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A Chance to Chat...

By now you should have seen your son's or daughter's progress report and you've had a chance to chat about it. I hope that part of the conversation is perhaps about the two of you—you *and your son or daughter*—getting together with the teacher for a chat. Ultimately we all have the same goal: success for the student.

Teachers are a busy bunch. As are parents. But student–parent–teacher conferencing tomorrow is an opportunity for all parties to sit down and evaluate the status quo, and see what needs to be done to help the student achieve greater success.

If you feel your son or daughter needs extra support, you can speak to their administrator or guidance counsellor. Visit the Student Success room. Ask questions.

An old Croatian saying states that *tko pita ne skita*—he who asks does not wander. We don't want your son or daughter to wander their way through high school. We want to give them the tools that will make them a positive contributor of society, and make them someone we can all be proud of.

Come on in. Let's chat.

— Editor

Benny's in the Local Media

Cambridge Times: [Brimo wins third D–8 title](#)

THE RECORD: [Ghazarian running away from local competition](#)

CKCO News: [\[video\] St. Benedict stuns Eastwood in WCSSAA](#)

CKCO News: [\[video\] More than 300 international students in Wate..](#)

Administrative



**Service to/from St. Benedict
Catholic Secondary School
Thursday, October 17, 2013**

Morning Service to the school: regularly scheduled times.

Dismissal from the school, buses depart at 12:10pm, regular routing
Position 1 Cooper-Winston Special to Franklin at Winston
Position 2 Poplar-Baldwin Special to Guelph at Fisher Mills
Position 3 Melran Special to Adler at Cooper

Regular service options:
Route 53 to Hespeler Terminal at 12:02pm and 12:32pm
Route 60 to Cambridge Centre at 12:16pm
Route 75 to Cambridge Centre at 12:05pm and 12:35pm

For more information refer to our website at <http://www.grt.ca>

News from the Guidance Department

By MRS. P. KLASSEN

Academic Awards Night

On Thursday, October 10, the gymnasium was filled with proud students, parents and teachers who gathered to celebrate the academic accomplishments of the 2012-13 school year. Subject awards were presented to students who had achieved one of the two highest marks awarded in all grade 9, 10 and 11 courses offered at all academic levels. Honour roll recognition was given to students who achieved averages of 80%, 85% and 90%, over the course of both semesters, in a full course load of 8 subjects.

In addition to subject awards and honour roll recognition, several other students were also recognized for outstanding achievements at local math contests where our school was represented very favourably. We were also very pleased to welcome Mr. Rebel Storms, a community member, who attended the evening to present the “Thomas C. Rawley Memorial Scholarship” to Emily Darling, a current grade 12 student. This scholarship has been granted to our school by Judy Rawley, in memory of Tom, a long-time friend and volunteer with the St. Benedict business classes, who passed away in September, 2011 after a courageous battle with cancer. The intent of the scholarship is to recognize a student for their “Spirit of Entrepreneurism.” Congratulations Emily!

Following the program in the gymnasium, attendees were able to enjoy a reception in the atrium where they were treated to delicious refreshments that were both prepared and served by our capable OYAP hospitality students.

A huge thank-you goes to Mrs. Kathy Menjolian for her outstanding effort in organizing this celebration of academic success! Her tremendous organization skills were evident throughout the course of the evening and were much appreciated by all who were present.

Students who were eligible to receive an award and unable to attend the event, may pick up their awards in the Guidance Office.

Progress Reports

Progress report cards were sent home with all students on Tuesday, October 15. If you have not seen this report as of yet, please be sure to ask your son or daughter about the report that they should have received from their period one teacher. Although this report does not have grades, it still contains valuable information with regard to learning skills and general success. Please note that Parent/Teacher/Student interviews for first semester will take place this Thursday, October 17 from 1:00 – 8:00 PM.

