

## SPECIAL EDITION

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## JOIN IN THE EXCITEMENT!



32 of Ontario's top teams battle it out to be crowned champion in one of the most prestigious tournaments of its kind

**January 13 - 14, 2012**

held at

**St. Benedict C.S.S.**

**Monsignor Doyle C.S.S. · Jacob Hespeler H.S.**

## CATHOLIC BOARD SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON POTENTIAL BELL TIME CHANGES

### BOARD NEWS RELEASE

Waterloo Region, ON—The Waterloo Catholic District School Board is seeking public input on potential changes to school bell times.

### PUBLIC CONSULTATION SESSIONS:

Monday, January 16, 2012 (6:00 to 7:30 pm)

Monsignor Doyle CSS

185 Myers Road, Cambridge

Tuesday, January 17, 2012 (6:00 to 7:30 pm)

Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre

35 Weber Street West, Kitchener

Members of the public are also invited to participate in an online survey located at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BellTimes>

This consultation process is intended to assist in aligning the bell times of both the WCDSB and the WRDSB.

All transportation for students in the Region (Public and Catholic) is planned and carried out by Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region. Routes are integrated and buses are used to transport students from both boards.

Bell time alignment with the public school board has benefits for both school boards by optimizing transportation routes to be as efficient as possible. This is done by maximizing the use of the vehicles by using them as many times as possible in any one day. Often, a vehicle is used at least twice each morning, and in some cases three and four times. Alignment of bell times will create further efficiencies.

## **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROPOSAL**

- The WCDSB's first starting bell will be no earlier than 8:00 a.m. and no later than 8:45 a.m.
- Most schools will be starting earlier than they are now, with a few minor exceptions.
- About half of the WCDSB's elementary school bell times will be shifted by less than 20 minutes.

## **SECONDARY SCHOOL PROPOSAL**

- No school will start earlier than 9:15 a.m. and no later than 9:45 a.m.
- No school will finish later than 3:45 p.m.

## **WHY IS THIS BEING PROPOSED?**

- Tangible financial savings for WCDSB amount to approximately \$1,000,000 per year, which will be used to offset classroom expenditures and, where possible, enhance programming.
- Research indicates that younger children learn better earlier in the day and that teenagers learn better later in the day.
- Improved service levels mean fewer buses on the road to manage.

A final decision on bell times will be made by Wednesday, February 1, 2012, with the changes taking effect in September 2012.

# **TODAY, NEXT MONDAY AND NEXT TUESDAY WE WELCOME GRADE 8 STUDENTS FROM OUR FEEDER SCHOOLS**

**and remind parents of grade 8 students of the**

## **GRADE 8 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19 STARTING AT 6:30PM**

**We welcome parents from students attending Christ the King,  
Clemens Mill, Mother Teresa, Hespeler Public, Our Lady of Fatima,  
Lincoln Avenue, St. Elizabeth, Silver Heights, St. Joseph, William G.**

# Davis, St. Margaret, Woodland Park, St. Michael, St. Peter, and Temple Baptist

## FINAL EVALUATION DAYS

Final course evaluations are taking place starting Wednesday, January 26. See the [infoReel](#) on the school website for the class and bus schedules for those days.

## Upcoming Events

### Thursday, January 12

- 2:30pm Yearbook Club
- 2:30pm DECA meeting
- 6:30pm University of Waterloo Grade 10 Family Night
- Grade 8 visits
- Graduation photos

### Friday, January 13

- 2:35pm Robotics Club
- 2:45pm Doctor Who Video Club
- Sr. Boys Inv. Basketball Tournament
- Graduation photos

### Saturday, January 14

- Sr. Boys Inv. Basketball Tournament

### Monday, January 16

- 2:30pm Camera Club
- 2:30pm EQAO preparation session
- 2:40pm Math Club
- 3:00pm Girls Hockey @ WODSS
- 3:30pm Sr. Girls Volleyball @ St. Mary's HS
- 3:30pm Jr. Girls Volleyball @ St. Mary's HS
- 3:30pm Jr. Boys Basketball vs St. Mary's HS
- 5:00pm Sr. Boys Basketball vs St. Mary's HS
- Grade 8 visits
- Graduation photos

### Tuesday, January 17

- 2:00pm Varsity Boys Hockey vs SJAM
- 3:15pm Sr. Girls Curling vs St. David
- 6:00pm Badminton Club
- EQAO Grade 9 Math Assessment
- Grade 8 visits
- Graduation photos

### Wednesday, January 18

- 2:00pm Girls Hockey vs PHS
- 2:30pm Fanime/Anime Club
- 2:40pm Reach for the Top Practice
- 2:45pm MAD Movement
- 2:45pm Strategy Games Club
- 2:45pm Healthier for Life Club meeting
- 3:30pm Sr. Girls Volleyball vs Pere-Rene-de-Galinee
- 3:30pm Jr. Girls Volleyball vs Pere-Rene-de-Galinee
- EQAO Grade 9 Math Assessment
- Graduation photos
- BENN Newsletter out

### Thursday, January 19

- 2:00pm Varsity Boys Hockey vs CHCI
- 2:30pm Yearbook Club
- 2:30pm DECA meeting
- 6:30pm Grade 8 Parent Night
- 6:30pm Cookies & Cram LINK event
- Graduation photos

## DID YOU KNOW?

**There are now over 900 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.

