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The BENN newsletter is a publication of St. Benedict CSS. It is distributed every second Wednesday during the school year using the WCDSB News-wire service. Any questions or comments pertaining to this publication can be sent to the editor [Anton Milardovic](#) or the school's principal [Dan Witt](#).

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Good luck to all our students on their final evaluations!

Benny's in the Local Media

CAMBRIDGE TIMES: [Super Saints athletes of the year](#)

CAMBRIDGE TIMES: [Six local Catholic schools earn EcoScho...](#)

Administrative

Parents sought for Board Committee

BY WCDSB NEWSWIRE

The Ministry of Education is committed to promoting and increasing parent involvement. One initiative is that each school board will support a Board-Level Catholic Parent Involvement Committee, which will be chaired by a parent and the membership will include a majority of parents.

The committee is responsible for seeking the advice and ideas of Catholic school councils, other parents and partners as they plan and implement strategies to involve more parents at the regional level.

The CPIC parent term of office is two years, and we are currently seeking parent replacements for:

- Elementary School – Monsignor Doyle Family of Schools
- Elementary School – St. Benedict Family of Schools
- Elementary School – St. David Family of Schools
- Secondary School – Cambridge

Parent representatives must have a child in the school system. Ideally the parent should be on Catholic School Council. The parent of an elementary student transferring from elementary to secondary may apply to represent that panel. The Parent representatives on the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee will select representatives to the CPIC from those qualified parents who have submitted an application form. [Click here to download the application form.](#)

Applications are accepted up to September 26, 2014. Questions can be directed to [Mr. Derek Haime, Superintendent.](#)

Final Evaluation Schedule

Grade 12

All courses (except those listed below) will have a 75 minute Final Evaluation taking place on June 17, 18, 19, or 20. All final evaluations will take place beginning at either 8:30 am or 12:00 pm as per the schedule below.

The following courses will have a 2 hour Final Evaluation taking place on June 17, 18, 19, or 20:

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

English/French: Grade 12 University English ENG4U; Grade 12 College English ENG4C; Grade 12 University Writer's Craft EWC4U; Grade 12 University English Literature Studies ETS4U; Grade 12 University Core French FSF4U

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

History: Canadian History CHI4U, World History CHY4U & CHY4C, Canadian and International Law CLN4U

Math: Grade 12 University 4U; Grade 12 College Technology MCT4C

Physical Education: Grade 12 University

Grade 9 to 11

All courses (except those listed below) will have a 75 minute Final Evaluation taking place on June 19, 20, 23, or 24.

Students who meet the following criteria will not be required to attend school in the afternoon on these days.

- 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 in the afternoon on these days with the possibility of attending an additional 2 hour Credit Recovery class on June 25th in an attempt to be successful in obtaining their credit.

The following courses will have a 2 hour Final Evaluation taking place on June 19, 20, 23, or 24:

Business: Introduction to Financial Accounting BAF3M

English/French: Grade 11 University English ENG3U; Grade 11 College English ENG3C; Grade 11 University Core French FSF3U

Exercise Science PSE4U

Religion: Grade 12 University/College

Church & Culture HRE4M

Science: Grade 12 College 4C; Grade 12 University 4U

Social Sciences: Individuals & Families in a Diverse Society HHS4M, Challenge & Change in Society HSB4M

Notes:

1. For students who require CREDIT RESCUE: Teachers will co-ordinate time for CREDIT RESCUE with these individual students.
2. For grade 12 students who take a grade 11 class: You are expected to be in class in the mornings on June 17 and 18.
3. There are no grade 12 classes running on grade 12 exam days.

Tuesday, June 17

12:00–2:00 – Period 3 exam

Wednesday, June 18

12:00–2:00 – Period 4 exam

Thursday, June 19

8:30–10:30 – Period 1 exam

Friday, June 20

8:30–10:30 – Period 2 exam

Geography: Physical Geography CGF3M

History: American History CHA3U, World

History CHW3M, Understanding Canadian Law CLU3M

Math: All Grade 10 Academic 2D; All Grade 11 University 3U; Grade 11

University/College 3M

Religion: Grade 11 University/College World Religions HRT3M

Science: All Grade 9 & 10 Academic 1D, 2D;

