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February 8, 2012

Note from Administration

WINTER IS FINALLY HERE!

And with the arrival of the cold and snow comes the possibility of bus cancellations and school closures. Our School Board does a good job of informing the local media early in the morning to ensure you know about cancellations and closures with ample time to adjust.

On the day prior to a potential snow day, students should take home materials that they may need in the event of a school closure. This is especially important as students prepare for their final evaluations and complete final projects.

In terms of school closures, bus cancellations do not mean the school is closed. Students should make every effort to safely come to school. Teachers are in classrooms and working on preparations for final evaluations, and learning continues. Students should not use bus cancellations as a reason to stay home; this may be a valuable opportunity to get some one-on-one assistance from teachers in advance of the end of the semester.

Please listen to one of the local radio stations in the morning when the weather makes a turn for the worse, or visit the [WCDSB website](#)—the **Delays/Cancellations** button in the top right corner of the screen will be your official announcement on the state of buses and schools.

Good luck to students as they prepare for final evaluations!

Administrative

Final Examination Schedule

Thursday, January 26

8:21 to 9:37: Period 2 class
9:42 to 10:58: Period 1 class or 76 min. Final Evaluation
11:03 to 12:10: Lunch
12:20 to 2:20: Period 1 two hour Final Evaluation or Credit Rescue (if required)
2:30: Bus Pickup

Friday, January 27

8:21 to 9:37: Period 3 or 4 class
9:42 to 10:58: Period 2 class or 76 min. Final Evaluation
11:03 to 12:10: Lunch
12:20 to 2:20: Period 2 two hour Final Evaluation or Credit Rescue (if required)
2:30: Bus Pickup

Monday, January 30

8:21 to 9:37: Period 5 class
9:42 to 10:58: Period 3 or 4 class or 76 min. Final Evaluation
11:03 to 12:10: Lunch
12:20 to 2:20: Period 3 or 4 two hour Final Evaluation or Credit Rescue (if required)
2:30: Bus Pickup

Tuesday, January 31

8:30 to 9:46 Period 5 76 min. Final Evaluation
8:30 to 10:30: Period 1 two hour Final Evaluation
11:03 to 12:10: Lunch
11:00 to 1:00: Period 5 Credit Rescue (if required)
10:40: Bus Pickup

Wednesday, February 1

8:30 to 10:30: Credit Rescue as arranged by teacher and student
No buses

NOTE: ALL STUDENTS ARE TO BE IN FULL UNIFORM DURING FINAL EVALUATION AND CREDIT RESCUE CLASSES



CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN CAMBRIDGE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2012

PORTUGUESE ORIENTAL CLUB
1054 Shellard Road, Cambridge

Dinner 6:30pm • Dance & Silent Auction 8:00pm

Music By *The Hurricanes*

Dinner & Dance \$100 Couple • \$60 Single

For Tickets & Info Contact:

Doug Leusink 519.241.6165

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ALL PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT SCHOOLS WITHIN
THE WATERLOO REGION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

A charitable receipt will be issued for a portion of the ticket price

Tickets are also available in the Main Office.

SAFE SCHOOLS TEAM

BY MRS. G. LEUSINK

We believe that a safe school is one of the most important factors in student achievement. If a student feels safe and has a sense of belonging, then, they can accomplish more at school. They are not afraid to participate in class or in the school community and are willing to help others.

At St. Benedict's, our safe schools initiative is linked with our transition plan. When students enter a new school, they need to feel welcomed and become a part of the community in a short time. Our LINK crew team supports this idea and works together with staff and students to ensure all students have a good start so that they can make good decisions in their educational journey.

Our Safe Schools team is comprised of the LINK crew staff (Amy Healy, Wendy Schuster, Paul Riso, John Curtis, Karla Arkell, Glenda Leusink), Sara Beyerle, Leonard Bumbacco and our parent representative is Jamilla Ivits. If you would like more information on any of the LINK initiatives, please contact [contact Glenda Leusink](#).

NEWS FROM THE CHAPLAIN

BY MR. B. REMPEL

The Christmas season is fading in our memories, but its impact remains. Besides the gifts that we continue to appreciate and use, we are also left with the incarnation of Christ. Jesus is God made real in our world. We incarnated the love of God for the world as we filled 39 baskets for Cambridge families struggling financially and 53 Xmas stockings of school supplies for children in Kenya.

