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Spread the Word!

GRADE 8 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Our annual grade 8 parent information night will be held on Thursday, January 17, with a start time of 6:30pm. Parents interested in having their grade 8 sons and daughters attend St. Benedict should plan to attend this informative evening. There will be presentations by administration, guidance, and you will get a chance to see all the exciting opportunities the St. Benedict community has to offer your child.

– Editor

BENNY'S IN THE LOCAL MEDIA

CAMBRIDGE TIMES: [Bennies students win French video award](#)
CAMBRIDGE TIMES: [Saints Invitational a go for 25th year](#)

Administrative

25th Annual Saints' Invitational Boys Basketball Tournament

Friday, January 11 to Saturday, January 12



This weekend, our school will be hosting our 25th Annual Saints' Invitational Boys Basketball Tournament. It will feature sixteen senior teams and eight junior teams from across Ontario, many of them being the best in their areas. It will be a great weekend of basketball you don't want to miss!

Our Senior Saints play at lunch on Friday and then at either 3:30pm or 5:00pm. Our Juniors will start their round robin play at 8:00pm.

Get your tournament passes from any of our boys basketball players, or at the door. Passes are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults and are good for all games at St. Benedict, Jacob Hespeler and Monsignor Doyle. This includes the Championship finals.

Championship Saturday Night at St. Benedict features the Junior Final at 6:00pm and then the Senior Championship Final at 8pm. Both games will be broadcasted on Rogers Cable 20. Don't miss the action and get your tickets before they are sold out.

THE FILL YOUR TIRE CAMPAIGN

BY KIRSTEN LEUSINK

Before the Christmas break, the SAC team held a school-wide Canadian Tire Money campaign. During period 3 students and staff had the opportunity to bring in Canadian Tire money (or regular money) in order to support the Christmas baskets. The race was on for the individual grades and staff to reach their goal of \$400. As the collections took place, students and staff could check out their "class tire" in the Student Council window to see how they were doing.

The grade 10's got off to a strong start and kept the lead the entire way throughout the campaign. Our school principal, Mr. Witt, allowed all groups to earn a civics day in January while donating to a good cause as long as they reached their goal. By the time the campaign wrapped up, Bennies staff and students collected \$1165.

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Of this money, \$400 worth of Canadian Tire money was collected. Not too bad since some students didn't even know what Canadian Tire money was when the campaign started.

Our school donated sixteen \$25 Canadian Tire gift cards and seventeen \$45 Wal-Mart gift cards to the Firefighters to support the baskets that needed something extra.

A big thanks goes out to all those people who helped with collections, counting (especially two special secretaries in the office) and all those people who donated. Grade 10's can look forward to their civics day in January – to be announced after Christmas! Way to go Saints!

Final Examination Schedule

Thursday, January 24

8:20 to 9:35: Period 2 class
9:40 to 10:55: Period 1 class or 75 min. Final Evaluation
11:00 to 12:10: Lunch
12:15 to 2:15: Period 1 two hour Final Evaluation or Credit Rescue (if required)
2:30: Bus Pickup

Friday, January 25

8:20 to 9:35: Period 3 class
9:40 to 10:55: Period 2 class or 75 min. Final Evaluation
11:00 to 12:10: Lunch
12:15 to 2:15: Period 2 two hour Final Evaluation or Credit Rescue (if required)
2:30: Bus Pickup

Monday, January 28

8:20 to 9:35: Period 4 class
9:40 to 10:55: Period 3 class or 75 min. Final Evaluation
11:00 to 12:10: Lunch
12:15 to 2:15: Period 3 two hour Final Evaluation or Credit Rescue (if required)
2:30: Bus Pickup

Tuesday, January 29

8:30 to 9:45: Period 4 75 min. Final Evaluation
8:30 to 10:30: Period 4 two hour Final Evaluation
11:03 to 12:10: Lunch
11:00 to 1:00: Period 4 Credit Rescue (if required)
10:40: Bus Pickup

Wednesday, January 30

8:30 to 10:30: Credit Rescue as arranged by teacher and student

No buses

NOTE:

- 1. All students are expected to be in full uniform during Final Evaluation and Credit Rescue classes.**
- 2. This schedule could change in the event of a school bus cancellation or school closure.**

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER...

For up-to-date information on school bus delays, cancellations and school closures, please visit the Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region website (www.stswr.ca).

