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## Junior Saints Take Gold at Saints Invitational

BY MR. J. MALNERICH

The Saints Invitational Basketball Tournament swept through Cambridge on January 10th and 11th. It featured sixteen junior teams and 32 senior. With teams from around the province, our Junior Saints found themselves pitted up against some stiff competition.

In their opening round match-up the Saints faced Bishop MacDonnell from Guelph. The team used some stout defense to slow down a well-disciplined Celtics team and came out on top 54-29. The Saints earned the victory to advance to the championship side of the bracket, having Alex Douglas score a game high 29 points, and Zubair Seyed adding 9.

### Benny's in the Local Media

THE RECORD: [Youth create robots to solve disaster problems...](#)

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THE RECORD: [Saying goodbye to Kayla Baker](#)

CAMBRIDGE TIMES: [New hub hits the right note at library](#)

CAMBRIDGE TIMES: [Sports: Championship Run](#)

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## Administrative

### Semester 1 Final Evaluation Schedule

#### January 2014

*All courses (except those listed below) will have a 75 minute Final Evaluation taking place on January 27 to 30.*

Students who meet the following criteria will not be required to attend any Credit Rescue sessions:

- a) have achieved a passing grade;
- b) have submitted all summative activities; and
- c) have completed all components of their final culminating activity

Students who do not meet the above criteria will be required to attend Credit Rescue as outlined by your teacher.

The following courses will have a 2 hour Final Evaluation taking place on January 27, 28, 29, or 30 as per the schedule below:

Business: Analyzing Current Economic Issues CIA4U, Introduction to Financial Accounting BAF3M, Principals of Financial Accounting BAT4M

Communications – English/French: Grade 11 & 12 University English ENG3U, 4U; Grade 11 & 12 College English ENG3C, 4C; Grade 12 University Writer’s Craft EWC4U; Grade 12 University English Literature Studies ETS4U; Grade 11 and 12 University Core French FSF3U & FSF4U

Geography: Physical Geography CGF3M, The Environment & Resource Management CGR4M, Canadian & World Issues CGW4U

History: American History CHA3U, World History CHW3M, Canadian History CHI4U, World History CHY4U & CHY4C, Understanding Canadian Law CLU3M, Cdn and International Law CLN4U

Math: All Grade 10 Academic 2D; All Grade 11 & 12 University 3U, 4U; Grade 11 University/College 3M, Grade 12 College Technology MCT4C

Physical Education: Grade 12 University Exercise Science PSE4U

Religion: Grade 11 University/College World Religions HRT3M; Grade 12 University/College Church & Culture HRE4M

Science: All Grade 9 & 10 Academic 1D, 2D; All Grade 11 & 12 College 3C, 4C; Grade 11 University/College 3M; Grade 11 & 12 University 3U, 4U

Social Sciences: Intro. To Anthropology HSP3M, Ind. & Families in a Diverse Society HHS4M, Challenge & Change in Society HSB4M

## January 27

8:30 – 10:30: 75 minute or 2 hour exam for Period 1

## January 28

8:30 – 10:30: 75 minute or 2 hour exam for Period 2

## January 29

8:30 – 10:30: 75 minute or 2 hour exam for Period 3

## January 30

8:30 – 10:30: 75 minute or 2 hour exam for Period 4

## January 31

8:30 Credit Rescue as arranged by teacher and student

**All students are expected to be in their designated classrooms for their exam from 8:30 to 10:30, regardless of whether the exam is a 2-hour or a 75-minute one.**

**Bus pick up is at 10:45, no bus on Friday.**

**Teachers will offer informal Credit Rescue on a needs basis on any exam days.**

### Notes:

1. Students are expected to be in full uniform during final evaluation and credit rescue.
2. This schedule could change in the event of a school bus cancellation or school closure.

## Semester 2 Bus Passes

Any student who currently has an active city bus pass and will still qualify for one for semester 2, may go to the Ainslie Street terminal beginning January 20th to get their new pass. Your name must be on the bus pass list in order for you to receive a new bus pass for semester 2. The cost will be \$5.00 for the semester 2 bus pass.



This poll is closed.

### Organ Donation

Have you signed your organ donor card?