Grade Nine “Take Our Kids to Work Day”

On November 6, thousands of grade 9 students across Canada will have the opportunity to spend the day at work, job shadowing a parent, relative, friend or a volunteer host. It is our hope that all grade nine St. Benedict students will be able to participate in this worthwhile event which among other things, allows students to explore career options in a very practical way. If you have a student in grade nine, they will be receiving a package about this event next week in their period one class early next week. In order to participate in this event, students must return their parent permission form to their period one teacher by Friday, November 1. Students who do not participate in this event are expected to be in their regular classes on November 6.

University Information Presentation (UIP) Night – Coming Soon!!

Once again, St. Benedict will be the host site for the Cambridge area, UIP night. This event is scheduled for Thursday, November 7 and will run from 7 PM – 9 PM. All 21 Ontario universities will have representatives at this event. This is a great opportunity for parents and students to learn more about specific universities and the programs that they offer. Attendees will be able to attend 3, 30 minutes presentations which will be followed by a “walk about.” We hope to see lots of you there.

Post-Secondary Timeline

1. College and University visits being held at our school will come to a close during the month of November. All remain visits are posted on our school calendar.
2. Grade 12 students should continue to do specific institution research at the E-info site (www.electronicinfo.com) for university and www.ontariocolleges.ca site.
3. On-line application tutorials will also help students gather the information that will be needed for the eventual application process.
4. Now is a great time to arrange for a campus visit or tour at institutions that are of interest. Most colleges and universities typically host these events in the fall, as well as in the spring. Specific dates can be found on the web sites of all university and colleges. (Conestoga College is hosting their fall "Open House" on Saturday, November 30 at their Doon campus from 1 – 3 PM. No registration is required and parking is free).
5. The OUAC PIN numbers which are needed for university application have not yet arrived, however as soon as they do, students will be notified. College application requires students to set up their own accounts and do not require a specific password.
6. Students are encouraged to complete their application prior to leaving for the Christmas break as both the OUAC and OCAS systems tend to become overloaded as the deadline for applications approaches.
7. Review your semester two timetable to make sure that you have all of the necessary pre-requisite courses.
8. Complete your Community Service Hours!!
9. Be prepared to wait for confirmation of acceptance from schools. Each institution has its own timeline with regard to admission offers. Try not to let anxiety about acceptance interfere with your progress at school.

Dealing with Loss

Hospice of Waterloo Region's Teen Support Program is open to 14 – 18 year olds who have lost a parent, sibling or other significant person in their lives in the last two years through illness or accident. The group addresses issues of loss and grief and coping with loss through various art experiences, group exercises and discussions. Individual and family counselling is also available. These support groups are free of charge for participants and a professional referral to the program is not required. For more information, call Hospice of Waterloo Region directly at 519-1-743-4114 or check out www.hospicewaterloo.ca

Saints strive to save the Earth... one water bottle at a time...

By MR. A. MILARDOVIC, WITH FILES FROM THE WCDSB

Two years ago, St. Benedict had two of our water fountains replaced with new ones which also had water bottle filling stations. We highlighted the new water fountains in our [September 28, 2011 issue](#) of the BENN Newsletter.

The bottle filling stations were installed to give staff and students an opportunity to refill their water bottles rather than contribute to the plastic water bottle waste that is generated through the purchase of bottled water. The filling station has a sensor which detects when a bottle is placed in front of it and can fill a 500ml bottle in less than ten seconds. It even features a digital counter that displays how many plastic bottles are being diverted from landfill as people use the station to refill their water bottles.

***... roughly 55,000 [bottles] per year, ... into 1400 bottles a week
—almost one bottle per student per week, every week***



Our eventual goal is to follow the lead of the Board's Catholic Education Centre and become a bottled water free zone.

Since the installation of the new water bottle filling stations the WCSDB has helped eliminate over 360,000 plastic water bottles from the landfill. At the time of this writing, two water filling stations at St. Benedict have in total diverted nearly 110,000 water bottles from landfill. The station in front of the cafeteria is approaching 34,000, and the station in front of the gym is approaching 76,000.