Information about student transportation cancellations or school closings due to severe

ATTENTION GRADE 9'S!

Would you like some extra help getting ready for exams?

Do you like cookies and hot chocolate?

Want to hang out with your friends and super awesome Link Crew leaders?

weather is also available through the following media outlets: KFUN FM 99.5, KOOL FM 105.3, CKGL AM 570, CHYM FM 96.7, DAVE FM 107.5, CJOY "Magic" FM 106.1, CKWR FM 98.5, KICX FM 106.7, CKBT "The Beat" FM 91.5, FAITH FM 94.3, and CTV - Southwestern Ontario

NOTE: Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) Trips will be cancelled when ALL YELLOW SCHOOL BUSES are not running for the WCSDB.

Then come on out to Cookies 'n' Cram next Thursday, December 17th from 6-8pm in the cafeteria! Your Link Crew leaders will be there with exam review and practice questions from all subject areas.... as well as some snacks!

See you there!

Academics

ENRICHING THE LIVES OF STUDENTS

BY MRS. D. WITTMANN

SCIENTISTS DEBUNK THE IQ MYTH: NOTION OF MEASURING ONE'S INTELLIGENCE QUOTIENT BY SINGULAR, STANDARDIZED TEST IS HIGHLY MISLEADING

Dec. 19, 2012 – After conducting the largest online intelligence study on record, a Western University-led research team has concluded that the notion of measuring one's intelligence quotient or IQ by a singular, standardized test is highly misleading.

The findings from the landmark study, which included more than 100,000 participants, were published Dec. 19 in the journal *Neuron*. The article, "Fractionating human intelligence," was written by Adrian M. Owen and Adam Hampshire from Western's Brain and Mind Institute (London, Canada) and Roger Highfield, Director of External Affairs, Science Museum Group (London, U.K).

Utilizing an online study open to anyone, anywhere in the world, the researchers asked respondents to complete 12 cognitive tests tapping memory, reasoning, attention and planning abilities, as well as a survey about their background and lifestyle habits.

"The uptake was astonishing," says Owen, the Canada Excellence Research Chair in Cognitive Neuroscience and Imaging and senior investigator on the project. "We expected a few hundred responses, but thousands and thousands of people took part, including people of all ages, cultures and creeds from every corner of the world."

UPCOMING ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

BY MRS. D. TRENTINI

Canadian National Math League Contest

The Math League, University of Windsor

Annual contest with questions ranging from straightforward to challenging
Upcoming contest dates: Jan. 8, Feb. 12, Mar. 12

For more information, please visit: themathleague.com

Young Writers Poetry Contest

Poetry Institute of Canada

Poetry contest: Children ages 7-12;
Youth ages 13-17 & Short story contest: ages 7-18
Submission deadlines: March 1, 2013 for short stories. For more information, please visit: youngwritersofcanada.ca

Poetry & Essay Writing Contest

Creative Communication

Fall, spring and summer contests for poetry and essays in grade divisions: K-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12
Submission deadlines: Poetry: April 11 & Aug. 15, 2013 & Essays: Feb. 19 & July 16, 2013
For more information, please visit: poeticpower.com
poeticpower.com/Contest.html

The results showed that when a wide range of cognitive abilities are explored, the observed variations in performance can only be explained with at least three distinct components: short-term memory, reasoning and a verbal component.

Please Note: In the Grade 12 Interdisciplinary Course for Autonomous students (IDC4U), we look at both critical and creative thought and the importance of developing both thought processes to their fullest potential.

For further information:

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2012/12/121219133334.htm>

<http://www.ctvnews.ca/health/iq-as-a-measure-of-intelligence-is-a-myth-says-western-u-team-1.1085753>

<http://www.cell.com/neuron/retrieve/pii/S0896627312005843>

Engineering Science Quest

University of Waterloo

Students in grade 9 and above can apply for activity and/or program leader positions at this popular science camp. Junior leaders earn community service hours. Resumes due: December 2012 and January 2013. For more information, please visit: esq.uwaterloo.ca

Athletics

JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL UPDATE

BY MR. J. CURTIS

Week Three

The second-place Woodland Christian team came face-to-face with a Benny's team determined to fight for every point. Although there were some early miscues, the Saints gave it everything they had only to lose in four sets (15-25, 17-25, 25-21, 20-25). Afifa Salad provided amazing play from all over the court, while Abby Van Gronigen remained solid in the back court playing with her heart.