I have, along time ago!	7
I have, thanks to Kayla	4
I haven't but I will for sure	5
I haven't but I might	1
I don't think I will	0

## Academics

# Enriching the Lives of Students

By Mrs. D. WITTMANN

## Our Catholic Schools: heart of the community—success for each, a place for all

ENRICHMENT opportunities available to St. Benedict students:

### Grade 9

CGC1DN Enriched Geography  
ENG1DN Enriched English  
HRE1ON Enriched Religion  
MPM1DN Enriched Math  
PAI1OI LEAP (Leaders and Exceptional Athlete Program)  
SNC1DN Enriched Science

### Grade 10

CHC2DN Enriched History  
ENG2DN Enriched English  
HRE2ON Enriched Religion  
MPM2DN Enriched Math  
PAI2OI LEAP (Leaders and Exceptional Athlete Program)  
SNC2DN Enriched Science

### Grade 11

IDC4UI Autonomous Learner (Available to Grade 11 students in Semester Two)  
PAI3OI (1 Credit) – LEAP (Leaders and Exceptional Athlete Program)  
LEAP11 (2 Credit) – LEAP (Leaders and Exceptional Athlete Program)

### Grade 12

IDC4UI Autonomous Learner  
PAI4OI (1 Credit) – LEAP (Leaders and Exceptional Athlete Program)  
LEAP12 (2 Credit) – LEAP (Leaders and Exceptional Athlete Program)  
UCEP University Coop

See the online course catalogue for complete course descriptions.

# Home Build nears completion

By Mr. M. BERGER

A successful home build is nearing completion. Pictured is the build for this year. Students worked very hard and braved some extreme weather conditions in order to complete their project. Congratulations to this year's home build class – a job well done!

This home has already been sold – sorry, and the proud owners will take possession late March.

# LEAP: An enrichment course for our athletes

By Mr. N. DUFRESNE



Do you have an athlete that competes on a rep level sports team or individual sport? Do they want to spend more time training to improve their overall performance? Then you may want to consider choosing LEAP (Leaders and Exceptional

Athletes Program) as one of their courses for next year.

LEAP is an enriched physical education course for student-athletes who demonstrate exceptional athletic potential in a given sport. This course is designed to help student athletes improve their overall performance in their sport of choice by developing transferable skills like cardiovascular endurance, speed, agility, coordination, power, strength and flexibility.

Applications are currently being accepted until February 28, 2014. For more detailed information about the program requirements, selection criteria and application process please visit our website at <http://stbenedict.wcdsb.ca/leap> or contact the program coordinator, [Mr. Dufresne](#).

## Athletics

### Junior Volleyball Girls win close one

By Ms. M. REDFEARN

The Junior Girls Volleyball team played an exciting game at Père-René after school on Tuesday. After winning the first two sets, Pere-Rene came back to win the third and fourth set. In the fifth and final set, our St. Benedict girls won 15-13!

The girls played an intense game and showed, once again, that they can stay calm and play their best when it matters most! Great job ladies! What a way to end the regular season game play! Congrats on making the playoffs!

### Girls Hockey Meeting

There will be a brief girl's hockey meeting on Thursday in room 107 at the start of lunch.

## BENN BOX SCORES

### Junior Girls Volleyball

Saints 3, Pere-Rene 2  
Saints 3, Rockway 1  
Saints 3, Msgr. Doyle 1

### Senior Girls Volleyball

Saints 1, Rockway 3  
Woodland 3, Saints 0

### Junior Boys Basketball

Saints 43, Resurrection 40  
Saints 54, St. David 45  
Saints 48, St. Mary's 46

### Senior Boys Basketball

Saints 42, Resurrection 74  
Saints 26, St. Mary's 86

### Midget Boys Basketball

# Junior Saints Take Gold at Saints Invitational

By MR. J. MALNERICH

*Continued from [top of newsletter](#)*

The Saints carried their strong defensive effort into their quarter final matchup against Adam Scott from Peterborough. A sizeable team, the Saints used their quickness to their advantage and broke out to an early lead. They never looked back and ended up on top, 57-22. Sameer Arora lead the way for the Saints with 14 points, followed by Alex Douglas who posted a 12 point effort. The Junior Saints were then off to the semi-finals, hoping at the chance to get to play in front of their home crowd in the championship game later that evening.

In their semi-final matchup, Frontenac High from Kingston brought a little bit of everything their way. The Saints were able to dominate inside, scoring a dominating 32 points inside the paint which proved to be too much for Frontenac to handle. The Saints won their semi-final matchup using a balanced scoring attack which had 4 of their 5 starters end up in double-figures. Zubair Seyed led the way with 14 points, and Lucas Cardoso chipped in 11 points respectively. With that, the Saints were on their way to the championship game where they found themselves up against a familiar foe.