To put that into perspective, in two years the 110,000 bottles that have been saved means roughly 55,000 per year, which translates into 1400 bottles a week—that's almost one bottle per student per week, every week.

Find out what's happening at St. Benedict's using your smart phone

Visit
<http://stbenedict.wcdsb.ca/calendar.php>
from your cell phone.
(Be sure to bookmark it!)



Enriching the Lives of Students

By MRS. D. WITTMANN

Frequently Asked Questions For Students Attending Higher Education

When the universities calculate my admission average or scholarship average, which courses do they use? Do they average all the courses that I have taken, or only the prerequisites, or only the top six courses?

It will vary by university. Some universities use prerequisites in the calculation of averages, while others do not. You should research each university to see how they calculate averages.

You can start your research in the "Offers of Admission" section of eINFO. This section outlines the number of courses that each university will use to calculate your average (and provides a lot of other very helpful admission information).

Important note: The grade ranges provided on eINFO are guidelines that are based on the previous year's first-year admission. That range will vary each year, according to the number and quality of applicants. Therefore, you should consider the grade ranges on eINFO not as "cut-off points", but as general guidelines.

<http://www.electronicinfo.ca/en/page.php?id=18>

Introducing the New APP Centre

By MS. A. WEILER

Starting Friday at lunch in room 204, the new APP Centre will be open!

A: All you wanted to know about English or writing in general

P: Problem Inquiry

P: Professionals

If students have any questions about English content, need help editing those pesky assignments from other courses, need some grammar/spelling refreshers...we have an APP for that!

There will be a sign up sheet on the door at room 204 so students can let us know what APP they need. While drop-ins are allowed, it's better if students sign up ahead of time so we can make sure there are enough APPs available and that download rates don't slow to a crawl due to lack of service providers.



Just remember to tell the students...if you have a question, "There's an APP for that"!

We have an APP for that!

Tales From Technology

COMPILED BY MRS. L. O'NEILL

MC Crew is starting up. The MC Crew club stands for Makeup and Costumes. We do hair and makeup for school productions, and we help with costumes. This year we'll be doing special effect makeup for the haunted house, stage makeup for "The Day Billy Lived" and "Kindness" both being performed November 13, 14, 15. And we will be doing period hair and makeup for "The School for Scandal" – this year's Sears Drama Festival entry. The crew meets Wednesdays in room 124. Any questions, please see Ms. Cox. No experience is necessary and everyone is welcome!

START YOUR ENGINES!!!!

BY MR. S. GRANGER & MR. V. CASTELA

The Racing Saints Electric Car Club will be recruiting members in all areas of the team. We will be recruiting students in current Engineering, Manufacturing, Mechanical Design, and Automotive programs. Our team will be racing several High school teams from all over Ontario. If you enjoy fast pace action our team is for you! Please stay tuned for an update in the coming weeks.

Homebuild

BY MR. M. BERGER

Determination and working together can accomplish a lot. Including building a home where one day a family will laugh and grow and memories will be made. The Homebuild students are part of realizing a dream for the young family that has purchased the home they are building.

The foundation of the home has been poured and set.

Skills Work for Networking Dinner

Hey Girls! Have you ever thought about a career in the skilled trades and technologies? Would you like to meet inspiring women from your community who have found exciting and rewarding careers in a field they love? On Tuesday November 19, Skills Canada–Ontario is hosting a "Skills Work! for Women" Networking Dinner at The Frank Hasenfratz Centre of Excellence in Manufacturing, 700 Woodlawn Rd. W. in Guelph.

Girls from past dinners have commented "That they learned more from this event than any other" and that "given the chance they would come again".

This is a fantastic opportunity to meet and network with female mentors who work in the skilled trades and technologies, and ask them questions about how and why they pursued this career path.