Later in the week, the team was hoping to regain their early-season confidence against the fourth-place St. Mary's Eagles. Although the girls came out strong, pushing the Eagles to use all their secret weapons in a close first set, the unfortunate injuries and ill-timed mistakes hurt the Benny's team and they never recovered, losing three sets straight (19-25, 14-25, and 12-25). Once again, Hayley Hanson demonstrated confident leadership throughout the match and Afifa Salad dazzled the crowd with unbelievable returns using all parts of her body to keep the ball off the ground and over the net.

Week Four

On Monday, the Junior Girls Volleyball team struggled against a scrappy Monsignor Doyle team, losing three straight hard-fought sets (21-25, 19-25, 19-25). Despite the difficult season so far, the girls remain optimistic and hope to find the magic ingredient that will lift this talented team to victory. Hayley Hanson continues to drive this team with consistent play at the net and on the service line.

Later in the week, the girls turned things around with a solid 3-1 match (25-12, 20-25, 25-22, 25-7) against Rockway, heading into the Christmas break with an encouraging performance. Madi Kerr, Brooke Dempsey and Nadine Bilodeau dominated the front line with numerous kills on unsuspecting Flames, while Victoria Enright and Natalie Vaivada provided serves that confounded

BENNY BOX SCORES

Midget Boys Basketball

Saints 66, St. David 11

Saints 40, Resurrection 39

Junior Boys Basketball

Saints 44, St. Mary's 38

Saints 39, Msgr. Doyle 32

Senior Boys Basketball

St. Mary's 71, **Saints 58**

Saints 62, Msgr. Doyle 40

Saints 97, Rockway 62

Junior Girls Volleyball

Saints 3, Rockway 1

Senior Girls Volleyball

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

Saints 3, Rockway 2

the Rockway defence. Alyssa Mason provided the heroics time and time again, digging impossible shots to keep rallies—and the team's hopes—alive.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Junior Boys

The St. Benedict Saints Junior boys basketball team has had nothing short of a spectacular start to the season. To go along with many personal accomplishments, the team has a tournament championship under its belt, and holds an amazing 15-1 record on the season going into the Christmas break. They closed out the first half of their season with another win defeating Rockway 61 to 38. Top scorers for the Saints were Carter Johnson and Justin Malnerich with 13 points and Lucas Cardso with 11.

They currently sit tied atop the D8 rankings with a 6-1 mark, and continue to cause problems for all opponents with their superb defence. League play resumes on our home court on Wednesday, January 9th against rival St. David's. The Saints will be working hard to continue their tremendous season.

Senior Boys

The Senior boys basketball team took care of business last night defeating Rockway 97 to 62. Omar Comanto led the way with 25 points and Aaron Zammit chipped in 18. With the win the Saints moved into second spot in the league with a 5 and 2 record.

Midget Boys

The Midget Boys continued their winning as they claimed a second victory over St. David's with a 66 - 11 win. During the second game that day, the boys battled in a "point for point" game against Resurrection, in which they took a 32-30 win.

GIRLS HOCKEY

The Girls Hockey team competed in the All Catholic High School tournament on the Wednesday before Christmas break. In their first game, the girls faced a tough opponent in St. Mary's and fell in a 2 - 1 decision.

In their second game the girls prevailed in a shootout against St. David's. In the third game of the day the girls would face off against Bishop MacDonald from Guelph. Hailey Hanson scored two goals, Jess MacDonald had one and Britney Petit scored the team's fourth goal. Emily Kovacs had the shut out in the 4 - 0 win.

All the girls played great to finish second overall in the tournament. Way to go Saints!

DISTRICT 8 SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

BY MRS. J. MUSCAT

Congratulations to the swim team who competed in the district 8 swimming championships last Thursday night. After 3 hours of intense competition, the girls won 2nd place overall and the boys won 3rd overall. Several swimmers "splashed" away the competition and will be representing St. Benedict at CWOSSA in February. They are: The Junior Girls Medley Relay of Sara Sue-

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>.