All Grade 11 College 3C; Grade 11

University/College 3M; Grade 11 University 3U

Social Sciences: Introduction to Anthropology HSP3M

Thursday, June 19

8:30 to 10:30 – Period 1 exam

10:45 – Bus Pickup

Friday, June 20

8:30 to 10:30 – Period 2 exam

10:45 – Bus Pickup

Monday, June 23

8:30 to 10:30 – Period 3 exam

10:45 – Bus Pickup

Tuesday, June 24

8:30 to 10:30 – Period 4 exam

10:45 – Bus Pickup

Wednesday, June 25

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

No buses

NOTE: All grade 9–11 students are to be in full uniform during final evaluation and credit rescue classes



Service to/from St. Benedict during June Exams

Thursday, June 19 and Friday, June 20, 2014

Morning Service to St. Benedicts

All school specials operate in the morning at the regularly scheduled times.

Dismissal Service (10:45am departure)

Poplar Baldwin Special - Operates via regular routing
Melran Special - Operates via **Franklin, Winston, Cooper, Queen** and then continues on regular routing

Monday, June 23 and Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Morning Service to St. Benedicts

School specials operate in the morning at the regularly scheduled times except for the *Melran-Saginaw Special which is cancelled*. Students in the Melran area should utilize the Melran-Winston Special for these two days.

Dismissal Service (10:45am departure)

Poplar Baldwin Special - Operates via regular routing
Melran Special - Operates via **Franklin, Winston, Cooper, Queen** and then continues on regular routing

Regular GRT service options to the Cambridge Centre:

Route 53 – departs St. Benedicts at 10:32 / 11:02am
Route 60 – departs St. Benedicts at 10:16 / 10:46am
Route 75 – departs St. Benedicts at 10:35 / 11:05am

For further information on transit services provided by the Region of Waterloo including school specials refer to our website at... www.grt.ca

September is looking even more AMAZING!

Have we got news for you! Sure, September is the end of summer vacation but we are coming back with a bang! In September Benny's is entering the *AVIVA Community Fund* Canada wide competition to win project funding to enhance our school! We have a \$150,000.00 winning idea that we know our community is going to love.

We want to enhance our sports field by adding a multipurpose score board, grandstands, a 150m stone dust fitness trail to connect to the track and some workout stations with green space rest areas that will look amazing.



All we need is you: Benny's past and present students and families to help get the message out to our community. We are looking for motivated students to work with our teams; IT & website (Mr. Milardovic), community (Mr. Wittmann & Mrs. Klassen), art and publications (Mr. Dufresne) and media (Miss Stockie) or talk to Mrs. Reis, one of our motivated project leads.

There are great creative leadership opportunities for students to work with staff promoting the project to the media, businesses, churches, our feeder schools and community leaders.

What does it take to win? It takes votes and community support to make it to the final judges round. Visit the [Aviva Community Fund](#) website and register to vote from each of your accounts. We need votes from all your email, face book and twitter accounts each day of voting to make it to the final round in December. There will also be legacy opportunities for families, friends and our community to help enhance the green space and fitness trail to beautify our school.

We know we have a winning idea and we are looking for you to be a part of it too!

News from the Guidance Department

BY MRS. P. KLASSEN

Still Interested in Attending College or University in September?

1. The Admission Information Service (AIS) will be available through OUAC (Ontario University Application Center) from early June to August for applicants who have not been accepted to programs of their choice or for students who still wish to apply to university for September. All known openings in all university programs will be posted by the AIS at www.ouac.on.ca/ais/
2. Students who did not apply to college are still welcome to apply on-line for September, 2014 to any program that is still accepting applications. See www.ontariocolleges.ca for more information.

Attention Grade 12 students

Are you entitled to a Business Certificate?

If you have taken 5 courses in business, please inform Mr. Wittmann ASAP so that we may recognize you at your graduation ceremony.

What counts?

Business Studies, Computer Courses, Economics, 1 Law, and Business Co-op.

Do you have a son or daughter entering Grade 9 in September?