For more information or to register see Mr. Granger in Room 110. Registration closes November 5th.

First floor complete and ready for exterior walls.



Introducing Mr. Castela

Mr. Castela was born and raised in Kitchener. He attended both Elementary and Secondary high school with the WCDSB. He is married with 2 children (a boy and a girl) and has a dog named Charlie. Mr. Castela is a Formula One racing fan and his hobbies include riding his Harley, restoring vintage Harley Davidson motorcycles and spending time with his family. He has been in the Manufacturing trade for 20 years and has worked in a variety of shops including a professional road racing team.

Mr. Castela's teaching career began by training apprentices and he completed his first teaching practicum here at St. Benedict. He says he has felt like part of the Benny's family ever since. Before becoming a full-time teacher with the WCDSB this year he worked for the Waterloo Region School Board and last year he worked for the Upper Grand Board teaching in Orangeville.

Mr. Castela says, "my goal at St. Benedict is to transmit my passion from the trade to my students in helping them become productive members of today's society". Mr. Castela's classroom slogan is "Palma Per Ardua" Latin for "Success through Hard Work".

Welcome to Benny's, Mr. Castela!

Athletics

Senior Boys Football

By MR. R. LOWES

The Senior Football team ran their record to 2-1 with a hard fought victory over Grand River 22-10 two weeks ago. The Saints were led by George Monaghan and Brayden Hill on Offence and Devon Pelley and Jamie Duncan on Defence. The Saints next match was going to be against the undefeated Eastwood Rebels.

The Saints travelled to Kitchener and handily beat the undefeated Eastwood Rebels 35-6, to run their record to 3-1. The Saints were led on offence by Brad Vince, Brayden Hill and George Monaghan and Devon Pelley and Jamie Duncan on defence.

BENN BOX SCORES

Junior Girls Basketball

Saints 44, Msgr. Doyle 8
Saints 29, Resurrection 23
Saints 42, St. Mary's 24

Senior Girls Basketball

Saints 56, Rockway 16
Resurrection 37, Saints 20
Saints 34, Woodland 32

Girls Field Hockey

Resurrection 5, Saints 0
Saints 0, St. David 0
Msgr. Doyle 0, Saints 0

The Saints last regular season game is against Cameron Heights in Kitchener on Wednesday. The winner will secure second place for the play-offs.

Play-offs will be determined at a later date. Be sure to check out the website calendar for more playoff information!

Junior Boys Football

BY MR. J. VALE

The Junior Football team improved their record to 2-1 two weeks ago Thursday with an impressive 45-7 victory over Waterloo Oxford. The offence was led by quarterback Alex Douglas who threw two touchdown passes to Griffin Monaghan. Aidan Yearwood and Dontae Ricketts both scored rushing touchdowns. Joe Baker and Mario Alyas both scored defensive touchdowns. Rebecca Quigley, the first female football player in St. Benedict history, kicked a 23 yard field goal and was 5/6 on extra points.

The following Wednesday afternoon the Saints hosted a game against cross town rival Preston High School. After a slow start, the Saints offense started rolling and piled up 39 points on the previously unbeaten Panthers and kept them off the scoreboard. Quarterback Alex Douglas threw touchdown passes to Dontae Ricketts, Griffin Monaghan and Jacob Friedrich while rushing touchdowns came from Mario Alyas and Aidan Yearwood. The defence posted a shutout, led by Matt Bagley, Mario Alyas, Graham Shepphard and Josh Nikolic. The win improves the Saints record to 3-1.

Womens Field Hockey

BY MS. V. EUGENIO

Earlier this month the Women's Varsity Field Hockey team took on Resurrection for the second time this season. With our beloved goalie Ariel back from injury – it was a picture perfect scene! Simard showed her tough side and Furtado refused to let an injury hold her back! Resurrection kept the ladies on the move with their quick passes and strategic thinking, which ultimately secured them the game win, with a final score of 5-0.