Last year, Catholic Central from Windsor defeated our Junior Saints in the quarter finals to ruin their championship hopes. The Saints intended to rewrite the story this time around. Catholic Central bolstered a very strong starting lineup, a combination of both athleticism and skill. This team had only lost 1 game in the last year and a half! The Saints came fired up in front of their hometown crowd, leading 13-5 after the 1st quarter. Just as they had done all tournament long, the Saints used their defense to frustrate their opponents. They added some timely shooting and pulled off the victory 46-36. Zubair Seyed, who was named tournament MVP, had 20 points in the victory, while Justin Malnerich dropped 17 points and claimed second team all-star honours. Alex Douglas was named a first team all-star.

This marks the 4th tournament victory for the Saints this year. The Saints are now 29 and 2 overall as they head into exam break and set their sights on working hard to win a D8 championship when they return to action. Way to go Saints!



**Front row (l to r): Mohamed Hajjo, Lucas Cardoso, Nick Phung, Justin Malnerich (2nd team all-star), Ahmed Hajjo, Danny Zeglen**  
**Back row (l to r): Coach Malnerich, Coach Harnack, Zubair Seyed (MVP), Alex Douglas (1st team all-star), Sameer Arora, Evan Rodenburg, Carter Johnson, Marcus Penalzoa, Dontae Ricketts, DeVante Hudson**

**See the complete  
tournament final scores at**

<http://stbenedict.wcdsb.ca/basketball/>

## Junior B-Ballers beat Rez

BY MR. J. MALNERICH

Congratulations to the Junior Boys Basketball team for beating Resurrection 43 to 40 Monday night and securing a 2nd place finish in District 8 league play. Top scorers for the Saints were Alex Douglas with 17 points and Zubair Seyed and Carter Johnson with 9 each.

This win was huge as they get home court advantage in their semi-final game Wednesday, February 12. Mark that date in your calendars!

The Saints are now 29 and 2 overall as they head into exam break.

## Beaver Valley Ski Trip

BY MR. N. DUFRESNE

All students who have taken or are presently taking a Phys.Ed. course this year are eligible to go on our annual ski trip. This year we are going to the exclusive Beaver Valley Ski Club on February 20th. The \$20.00 cost includes return trip by highway motor coach, lift ticket, and lesson. Ski, snowboard and helmet rentals are extra!

All students interested must pick up a registration package from the PHE office and have their forms and money submitted by Friday, February 14th. Spaces are limited so don't delay.

## 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>.

## Clubs

### Semester 2 Clubs and Activities

As teachers' timetables and supervision commitments change between semesters, some clubs and activities may change meeting times, locations, and dates.

Over the course the next two weeks, this information will be compiled and posted on the website calendar, as well as the next issue of the BENN.

## Student Activities

## Other News



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# CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN CAMBRIDGE

**SATURDAY,  
FEBRUARY 15 • 2014**

**PORTUGUESE ORIENTAL CLUB  
1054 Shellard Road, Cambridge**

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

**Music By PB & Jam**

**Featuring Paul LaCalamita, Andy MacPherson  
& Sean O'Brien**

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

**For Tickets & Info Contact:**

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- Manuel Martins 519.575.7542
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## **Upcoming Visit from YouTube Superstar Nanalew Inspires “Psst, Pass it On” Video Contest for Teens**

**SPECIAL FROM CAMBRIDGE LIBRARIES**

YouTube sensation, Shawna Howson, is coming to Cambridge’s IDEA | EXCHANGE for a speaking engagement, “Nanalew LIVE” this March. To celebrate Idea Exchange is proud to announce the “Psst, Pass it On” video contest for teens.

“There is so much talent within the teen community in this region. We want to bring it to the forefront. Inspire them. Give them opportunities to shine.” said Sandra Sydor, community

outreach administrator at Idea Exchange. “It really is our mission to enable people to unleash their creativity. We can’t wait to see what they create.”

The Pssst, Pass it On video contest invites teens aged 13–19 to submit up to three short videos that shine light on their interests and passions. The format of the video can be a music video spoof, live action short film, documentary, vlog, or however the contestant chooses to share their ideas. Entries cannot exceed four minutes in length. Submissions will take place through YouTube, Vine or Instagram and entries will be posted on the Idea Exchange Facebook page for voting. Idea Exchange will be accepting entries until March 1, 2014. The winner will be determined through popular vote, which ends Friday March 7, 2014.