We continue the incarnation as we donate funds to complete a hospital water

development project in Haiti. Children there develop severe diarrhea and without immediate treatment become dehydrated, malnourished and in the worst cases, die. Our charity/mission collection on Thursday will be used to combat cholera in Haiti.

Each month we emphasize one of the Catholic virtues. Charity is the virtue for January. The virtue of charity is not the love of things. Charity is a love for God. That love is expressed in a confident faith in the existence of God and a hope that is convinced that a better world awaits. As we

system in Haiti. One result of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti is the most devastating cholera outbreak in modern history. Over 500,000 people have become ill and more than 7000 have died. People with cholera

exercise charity, we love God in this life and long for eternity when that love can be fully expressed and fully realized.

NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

BY MRS. P. KLASSEN

GRADE 8 PARENT EVENING

Our Grade 8 Parent Night will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2012 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Please pass this along to any neighbours in your community that have a student who is scheduled to begin high school in September, 2012. All Grade 8 students, regardless of where they are attending school currently, are welcome to join our community in September. Grade 8 students who currently attend one of our feeder schools have visited our school this past week and will be provided with registration information from their current grade 8 teacher. Grade 8 students from outside of our system may pick up registration packages from the guidance office at any time. Your help in promoting our school to those in our community is greatly appreciated!

ARE YOU PLANNING TO APPLY FOR COLLEGE?

Grade 12 students who are planning to apply to college for the 2012-2013 academic year are reminded that the application deadline is quickly approaching. Please note the following:

- College applications are due February 1, 2012. Students need their OEN number (found on all report cards) to set up an account for application.
- Apply early and avoid the stress of last minute on-line delays. The OCAS site becomes overloaded as the deadlines approaches and delays are common.
- Complete your Community Service Hours as soon as possible. Completing Community Service Hours is a graduation requirement and your acceptance into a program could be delayed if you do not have this requirement completed.
- Information regarding college programs can be found at www.ontariocolleges.ca.

COURSE CHANGES FOR SECOND SEMESTER

The month of January is a great time for students who are considering a course change for second semester to see their guidance counsellor to discuss this. All timetable changes must be approved by a parent or guardian and please remember that we do not accommodate lunch changes or teacher requests. We appreciate your support in encouraging your sons and daughters to follow protocol.

Attention All Grade Nines!!

DO YOU LOVE COOKIES!?! HOW ABOUT SOME CHOCOLATE!?! NEED SOME HELP GETTING READY FOR YOUR FIRST SET OF HIGH SCHOOL EXAMS!?!

Link Crew is proud to present its annual COOKIES 'n' CRAM event this Thursday in the cafeteria from 6pm-8pm. The cost is free - just bring your studying stuff and Link Crew will gladly help get you set up for exams!! Hope to see you there!

Academics

ENRICHING THE LIVES OF STUDENTS

BY MRS. D. WITTMANN

LOOKING TO IMPROVE YOUR WRITING? READ!

READING is the best way to improve your writing, as the written word serves as the model. Enter the world of enriched story and style elements, literary devices, imagery, and figurative language.

Try reading as a writer:

Ideas: How does the writer reveal the main idea? What types of details does the writer use?

Organization: What techniques does the writer use for sequencing? How does the writer control pacing?

Voice: How does the writer put personality into the piece?

Word Choice: What techniques does the author use to make the word choice more specific, more memorable, and more effective?

Sentence Fluency: What kinds of sentence construction does the writer use?

Conventions: How does the writer use conventions to make the writing easy to read and more meaningful?

VISIT: [Read Like A Reader-Writer \(PDF\)](#)

CRUNCHED FOR TIME? READ SHORT STORIES!