Last Monday night the Women's Varsity Field Hockey team took to the back field for a very competitive game against the St. David's Celtics! The ladies stayed warm from the harsh cold Fall weather by staying on the heels of their opponents and securing possession of the ball many times.

Simard and Fuller maintained great control of the ball with their quick taps and Jess C. and Furtado played strong defense to ensure no goals were attempted at Ariel! Final score of the game was a 0-0 tie!

The field was set for a perfect game last Wednesday as the Varsity Women's Field Hockey team took to the field against their cross-town rivals from Monsignor Doyle. With their spirits high and vocal chords all warmed up for cheering, the ladies showed the Mustangs what the Saints are truly made of!

Junior Boys Soccer

Saints 1, St. Mary's 1
Resurrection 7, Saints 2

Senior Boys Football

Grand River 10, Saints 22
Saints 35, Eastwood 6

Junior Boys Football

WODSS 7, Saints 45
Saints 39, Preston HS 0

Junior Boys Volleyball

Saints 3, Resurrection 1

Senior Boys Volleyball

Msgr. Doyle 3, Saints 2
Saints 1, Resurrection 3

Botelho, Lindsay, and Furtado maintained strong defense, while the mid fielders and forwards put pressure on the Mustangs the entire game. With the ladies working as a united front, they were able to secure their second tie of the season, with a score of 0-0!

Junior Boys Volleyball

BY MRS. S. MACDONALD

The Junior boys all played a fantastic game against Rez last week. It was a mean everything game that decided whom would be in Tier A or Tier b. The Saints came together as a team to win 3 sets to 1 and advance to the top tier. Keep up the great work!

Saints Junior Soccer play to a draw

BY MR. N. DUFRESNE

The Junior Saints Football Club took to the pitch against the Eagles of St. Mary's with a fire in their bellies ignited by their coach during their pre-game pep talk... The Saints struck first in the 5th minute of the match by a strike on net by the foot of Lucas Santo... The defence held strong for the remainder of the first half only to have slight miscue early in the second half allowing the Eagles to pull even.

The remainder of the match was back and forth with lots of hussle up front by Mike Turco and Austin Goulart and solid play on defense by the man of the match Cyle Costa. Final score was 1:1.

Wrestling

BY MS. D. COSTA

Attention all future wrestlers!!! All people interested in coming out for wrestling during the winter season, there will be a brief meeting at lunch in room 202 on Friday.

If you cannot make it to the meeting on Friday, please see Mrs. Costa in room 202.

Cross-country Runners

BY MR. F. WITTMANN



Under sunny skies Benny's x-country runners performed well at the Bechtel Park Race on October 3.

Midget Girls placed 5 runners in the top 10 to win the division. Congrats Sevanne Ghazarian who won the race by more than 1 and half minutes, along with her team-mates Emily, Natalie, Taylor, Sarah, Leah, Logan, and Julia.

The Midget Boys placed 4 runners in the top 13, and missed first place by 1 point. Congrats Ryan, Steve, Jacob, Tung, Adam and Nick.

Marcus Noble was 4th in the Senior Boys race.

The Saints saw their next competition when more than 60 schools attended the Waterloo Invitational Cross-country Meet on October 10. The Midget Saints continue to impress. Sevanne Ghazarian led the midget girls team to a second place team finish, and Ryan Meisner led the boys to a 4th place finish.

Good luck to the whole team at District 8 this Friday.



Senior Girls Basketball

BY MS. A. WHALEN

The Senior Girls basketball team enjoyed two victories in three games over the last two weeks. First was a win against Rockway 56-16. Their second match was a loss to Resurrection, 37-20.

The third match was an exciting win last week against Woodland, that ended with our girls holding for a 34-32 win. These girls are playing through many injuries and are still bringing their hustle and heart to every game! Shout outs to lead scorer Kayla Leusink who scored a whopping 22 points! Dana Milani lifts the team every time she steps on the court. Her tenacity and perseverance is a leading example for the rest of the girls. Way to go Saints!