All entries will be screened at Nanalew LIVE on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at the Clemens Mill location of Idea Exchange. The winner will receive a GoPro® Camera and a chance to meet with Shawna Howson that evening.

“Shawna is phenomenally inspirational. A local talent and trailblazer in the burgeoning world of YouTube film making,” Shannon Markle, social media marketing coordinator stated. “We’re proud that she’s from Cambridge, and thrilled that she’s coming share her tips and tricks with us. We thought, why not put all that inspiration to action with a video contest?”

For more information about Nanalew LIVE, or to get your free ticket visit: <http://www.eventbrite.ca/e/nanalew-live-tickets-9678573875>. To learn more about the Pssst, Pass it On Video Contest visit: [www.cambridgelibraries.ca/teens/](http://www.cambridgelibraries.ca/teens/)

Cambridge Libraries and Galleries, IDEA|EXCHANGE, is your destination for great art, film, books, music, culture, community programming and ideas.

## 8th Annual Poem A Day Contest Returns at Idea Exchange

SPECIAL FROM CAMBRIDGE LIBRARIES



Boot up your computers and sharpen your quills! Allons-y! Idea Exchange invites poets of all ages to enter our 8th annual Poem–a–Day poetry contest to celebrate National Poetry Month in April. The contest’s goal is to provide a showcase for local poets of all ages, and to promote the importance and appreciation of poetry, which is the heart of all literature. Submissions are accepted from New Year’s Day until Valentine’s Day each year. Entries are judged by well-known local poets who volunteer their experience and expertise to judge this event.



There are three age groups for poems written in either French or English: Children, up to 11 years old; youth, 12 – 17 years old; and adult, 18 and older.

The 30 winning poets will have their poems featured online, receive bookstore gift tokens, have their poems published, and will be given an opportunity to read their poems at a public celebration of poetry at Idea Exchange, Queen's Square location on Friday, April 25, 2014. To enter visit [cambridgelibraries.ca/poetryform](http://cambridgelibraries.ca/poetryform). Contest continues until February 14, 2014.

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To get things amped up for this annual contest, join us at our Friday Night ART Live event on January 24, 7:00pm at Queen's Square. Not only will you meet some of the fibre artists behind the exhibition opening of 25 Years of Collecting, but you can hear the dynamic words of KW Slam Poetry artists Beth Murch and Janice Lee. "It's an exciting night, with the drama of the spoken word mixed with some of the best of our permanent fibre art collection" says Karen Murray-Hopf, cultural programs and special events planner for Idea Exchange. "Combine that with music by DJ Sean, guest host Jay Chagnon, free apps from the Kiwi and a cash bar and you've got yourself a party!"

An exciting extra this year – the Renaissance Singers join us on Wednesday, April 30, 7:00 – 8:00pm at Queen's Square for their Words & Music concert. This will close out Poetry Month in a very special way as this vocal ensemble, under the direction of Gordon Burnett, will perform a piece commissioned by them based on the 2013 winning youth entry of Jacob Oliveira, The Shame of Love.

## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday, January 22

2:30pm Reach for the Top  
2:35pm Anime Club  
2:45pm Hip Hop Dance Crew  
Spirit Day  
BENN Newsletter release

### Thursday, January 23

Quiet Days  
11:00am Lost Club  
11:00am Weight room open  
11:00am Girls hockey meeting  
2:30pm Girls' Workout Club  
2:30pm Games Club  
2:30pm Yearbook club  
2:30pm Seams Sew Easy Club

### Friday, January 24

Quiet Days  
11:00am Accepting Differences Club  
11:00am Puzzles Club  
11:00am Weight room open  
11:00am DECA meeting  
2:35pm Doctor Who Video Club

Monday, January 27 – Thursday January 30

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](#).

**Keep up with what's  
happening at St. Benedict's  
using your cell phone**

8:30am Final evaluation days (attendance mandatory)

Friday, January 31

8:30am Final evaluation days (attendance mandatory)

Sunday, February 2

Groundhog Day

Monday, February 3

PA Day

Tuesday, February 4

11:00am DECA meeting

2:30pm Coffee House Auditions

Semester 2 starts

Wednesday, February 5

Spirit Day

BENN Newsletter release



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

## 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.