BEYOND BENNY'S

BY MRS. N. OFFAK

MATH:

Canadian National Math League Contest

Annual contest with questions ranging from straightforward to challenging

Tuesday, February 14, 2012 - see website for details
<http://www.themathleague.com>

Sponsored by the University of Windsor

Centre for Education in Math & Computing Contest

Grade 9 (Pascal), Grade 10 (Cayley), Grade 11 (Fermat)
Thursday, February 23, 2012 - see website for details

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

Sponsored by the University of Waterloo

Math Circles

Free weekly enrichment activities

February 8th - April 4, 2012 - 6:30pm - 8:30pm
<http://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/events/math-circles>

Sponsored by the University of Waterloo

Think About Math Conference

A conference for Grade 9 Girls

[Apply online](#): February 2012

[Conference dates](#): Two held in May 2012

<http://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/events/tam.html>

Sponsored by the University of Waterloo

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 website for details

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

Sponsored by the Canadian Legion

Essay Writing Contest

[Submission deadline](#): February 15, 2012 - see website for details

<http://www.poeticpower.com/Contests.html>

Sponsored by Creative Communication

FRENCH LANGUAGE

The French Essay Contest

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

[Submission Deadline](#): January 2012

Story: "The Minister's Black Veil"

Author: Nathaniel Hawthorne
(1804-1864)

Hawthorne may have been inspired by a true event. A clergyman named Joseph Moody of York, Maine, nicknamed "Handkerchief Moody", accidentally killed a friend when he was a young man and wore a black veil from the man's funeral until his own death.

Story: "The Cask of Amontillado"

Author: Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849)

The story is set in a nameless Italian city in an unspecified year (possibly sometime during the 18th century) and concerns the deadly revenge taken by the narrator on a friend who he claims has insulted him. Like several of Poe's stories, and in keeping with the 19th-century fascination with the subject, the narrative revolves around a person being buried alive.

Story: "The Most Dangerous Game"

Author: Richard Connell (1893-1949)

Features a big-game hunter from New York, who falls off a yacht and swims to an isolated island in the Caribbean, and is hunted by a Russian aristocrat. The story is an inversion of the big-game hunting safaris in Africa and South America that were fashionable among wealthy Americans in the 1920s.

VISIT:

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

**WATERLOO
CATHOLIC
SKILLS**

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

Sponsored by French for the Future

MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY

Canadian Computing Competition

An opportunity for students to test their ability in designing, understanding and implementing algorithms.

Registration Deadline: February 14, 2012

Event Date: February 28, 2012

<http://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/computing.html>

Sponsored by the University of Waterloo

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/csqi...>

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

SCIENCE:

Physical Sciences & Mac

For grade 10 and 11 chemistry and physics students

Registration Deadline: February 2012

Event Date: April 2012

<http://www.science.mcmaster.ca/macsci/outreach/chem-chembio/physical-sciencesmac-activities.html>

Sponsored by McMaster University

Catalyst - Engaging Women in Engineering

An overnight conference for Grade 11 girls to experience engineering and what it is like to be a student here! Participate in a number of hands-on workshops, meet female students in engineering, compete in a design competition and experience life in residence! Spots are limited to 50 students.

Application Deadline: March 15, 2012

Event Date: May 4 to 6, 2012

<http://waterloocatalyst.ca/grade-11-girls/>

Sponsored by the University of Waterloo

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 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

COMPETITIONS

BY MRS. L. O'NEILL

The Waterloo Catholic Skills Competitions are a great way to develop your skills, learn more about your field of interest and gain some experience in an industry.

These 1 Day competitions test your knowledge and skills by creating, building, designing or fixing a project in your area of interest. Whether you're interested in Graphic Design, Carpentry, Culinary Arts, Welding or Animation, there's something for almost anyone!

[Click here](#) to see all of the available competitions this year.

The Waterloo Catholic Skills Competitions will take place during the week of March 26-30. First, second and third place winners will receive gold, silver and bronze medals for their competitions and are required to attend an award ceremony. All gold medal winners of these competitions advance to compete at a qualifying competition or provincially at the Ontario Technological Skills Competitions (OTSC).

The Ontario Technological Skills Competitions are held at RIM Park in Waterloo on April 30 to May 2, 2012. Visit www.skillsontario.com for more information.

For more information talk to one of your teachers.

Event: May & June 2012

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

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:

Katimavik

<http://www.katimavik.org>

Students aged 17 to 21 work in teams on community projects in six month themed programs. This volunteer experience develops leadership, improves understanding of environmental issues and tackles stimulating projects.

Application Deadline: Applications are now being accepted

**Programs run from July to December 2012*

Sponsored by the Government of Canada

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

Registration information on the website.