Junior Girls Basketball: perfection!

BY MRS. K. ARKELL

Two weeks ago the junior girls basketball team extended their winning record to 6 wins and no losses defeating Doyle last night 44-8. Julia Lowe had 10 points for the Saints and Alexia Santos added 9. Kayla Vieno played fantastic defence for the the team and Maddie Widz had some great rebounds!

Their next match was sure to challenge them at a higher level, as it was versus Resurrection in a battle for first place.

Last Monday night, the girls met and defeated Resurrection on their own court 29-23 to extend their winning record to 7 wins and no losses! Maddy Bodanis-Medley dominated on defence and Afifa Salad and Laura Ivits both chipped in with 8 points on offence.

Last Wednesday the junior girls basketball team extended their winning record to 8 wins and no losses by defeating St. Mary's 42-24. Afifa Salad and Laura Ivits lead the offence scoring over 15 points each, and Kayla Vieno helped out on offence and defence by outhustling the Eagles at every turn. Keep up the fantastic work team!

Tennis

BY MRS. M. CROWELL & MR. T. JANKURA

Congratulations to Ashleigh Brimo for winning the girls singles title at District 8 for the third year in a row. She went on to win the high school division at CWOSSA on October 10, and has earned a spot to compete at OFSAA again next June. Way to go Ashleigh!

Also in District 8 action, the Burgess brothers, Jeff and Michael, also played strong and finished third in Boys doubles.

Golf

BY MRS. J. RODRIGUES

In golf action earlier this month, two members of the girls golf team qualified and competed in the CWOSSA girls golf tournament in Port Elgin. Elanna Lachaine-DeMar placed 6th and Alison Andrade placed 8th out of 25 golfers. Elanna will move onto OFSSA later in the month.

Last Tuesday, the Girls Golf team participated in the District 8 Tournament at Grey Silo Golf Course. The girls placed 2nd in the overall standings on this challenging LPGA course. Congratulations go out to Alison Andrade for her individual 2nd place in each of the events this season and to her teammate, Alexandra Kerry.

Stay up to date with District 8 Sports

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

The [District 8 website](http://district8.ca) 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>.

Clubs

New Club Seams Sew Easy

BY MRS. I. KLOIBER

Are you interested in creating and sewing? We had our first meeting in Room 112 last Thursday after school, but we're always open to new joiners! See Mrs. Missio or Mrs. Kloiber for further information.

Power Lifting Club

Are you interested in improving your strength, testing your toughness and meeting new people? St. Benedict's Power Lifting Club begins this week. If you are interested, there was a short sign up meeting and information session last Thursday in the Weight Room. If you missed it, come see Mr. Figueiredo for details. The club is open to all students, male or female grades 9-12.

Badminton Club cancelled this week

... due to parent-student-teacher conferencing. See you next week!

Doctor Who Club

A message to all Doctor Who Club members: the normal meeting schedule resumes this Friday, after school, in room 226.

Eco Team

Attention all potential Eco Club members. Due to popular demand, our club meetings have been moved to Mondays at lunch in room 314 to avoid conflicts with other clubs. New members are always welcome. Help Benny's be more green, come out and join our Eco Team. See you on Monday.

Electric Car Club

BY MR. S. GRANGER

Ever thought about being apart of a racing team? Come out and join Benny's new electric car club! Engineer, build and race Benny's first enviromental vehicle. See Mr. Granger in room 110 (Auto shop) for more information.

Guitar Club

BY MR. E. TAGGART

Did you know that Benny's has a guitar club? Do you want to learn how to play guitar? Do you want to jam with your friends? Come on out every Monday at lunch to room 103. See Mr. Taggart if you have any questions.

Reach for the Top

First reach for the top practice (trivia club) is this Wednesday after school in room 317. Junior and senior students are both practicing. New members welcome. See Mr. Billo or Mrs. Rickert if you cannot attend.