If the answer to this question is "yes," the following information might be of interest to you:

1. Summer Skill Builder – The WCDSB offers a Summer Skills Builder program for students currently in Grades 7 or 8. This FREE program runs for 10 mornings and offers support in math, reading, writing and study skills. The program is geared towards helping students prepare for the next level of study. The program will run from July 7 – July 18 (Monday to Friday) at St. Benedict CSS and St. David CSS. Contact your current elementary school or St. Louis, 519-745-1201, stlouis@wcdsb.ca for more information.
2. HeadStart – HeadStart is a FREE 4-day program for current Grade 8 students who are entering SBCSS in September. The program will be run by certified teachers and will focus

on study skills, managing timetables, school orientation and other keys to success. This is a great opportunity for students to meet school and student leaders and get support for the transition to high school. The program will run August 21, 22, 25 and 26 from 9:00 AM to 12 Noon. Contact your current elementary school or St. Louis, 519-745-1201, stlouis@wcdsb.ca for more details.

3. Consider starting, or completing your 40 hours of required community service this summer prior to starting Grade 9 in September. Beginning July 1, 2014, any community service completed can be counted toward this high school diploma requirement.

Course Choices for Next Year

Returning students who are considering a course change for next year, are encouraged to make an appointment to see their guidance counsellor during the month of June. Attempting to make changes now, will undoubtedly be easier than trying to do so in September.

Community Service Opportunities

Several new volunteer opportunities have been made available in the recent weeks. Students seeking ways to complete their community service hours, should consider the following:

1. The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) is seeking the assistance of student volunteers for their annual walk. Volunteers are needed for both the Kitchener and the Cambridge walks. Volunteer jobs would include helping to set up, take down, face painting and running children's activities. Contact Margot directly at mfitzpatrick@jdrf.ca if you are interested in volunteering.
2. Your active participation in any fundraising event can count towards your community service hours. This would include participation in events such as the Juvenile Diabetes Walk, Run for the Cure, or any other type of walk, run, or bike that is raising money for a charitable organization.
3. The City of Cambridge is always looking for volunteers to assist with the many activities that they run during the summer months – the Cambridge Arts Festival, the Forbes Park Music Festival, the Cambridge Highland Games and Rock the Mill are only a few events which require lots of help. See the City of Cambridge web site for more information on how you can be involved.
4. The Waterloo Regional Police Association is seeking your help in organizing "Family Nights," These evenings will be every Thursday and will run from 5:00 to 9:00 PM. Volunteers are needed to create a fun filled interactive evening with children of police officers who will there attending meetings. You will be placed on a rotating schedule and can be signed up individually or in a small group. Volunteers are asked to make a 6 month commitment to the program. Contact Krista Brown at 519-622-0771 or kbrown@wrpa.org if you are interested.
5. The Rotary Club of Cambridge is seeking 400 volunteers to help with the first every Ribfest to be held in Cambridge this summer. Contact volunteer@cambridgeribfest.com or visit the website at www.cambridgeribfest.com for more details.

Summer School

Summer school will be available this summer for St. Benedict students through the Waterloo Region District School Board, our coterminous board. Selected make-up credit courses will be offered at Jacob Hespeler Secondary School in Cambridge and Cameron Heights Secondary School in Kitchener. A selected number of new credit courses will be offered at Jacob Hespeler Secondary School in Cambridge, Sir John A. Macdonald Secondary School in Waterloo and Bluevale Collegiate in Waterloo. Classes will begin on Wednesday, July 2 and will run until Friday, July 25. Make-up courses are 3 hours in length, either morning or afternoon, while new credit courses are 6 hours in length, not including a 30 minute nutrition break. Students can register for a maximum of 2 make up credits or one new credit course. In addition to these two options, there are also a selected number of on-line blended courses being offered. More information regarding summer school course offerings and registration is available in the guidance office. Please note that students interested in taking a new credit course in summer school must register by June 12. Students planning to take a make-up course have until June 25 to register. See guidance for more information.

Memorial Garden Installation Ceremony Friday

This Friday at approximately 10:45am our school will be holding a brief installation ceremony for the St. Benedict Memorial Garden. Along with prayers from our chaplain Bob, Grade 11 student Agnese Sierchio and Mr. Martinello will read the names of those St. Benedict students, graduates, and staff members who have died at a young age. Following that, Mr. Renner and Mr. Adamo will perform "Halleluiah". We hope you will join us for the brief 15-minute ceremony at the front of the school.



This poll is closed.

World Cup Fever!

Are you suffering from World Cup fever?