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



**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.**

Clubs and Athletics

Saints Invitational a SLAM DUNK!

By Mr. J. VALE

St. Benedict welcomed 32 teams from across Ontario during the weekend of January 13-14 for the 24th Annual Saints Invitational. This year's tournament once again drew in some elite teams from across the province which made for an exciting weekend of basketball for both players and spectators.

The St. Benedict Saints had a terrific run to the tournament's Championship Quarterfinals. With an energetic crowd on hand Friday afternoon, the Saints opened the tournament with a tough matchup against a very sizeable opponent in North Park (Brantford). After getting down early, the Saints clawed back and were able to force overtime with a last second three pointer



Midget Boys Basketball

**Saints 43, St. David 15
Resurrection 28, Saints 27
Saints 36, Resurrection 19
Saints 48, St. Mary's 29**

Junior Boys Basketball

**St. Mary's 51, Saints 14
Saints 63, Woodland 20
St. David 46, Saints 35**

Senior Boys Basketball

**St. Mary's 61, Saints 41
Resurrection 56, Saints 38
Saints 51, St. David 20**

by standout forward Kueth Geng. With the home fans cheering them on, the Saints were able to complete the comeback with a 46-43 victory.

The win set up a second round game with a fiesty squad from Eastwood Collegiate (Kitchener). This game was a true roller coaster affair as there were several lead changes over the course of the game. In the end, the leadership and toughness of point guard Santo Dak led the Saints to another win, 52-44.

District 8 powerhouse St. Mary's Eagles were the next team in the Saints' path. The Saints began the game matching the Eagles shot for shot and once again were poised for a major upset. With 8 minutes to go, the teams were tied 37-37, however, the Eagles went on a 14-2 run and eventually pulled away for a 57-50 victory.

Overall, the Saints had an inspired weekend of basketball and hope to carry some of this momentum into the next part of their league play.

Congratulations to St. Basil's (Sault. Ste. Marie) for winning this year's Consolation Championship and Notre Dame (Burlington) for being crowned this year's tournament Champions.

JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

BY MISS A. KREUGER

The junior girls volleyball team faced St. David's on Tuesday December 20th and competed well. Unfortunately, the girls came up short and lost in three straight sets.

Last Tuesday the girls played their first game of the new year against Woodland Christian. The girls put forth a good effort but were defeated 3 sets to none.

On Monday the girls played St. Mary's. Despite their best efforts, they lost 3-0.

Come out to support our girls today as they take on Pere Rene.

STAY UP TO DATE WITH DISTRICT 8 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>.

VARSITY GIRLS HOCKEY

BY MS. A. HANLEY

The girls varsity hockey team battled hard on Tuesday December 20th against Huron Heights. Despite the girls best efforts Huron was victorious. Honorable mention goes to Kelly Melo who scored the only Saints goal of the game.

VARSITY BOYS HOCKEY SAINTS STRUGGLE AFTER PROMISING START

BY MR. N. O'CONNOR

After a promising 3 and 0 start to the season, the Varsity Boys Hockey team is now on a six game losing streak. The Saints are in jeopardy of missing the playoffs if they do not secure points in their three remaining season games against Cameron Heights, Preston HS and Grand River.

The Saints took part in the North American High School Hockey Prospects Showcase in Kingston on December 18th and 19th, 2011. They competed against three hockey prep. schools from Quebec, completing the tournament with one tie and two losses. The boys were transported in style by Bill, a former St. Benedict student and Saint for life.

Upcoming games:

January 19th at 2:00pm vs Cameron Heights at Hespeler Arena

Junior Girls Volleyball

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

Senior Girls Volleyball

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

February 8th at 2:00pm vs Preston at Preston Arena
February 9th at 3:15pm vs Grand River at Kiwanis Arena

MIDGET BOYS BASKETBALL

BY MRS. L. EDWARDS

Our Midget Boys Basketball Team travelled to Resurrection where they had hoped to continue their winning streak.

They were confident and scored quickly gaining control of the court to receive an uncontested win with a score of 43 - 15 against St. David's Celtics.