Ping, Meagan Byrne, Mara Dodig, and Amy Pinteiro

The Senior Girls Free Relay of Krystal McLean, Dana Milani, Sarah Pellegrino, and Trish Oei

Individuals who won are:

Sarah Sue-Ping in the 100m Individual Medley

Dana Milani in 50m Backstroke

Noah Thomas in 200m Freestyle

and Ben Taborek in 50 Free, 100 Free, and 50 Butterfly

Clubs

ACTIVITIES AT ST. BENEDICT'S

With the change in our school schedule back to the common lunch, many new opportunities are now available to our students. Here is our current list of activities:

	Before school	At lunch	After school
Monday	Breakfast at Benny's	Homework help (room 123) Art club (room 217) Fitness Center open (weight room) Saturday morning cartoons (Sem 2.1) Intramurals: indoor soccer (gym) Puzzles club (room 214)	Camera club (room 216) Cross Country training
Tuesday	Breakfast at Benny's	Artistic License (room 303) Homework help (room 123) Fitness Center open (weight room) Saints 4 Life Club (room 321) Saturday morning cartoons (Sem 2.1) Self Defense and Conditioning club (Gym 1) Science Team (room 314) ** Intramurals: floor hockey (gym) Puzzles club (room 214) Glee club (room 103)	Badminton club at 6:00pm (gym) Cross Country training
Wednesday	Breakfast at Benny's	Homework help (room 123) Active & Friends (room 106) DECA Business club (room 216) Fitness Center open (weight room) Lost club (room 125) Saturday morning cartoons (Sem 2.1) Intramurals: basketball (gym) Puzzles club (room 214) Wednesdays with Marilyn (room 124) Welding club (Annex room A4)	Anime club (room 210) Cross Country training
Thursday	Breakfast at Benny's	Homework help (room 123) Making a Difference (MAD) (room 321) Saturday morning cartoons (Sem 2.1) Eco Team (room 314)** Intramurals: fitness (gym) Puzzles club (room 214)	Women in Motion (Weight room) Yearbook club (room 216) Cross Country training Games club (room 125)

		Ultimate Frisbee club (gym)	
		Glee club (room 103)	
		Homework help (room 123)	
		Fitness Center open (weight room)	Cross Country training
Friday	Breakfast at Benny's	Lost club (room 125)	Doctor Who Video club (room 226)
		Saturday morning cartoons (Sem 2.1)	
		Intramurals: volleyball (gym)	

** Meets every second week.

New clubs, teams, and events are being added regularly... listen to the announcements, and check out the Ranger system and our school website.

If you have any ideas for a new club or activity, talk to one of your teachers, or someone on SAC. Make it happen!

Student Activities

THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK



Anne Frank was a young Jewish girl that wrote her experience of being in hiding during the holocaust in her personal diary. Unfortunately Anne and her family were discovered and she later died in a concentration camp. Her story lives on because her diary was published and made into a play. The St. Benedict Arts Department is proud to announce that The Diary of Anne Frank will be presented here by our talented student actors.

Show dates are: Friday January 11, Tuesday January 15, and Wednesday January 16 at 7 pm. Tickets are \$5 for students, and \$10 for adults.

"INTO THE WOODS" AUDITIONS

"INTO THE WOODS" will be holding auditions for members of the band on Thursday, January 10 from 2:40 to 3:30. Sign up for a time in Room 101. Instruments which are needed include violin, viola, cello, bass, piano, percussion, flute, clarinet, french horn, and trumpet.

Other News

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, January 9

- 2:35pm Anime Club
- 2:35pm Reach for the Top
- 2:45pm Homework Club
- 3:30pm Jr. Boys Basketball vs St. David
- 3:30pm Jr. Girls Volleyball @ St. David
- 3:30pm Sr. Girls Volleyball @ St. David
- 5:00pm Sr. Boys Basketball vs St. David
- Spirit Day
- BENN Newsletter release

Thursday, January 10

Thursday, January 17

- 10:55am Homework help
- 11:00am Ultimate Club
- 11:00am Glee club
- 11:00am Making A Difference Club
- 11:00am Eco Team
- 11:00am Saturday morning cartoons
- 11:00am Intramurals: fitness
- 11:00am Puzzles Club
- 2:00pm Boys Hockey vs BCI at HESPELER 2
- 2:35pm Girls' Workout club
- 2:40pm Games club

8:20am Graduation photos
10:55am Homework help
11:00am Ultimate Club
11:00am Glee club
11:00am Making A Difference Club
11:00am Saturday morning cartoons
11:00am Intramurals: fitness
11:00am Puzzles Club
2:00pm Boys Hockey vs GRCI at KINSMEN
2:35pm Girls' Workout club
2:40pm Games club
2:40pm Yearbook Club
2:40pm INTO THE WOODS Band auditions