I've watched every game	3
I've watched a few games	2
I'm too busy to watch but I'm following it	4
I don't have time to follow it	1
World Cup of what?!	2

Academics

Enriching the Lives of Students

BY MRS. D. WITTMANN

High School Graduation 2014

The 2013-2014 school year is coming to a close. For the second year in a row, graduation ceremonies will take place at the end of June (replacing an October celebration).

This year's celebration is Wednesday, June 25th at 7:00 pm

Several Awards of Honour will be presented to our well-deserving graduating students. As students must wait until that evening to hear the names of the recipients, below is a short list from the 2013 Graduating Year:

Governor General Award: Presented to the student who achieved the highest overall average in university courses – Julia Wittmann

General Proficiency Award: Presented to the graduate who achieved the highest overall average in non–university courses – Kennedy Baker

Canadian Federation of University Women’s Award: Donated by the Canadian Federation of University Women awarded to the top academic female graduate – Julia Wittmann

Valedictorian Award: Representative of the graduating class capturing and expressing the spirit of the school – Julia Wittmann

Christian Citizenship Award: St. Benedict’s most coveted award presented to a graduate who lives the ideals of the faith – Alex Silver

Stay tuned for the names of the recipients in the 2014 Graduating class

For more enrichment news and information, visit our [Enrichment@St.Benedict blog](mailto:Enrichment@St.Benedict.blog).



COMM Corner

BY MRS. D. WITTMANN

Parts Of Speech: The PRONOUN

A pronoun (I, me, he, she, herself, you, it, that, they, each, few, many, who, whoever, whose, someone, everybody, etc.) is a word that takes the place of a noun. In the sentence Joe saw Jill, and he waved at her, the pronouns he and her take the place of Joe and Jill, respectively.

There are three types of pronouns: subject (for example, he); object (him); or possessive (his).

Read more:

<http://www.grammarbook.com/grammar/pronoun.asp>

For Reading and Writing for Success, visit our [English@St.Benedict blog](mailto:English@St.Benedict.blog).

Athletics

St. Benedict's celebrates Athletes of the Year

BY MRS. S. REIS

On Thursday, June 5, the St. Benedict community turned the attention of its motto "A Celebration of People" to the athletic accomplishments of our students. The athletics banquet was an opportunity to gather again with team mates, and to celebrate the accomplishments of our teams, and the individuals who demonstrated sportsmanship, skill, and other talents which made them outstanding members of the Athletics program at St. Benedict's.

As is tradition, the evening culminated with the announcement of the junior and senior male and female athletes of the year. I'm sure as you read the accomplishments of these fine young

individuals, you will agree that they are fully deserving of these awards!

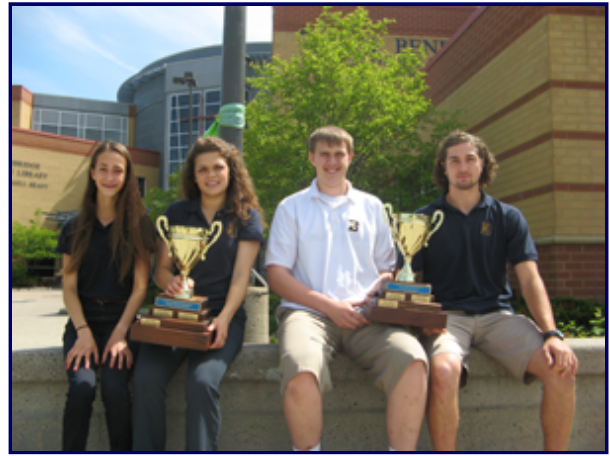
Junior Female: Sevanne Ghazarian

Very deserving, humble, quiet leader, who often won races by not seconds, but minutes. Her work ethic provides positive leadership by example.

XC – OFSAA bronze medalist, CWOSSA champ, led MG team to CWOSSA championship and 6th place at OFSAA.

Track – triple gold medalist, top D8 individual, double CWOSSA and WEST OFSAA gold medalist, competing at OFSAA as we speak.

She has a very bright future ahead!