Our game against Resurrection required focus and patience. The talent on the Phoenix Team was an even match to our Saints. Our boys played a very organized first half and outplayed Resurrection to established a substantial lead going into half time. Unfortunately, we had some difficulty with our shots at the beginning of the second half, and Rez took advantage of the opportunity to close the gap. We played point for point, but Rez took a one point lead 27 - 28, with a buzzer beater shot.

Last week the team met Rez on home court, and it was exciting! After losing their previous game to Rez by 1 point, the boys walked onto the court determined to make a change. They scored the first basket of the game and that set the tone for the game. They were confident and organized. They took smart shots and utilized each other on the court. The Saints went into half time with an 18 point lead. In the second half, Rez out played us and out scored us, but they were unable to close the gap. They finished the game 36 - 19.

In the second game of that night, the Saints took on St. Mary's, but our boys were tired. They had a hard time rallying as a team and Mary's took a small lead. With the desire to advance to first place, the Saints slowly pulled it together. They changed their focus and began to play smart, going into half time 33 - 18. Although they struggled with their court play, the Saints were able to continue with a healthy lead and finished the game 48 - 29.

The double win moved St. Benedict's Midget Boys into first place! They will now play in the playoffs tomorrow afternoon at St. Mary's High School, where one school will be crowned league champion.

MIDGET BOYS BASKETBALL

PLAYOFFS

St Mary's HS, Thursday, January 19

Semi-finals:

(1st) St. Benedict's vs (4th) St. David's at 3:30 pm
(2nd) Resurrection vs (3rd) St. Mary's at 4:30

Finals:

Bronze Game @ 6:00
Gold vs. Silver @ 7:00

Come on out and cheer on your boys midget basketball team!

SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

BY MR. K. FRATARCANGELI

The Senior Boys Basketball team took on a solid Resurrection squad before the Christmas break. The boys battled hard and were down 6 points at the end of the 3rd quarter. However, Resurrection proved to be too much and took the victory 56 to 38.

WRESTLING

BY Miss D. COSTA

The fourth tournament took place this past Friday, January 13th where the Saints fought hard to bring home some medals. Sarah Fournier, in her toughest battle yet, represented Benny's Saints with a gold medal, while Kennedy Thompson was right behind with a silver medal.

Congratulations to the girls who keep St. Benedict a force to be reckoned with.

YEARBOOK CLUB

BY MR. J. CURTIS

All yearbook club members are asked to attend a very important staff meeting this Thursday, after school, in Room 216. We will be discussing plans for the second semester and we need everyone to attend the meeting.

MAD MOVEMENT MEETING

BY MRS. M. ROCHA

Are you passionate about pro-life issues? Did you attend the March for Life in Ottawa last year? Do you want to attend the March for Life in Ottawa this year in May? If you answered yes to any of these questions then you should attend A Culture of Life Leadership Conference on February 10th.

Information and permission forms are on the MAD Bulletin board on the 2nd floor or see Mrs. Rocha for more details. There are limited spots available, so act fast!

ROBOTICS CLUB

BY MRS. M. BOOTH

Robotics Club will meet in A3 to work on competition robots Friday after school. Be there if you aren't too busy with exam prep.

Student Activities

CHRISTMAS RECAP

Welcome to a brand new year from student council. Just before the break our school had been transformed with decorations to celebrate the Christmas season! There were lots of activities going on around the school to start Christmas celebrations. Some of the celebrations included:

- A Christmas song trivia contest that Ms. Bewick's homeroom class won.
- Classes spent time decorating their classroom doors with all kinds of creative Christmas décor. After much discussion and deliberation congratulations went to Mr. Bailey's period 3 class for the best door decoration (see included pictures) and an honourable mention went to Ms.

CULTURE OF LIFE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

2012
Diocese of Hamilton



When: Friday, February 10, 2012

Where: Nicholas Mancini Center, 44 Hunt Street, Hamilton
(behind the Cathedral of Christ the King)

Format: A one day conference, beginning with a liturgy at 9:30 am and ending with mass, celebrated by Bishop Douglas Crosby beginning at 2 pm.

Cost: FREE! Includes the activities of the day and lunch

Guest Speakers:

Scott Klusendorf: an abortion survivor who asks us to view this issue from the heart and with the future in mind

Former Students from Culture of Life Groups will share their experiences with prolife involvement since leaving their school clubs

Fernandes' period 4 class.