Friday, January 11

8:20am Graduation photos
10:55am Homework help
11:00am Lost Club
11:00am Fitness Centre open
11:00am Saturday morning cartoons
11:00am Intramurals: volleyball
11:00am Accepting Differences Club
2:40pm Doctor Who Video Club
2:40pm Robotics Club
7:00pm Diary of Anne Frank
Sr. Boys Invitational Basketball Tournament

Saturday, January 12

Sr. Boys Invitational Basketball Tournament

Monday, January 14

10:55am Homework help
11:00am Art Club
11:00am Fitness Centre open
11:00am Saturday morning cartoons
11:00am Intramurals: indoor soccer
11:00am Puzzles Club
11:00am Accepting Differences Club
2:40pm Camera Club
2:45pm Homework Club
3:30pm Jr. Girls Volleyball vs Pere Rene
3:30pm Sr. Girls Volleyball vs Pere Rene

Tuesday, January 15

10:55am Homework help
11:00am Self Defense and Conditioning Club
11:00am Glee club
11:00am Fitness Centre open
11:00am Saturday morning cartoons
11:00am Intramurals: floor hockey
11:00am Puzzles Club
11:00am Artistic License
11:00am Saints 4 Life
2:30pm U. of Windsor math contest
6:00pm Badminton club, 6:00-7:30
7:00pm Diary of Anne Frank
EQAO Grade 9 math assessment

2:40pm Yearbook Club
6:00pm Cookies 'n' Cram study night
6:30pm Grade 8 parent night

Friday, January 18

10:55am Homework help
11:00am Lost Club
11:00am Fitness Centre open
11:00am Saturday morning cartoons
11:00am Intramurals: volleyball
11:00am Accepting Differences Club
2:40pm Doctor Who Video Club

Monday, January 21

10:55am Homework help
11:00am Art Club
11:00am Fitness Centre open
11:00am Saturday morning cartoons
11:00am Intramurals: indoor soccer
11:00am Puzzles Club
2:40pm Camera Club
2:45pm Homework Club

Tuesday, January 22

10:55am Homework help
11:00am Self Defense and Conditioning Club
11:00am Glee club
11:00am Science Team
11:00am Fitness Centre open
11:00am Saturday morning cartoons
11:00am Intramurals: floor hockey
11:00am Puzzles Club
11:00am Artistic License
11:00am Saints 4 Life
6:00pm Badminton club, 6:00-7:30

Wednesday, January 23

10:55am Homework help
11:00am Lost Club
11:00am DECA Business Club
11:00am Fitness Centre open
11:00am Saturday morning cartoons
11:00am Intramurals: basketball
11:00am Puzzles Club
11:00am Welding Club
11:00am Wednesdays with Marilyn
11:00am ACTIVE and Friends
2:35pm Anime Club
2:35pm Reach for the Top
2:45pm Homework Club
Spirit Day
BENN Newsletter release

Thursday, January 24-Tuesday, January 29

Final Evaluations (attendance mandatory)

Thursday, January 24

7:00pm Parent Council meeting

Wednesday, January 16

10:55am Homework help
11:00am Lost Club
11:00am DECA Business Club
11:00am Fitness Centre open
11:00am Saturday morning cartoons
11:00am Intramurals: basketball
11:00am Puzzles Club
11:00am Welding Club
11:00am Wednesdays with Marilyn
11:00am ACTIVE and Friends
2:35pm Anime Club
2:35pm Reach for the Top
2:45pm Homework Club
3:30pm Jr. Boys Basketball vs Resurrection
3:30pm Jr. Girls Volleyball @ Resurrection
3:30pm Sr. Girls Volleyball @ Resurrection
5:00pm Sr. Boys Basketball vs Resurrection
7:00pm Diary of Anne Frank
EQAO Grade 9 math assessment
Spirit Day

Wednesday, January 30

Credit Rescue (as necessary)

Friday, February 1

Professional activity day

Monday, February 4

Semester 2 begins

DID YOU KNOW?

There are over 1600 entries on our school calendar on the website!

This means plenty of opportunities for your son or daughter to get involved!

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, go to **Benny's News ► Calendar of Events**.

Miscellaneous

HAS YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER LEFT THE ST. BENEDICT COMMUNITY?

If you are no longer associated with St. Benedict's and want to be removed from the BENN mailing list, simply [email us](#) and you will be promptly removed from the mailing list.

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.

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.

