. Girls Volleyball @ Pere-Rene-de-Galinee
Zoom Career Day for Construction, Manufacturing & Transportation students
BENN Newsletter out
Winter Wonderland Spirit Day

Thursday, December 8

2:30pm Yearbook Club
2:30pm DECA meeting

Thursday, December 15

2:30pm Yearbook Club
2:30pm DECA meeting
7:00pm Just Dance Showcase

Friday, December 16

2:45pm Doctor Who Video Club
Sr. Boys Basketball @ Westminster Shootout

Saturday, December 17

Sr. Boys Basketball @ Westminster Shootout

Sunday, December 18

4th Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 19

3:00am Girls Hockey vs FHCI
2:30pm Camera Club

2:30pm Varsity Boys Hockey vs WCI
Half Day PA Day - Early Dismissal

Friday, December 9

2:45pm Doctor Who Video Club
2:45pm Robotics Club
Christmas Baskets and Advent Faith Assembly
Sr. Boys Basketball @ Southwood Roundball Classic

Saturday, December 10

Sr. Boys Basketball @ Southwood Roundball Classic

Sunday, December 11

3rd Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 12

2:30am Girls Hockey vs WCI
2:30pm Camera Club
2:40pm Math Club
3:30pm Sr. Girls Volleyball vs Monsignor Doyle CSS
3:30pm Jr. Girls Volleyball vs Monsignor Doyle CSS
3:30pm Jr. Boys Basketball @ Monsignor Doyle
5:00pm Sr. Boys Basketball @ Monsignor Doyle

Tuesday, December 13

3:00pm Varsity Boys Hockey vs SDCSS
3:15pm Novice Curling vs Forest Heights
3:15pm Sr. Girls Curling vs KCI
6:00pm Badminton Club

Wednesday, December 14

2:30pm Fanime/Anime Club
2:40pm Reach for the Top Practice
2:40pm Healthier for Life Meeting
2:45pm MAD Movement
2:45pm Strategy Games Club
3:15pm Sr. Girls Curling vs Cameron Heights
3:30pm Sr. Boys Basketball vs Rockway MC
4:00pm Sr. Girls Volleyball @ Rockway MC
4:00pm Jr. Girls Volleyball @ Rockway MC
5:00pm Jr. Boys Basketball vs Rockway MC
Self Defence Training

2:40pm Math Club

3:30pm Sr. Girls Volleyball @ Resurrection CSS
3:30pm Jr. Girls Volleyball @ Resurrection CSS
3:30pm Jr. Boys Basketball vs Resurrection
5:00pm Sr. Boys Basketball vs Resurrection
SAC Christmas Activities

Tuesday, December 20

2:00pm Varsity Boys Hockey vs GRCI
3:15pm Novice Curling vs Sir John A.
3:15pm Sr. Girls Curling vs Elmira DSS
6:00pm Badminton Club
7:00pm Wintersong
SAC Christmas Activities

Wednesday, December 21

3:00am Girls Hockey @ HHSS
2:30pm Fanime/Anime Club
2:40pm Reach for the Top Practice
2:45pm MAD Movement
2:45pm Strategy Games Club
3:30pm Sr. Girls Volleyball vs St. David CSS
3:30pm Jr. Girls Volleyball vs St. David CSS
3:30pm Sr. Boys Basketball @ St. David
5:00pm Jr. Boys Basketball @ St. David
SAC Christmas Activities
BENN Newsletter out

DID YOU KNOW?

There are now over 800 entries on our school calendar on the website!

Check the calendar on the school website for more information. New information is always being added, and more detailed information about upcoming events can be found there.

On the front page of our website, the calendar displays what's coming up in the next week. If you would like to see the full calendar, 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.