- Students wore red or green or ugly Christmas sweaters with uniform bottoms on Wednesday, and enjoyed some free cookies and milk available for all students at lunch.
- A special appearance by Santa for pictures.
- An action packed Christmas assembly Friday during period 5. Mr. Vrabec's class had front row VIP seats for the assembly because they had won the Christmas around the world trivia contest.

Thanks to all classes for participating in the festivities and Merry Christmas to all from student council!



SPIRIT DAYS

Wednesdays at St Benedict are known as *spirit days*.

During these days students can wear sweaters and T-shirts that represent various clubs and teams and show school involvement and spirit. These tops are always worn with uniform bottoms. Once or twice a month there are special spirit days in which all students are invited to wear a different top to show their school spirit. For example just before Christmas students could "wear an ugly Christmas sweater" or red or green top on Wednesday. Tops worn on these days must be school appropriate, or students will be asked to change into complete uniform.

Today was a Harry Potter spirit day. Students were encouraged to wear the various colours for the houses in Harry Potter which are:

Grade 9: Hufflepuff yellow

Grade 10: Ravenclaw blue

Grade 11: Slytherin green

Grade 12: Gryffindor red

Spiritwear for all students will be available from the SAC office in second semester—watch out for more details.

Other News

This is a reminder that parents need to provide information about their child's or children's immunization history directly to [Public Health](#). This information is not provided to Public Health by the child's health care provider.

Please note that incomplete or out of date immunization records may result in your child being suspended from school, as per the Immunization of School Pupil's Act.

Please call 519-883-2007 ext 6182 or visit <https://e-immunization.regionofwaterloo.ca> to update your child's or children's immunization records by phone or online.

Please remember that each time your child receives a new vaccine you need to inform [Public Health](#).



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

CPL LIBRARY STAFF

Poem-A-Day Poetry Contest call for submissions: The 6th annual Poem-A-Day Poetry Contest, sponsored by the Cambridge Libraries and the Cambridge Centre for the Arts, is open to poets of all ages. Enter online at www.cambridgelibraries.ca from New Year's Day to Valentine's Day and celebrate Poetry Month!

Printmaking and Design for teens! Saturdays, starting January 21st from 1:00 to 2:30 pm at Clemens Mill Library: Create art with printmaking techniques taught by a professional art instructor from Cambridge Galleries. Registration information online at www.cambridgelibraries.ca or just ask at the library!

Upcoming Events

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

Friday, January 20

2:45pm Doctor Who Video Club
7:00pm Junior drama class performance

Monday, January 23

2:30pm Camera Club
2:40pm Math Club
3:00pm Girls Hockey practice

Tuesday, January 24

6:00pm Badminton Club

Wednesday, January 25

2:30pm Fanime/Anime Club
2:40pm Reach for the Top Practice
2:45pm MAD Movement
2:45pm Strategy Games Club

Thursday, January 26

7:00pm School Council meeting
Final evaluation days (attendance required)

Friday, February 3

3:00pm Girls Hockey practice
Professional Activity Day
Sr. Boys Basketball @ 68th Annual Blackball Classic

Saturday, February 4

Sr. Boys Basketball @ 68th Annual Blackball Classic

Monday, February 6

2:30pm Camera Club
2:40pm Math Club
3:30pm Sr. Girls Volleyball @ Monsignor Doyle
3:30pm Jr. Girls Volleyball @ Monsignor Doyle
3:30pm Jr. Boys Basketball vs Monsignor Doyle
5:00pm Sr. Boys Basketball vs Monsignor Doyle
Start of Semester 2

Tuesday, February 7

2:00pm Girls Hockey vs CHCI
6:00pm Badminton Club

Wednesday, February 8

2:00pm Varsity Boys Hockey vs PHS
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 Rockway MC
3:30pm Jr. Girls Volleyball vs Rockway MC
4:00pm Jr. Boys Basketball @ Rockway MC
4:00pm Sr. Boys Basketball @ Rockway MC
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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,

Friday, January 27

Final evaluation days (attendance required)

Monday, January 30

Final evaluation days (attendance required)

Tuesday, January 31

Final evaluation days (attendance required)

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...

Thank you to those who have taken time to provide us with feedback. 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.

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