Rock Climbing

BY MISS M. NOVAKOVICH

Do you want to rock? Rock climb that is! ... If you missed our first meeting, it is not too late! All forms and money are due this Friday to Ms. Novakovich or Ms. Rickert. Please [check out our ClassNet page](#) for more information! Hope to see you there!

Star Trek Club

BY MRS. C. KOT

Welcome to the first year of the "Star Trek Club"! This club is for existing and soon to be Star Trek Fans or anyone intersted in Sci-Fi so all students are welcome to join us. We meet once a week at lunchtime in room A1 (the Annex) to watch episodes of Star Trek New Generation, usually on Fridays. Students are encouraged to bring their lunch with them to enjoy while watching and discussing the episode of the day.

We hope to continue with other series such as Deep Space Nine and Voyageur in the coming years. We hope to see some new faces at lunch next week! Live long and Prosper!

Outers Club

By Miss M. Novakovich

There will be a brief, but important meeting on Friday, October 18 in room 314 at lunch regarding our next day excursion! New members are always welcome! Please talk to Ms. Novakovich or Mr. Fratarcangeli if you have any questions, or are unable to attend the meeting!

Student Activities

Things are getting scary at SAC!

By Darrell Relleve, Communications Executive

SAC has truly been busy throughout the last two weeks. Last Wednesday, October 2, SAC hosted the very first Coffee House of the year. The event was filled with various entertainers, ranging from musical performances to spoken word poetry. It was truly a spectacular event that showcased the tremendous talent found at St Benedict's.

Coffee House, however, would not have been successful without the help of many hard-working individuals. With that being said, SAC would like to thank all of the students who took part in Coffee House and the students and parents that came out to support the event. Another big "Thank you!" goes out to Bennie's Tech Crew and Mr. Renner for all their help in Coffee House.

Secondly, in the spirit of Thanksgiving, SAC has organized a food drive for those less fortunate in our community. Each class is asked to bring in as many non-perishable items as they can. SAC will be awarding a prize to the class with the most items in appreciation for their hard work and kind hearts. The deadline for the food drive is Monday, October 21st, so bring in as many items as you can and help those in need!

What's next for SAC?

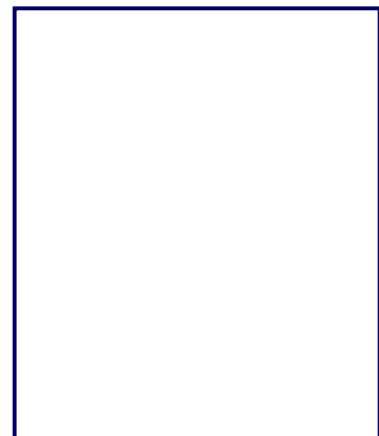
SAC has a lot planned for the rest of October. For example, this coming October 24th, SAC will be hosting our very own Halloween Dance! The dance will be held in the school gym from 6:30 pm to 10 pm. Students are welcomed to dress up in their Halloween costumes if they would like. However, no masks, weapons, or inappropriate attire will be allowed. Admission will be \$3 and various teachers will be supervising—haunting?—the event.

Besides the Halloween Dance, SAC is also planning many other events and activities to celebrate Spooky Week, such as a Haunted House and Pumpkin Carving and Best Costume Contests, with more information to come in the next issue.

SAC is definitely busy thinking of different ways to make Halloween at Bennies a memorable one! If there

Photo Retake Day

is this Friday



If you didn't get your picture taken—or you just didn't like your photo from registration day—plan to get your photo retaken on Friday in the

are any questions regarding SAC please contact the
SAC Director, Mr. Curtis, at John.Curtis@wdcsb.ca.
Have a great week!

Skybox. Students will be called
according to last name in
alphabetical order starting at 8:30.

Other News

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, October 16

3:00pm Sr. Boys Football @ Cameron Heights
3:30pm Jr. Boys Soccer vs St. David CSS
Spirit Day
BENN Newsletter release

Thursday, October 17

11:00am Lost Club
11:00am M.A.D. group meeting
11:00am Weight room open
1:00pm Parent-Teacher Interviews
2:30pm Yearbook club
2:30pm Camera Club
7:00pm Post-Secondary info Parent Night
College visit: Information days at Conestoga

Friday, October 18

11:00am Accepting Differences Club
11:00am Puzzles Club
11:00am Weight room open
11:00am Star Trek Club
11:00am Outers Club meeting
11:00am APP Centre open
1:00pm Cross Country District 8
1:00pm Jr. Boys Football @ Msgr. Doyle CSS
2:35pm Doctor Who Video Club
4:30pm Field Hockey vs St. Mary's HS

Monday, October 21

11:00am Accepting Differences Club
11:00am Concert Band
11:00am Self Def & Conditioning Club
11:00am Weight room open
11:00am Guitar Club
11:00am Eco Team
3:30pm Jr. Boys Soccer @ Monsignor Doyle CSS

Tuesday, October 22

8:20am Leadership & Team Building Training
9:45am Univ. visit: Wilfrid Laurier University
11:00am Games Club
11:00am Programmers' Club
11:00am Self Def & Conditioning Club
11:00am Weight room open
11:00am Relay for Life planning meeting

Wednesday, October 23

8:20am Arts & Culture Zoom Career Day
8:20am Lift Truck & Propane Filling Training
8:30am Univ. visit: Lakehead University
11:00am Lost Club

Friday, October 25

11:00am Accepting Differences Club
11:00am Puzzles Club
11:00am Weight room open
11:00am Star Trek Club
11:00am APP Centre open
1:00pm Jr. Boys Football @ Glenview Park SS
2:35pm Doctor Who Video Club

Monday, October 28

11:00am Accepting Differences Club
11:00am Concert Band
11:00am Self Def & Conditioning Club
11:00am Weight room open
11:00am Guitar Club
11:00am Eco Team

Tuesday, October 29

8:20am GPS, Mapping & Compass Training (day 1 of 2)
11:00am Games Club
11:00am Programmers' Club
11:00am Self Def & Conditioning Club
11:00am Weight room open

Wednesday, October 30

8:20am GPS, Mapping & Compass Training (day 2 of 2)
11:00am Lost Club
11:00am Puzzles Club
11:00am Weight room open
11:00am Accepting Differences Club
11:00am MC Crew
2:35pm Anime Club
2:45pm Hip Hop Dance Crew
Spirit Day
BENN Newsletter release

Thursday, October 31

11:00am Lost Club
11:00am M.A.D. group meeting
11:00am Weight room open
2:30pm Girls' Workout Club
2:30pm Games Club
2:30pm Yearbook club
2:30pm Camera Club
6:00pm Badminton club
Hallowe'en

Friday, November 1

11:00am Puzzles Club
11:00am Weight room open
11:00am Accepting Differences Club
11:00am MC Crew
1:15pm Univ. visit: University of Ottawa
2:35pm Anime Club
2:45pm Hip Hop Dance Crew
Spirit Day

11:00am Accepting Differences Club
11:00am Puzzles Club
11:00am Weight room open
11:00am Star Trek Club
11:00am APP Centre open
2:35pm Doctor Who Video Club
All Saints Day

Thursday, October 24

11:00am Lost Club
11:00am M.A.D. group meeting
11:00am Weight room open
11:00am Cross Country CWOSSA, Guelph
2:30pm Girls' Workout Club
2:30pm Games Club
2:30pm Yearbook club
2:30pm Camera Club
6:00pm Badminton club
7:00pm School Council Meeting
7:00pm SAC School Dance

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. To see the full calendar, go to **Benny's News**
► **Calendar of Events.**

Miscellaneous

We want to know...

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