Senior Female: Dana Milani

Over the past few years here at St. Benedict, she has made many contributions to our athletic programs. Fall, winter and spring seasons, this extraordinary woman demonstrates commitment, athleticism and an exceptional quality with all the teams she involved herself with. She has been a major contributor to our athletic programs as she has been selected to represent St. Benedict on several District 8 All-star teams, she has been named most valuable player to a diverse athletic line-up and has led these teams as a captain and positive influence on many different levels. Her power and leadership comes from her ability to be herself; endearing, humble, light hearted, authentic, natural and genuine--she unknowingly changes the efforts and achievements of those around her. To work, watch and marvel alongside a brilliant athlete like her is a rarity. She brings pleasure, better the achievement of others and widens the capacity of her teammates, competitors and coaches. Milani, please know that you truly are an amazing athlete and you are exactly where you are supposed to be, a student here at SBCSS, moving forward to Gannon University on a soccer scholarship in the fall and winning this year's senior female athlete of the year. I wish you much success, excitement and good health as you move forward in your future endeavors.

Junior Male: Evan Rodenburg

Evan contributed to many sports both on and off of the playing fields. His leadership and commitment to sport was outstanding. Basketball: Saints Award, commitment, improvement, total team player. Badminton: member of team Track and Field: District 8 triple gold medalist (Shot, Discus, Javelin) Tied for Top JB individual of the meet Evan was been a dominant player. His skill, strength and determination make him an invaluable asset to our team. He continually executed fantastic plays and was always there to motivate his teammates. He was our Captain, a true leader and a fantastic player! He showed dedication and leadership both on and off of the court. He continually played with passion and enthusiasm that was contagious to all. His skill and knowledge of the sport was evident to all who watched him, this was regularly noted by other coaches and refs. He led the team to win the District 8/6 AAAA and we went to CWOSSA. He was

our Athlete of the Week He was named as a District 8 All-Star. He was recognized as our Most Valuable Player.

Senior Male: Brad Vince

Brad Vince has represented St. Benedict's on the football field for the past 4 years along with being a member of the Varsity hockey team. During these 4 years Brad has shown a great deal of improvement from year to year. Brad has improved due to his dedication and commitment to becoming a better athlete. Brad was in our LEAP program at St. Benedict's which helped him improve his strength, speed and agility which led him into being one of the best football players in WCSSA. Through all of his hard work Brad has received a football scholarship to Acadia University in Nova Scotia. Brad is truly deserving of our Senior Male Athlete of the Year and we are sure he will be successful at the CIS level next year. Congratulations Brad all of your hard work has paid off. Best of luck next year!!

Saints run in Cambridge Classic Mile

By MR. F. WITTMANN

Track enthusiasts celebrated the mile race at the Cambridge Classic Mile June 13th at GCI. Taylor Anderson, Natalie Minnick, Alexandra Kerry, Adam Indycki, Jacob Lewis, Devaughn Channer, and Marcus Noble had notable performances including first place in the Corporate 4 X 400m Relay event. Sevanne Ghazarian, only in grade 9, raced against elite university track stars and placed second. Way to go everyone!



Saints at OFSAA

By MR. R. MARTINELLO

On June 7 two athletes competed at OFSAA. Devaughn Channer set a personal best time of 1:59.83 breaking the two minute mark for the 1st time in his running career. He finished 10th overall, missing the finals by .19 seconds.

In the Midget Girls 3,000 Meters, Sevanne Ghezarian was well placed to win either a silver or bronze. Unfortunately, with three laps to go, she was clipped and fell to the ground, knocking her out of the race.

Congratulations go out to both of these athletes on a fantastic season. They should be proud of their terrific accomplishments.

New Track and Field records set this year

By MR. F. WITTMANN

MIDGET GIRLS

Event	Name	Record	Year	Event / Place
800m	Sevanne Ghazarian	2:25.43min	2014	District 8, Cambridge
1500m	Sevanne Ghazarian	4:45.46min e	2014	West OFSAA, Windsor
3000m	Sevanne Ghazarian	10:20.84min e	2014	West OFSAA, Windsor
Shot Put	Sarah Joseph	7.22m	2014	District 8, Cambridge

JUNIOR GIRLS

Event	Name	Record	Year	Event / Place
400m	Jade Weir	1:04.11 min e	2014	CWOSSA, Cambridge
Javelin	Sarah Sue-Ping	22.58m	2014	District 8, Cambridge

JUNIOR BOYS

Event	Name	Record	Year	Event / Place
100m	Mario Alyas	11.83s e	2014	CWOSSA, Cambridge
400m	Devaughn Channer	53.08s e	2014	CWOSSA, Cambridge
800m	Devaughn Channer	1:59.83min e	2014	OFSAA, Mississauga
4 x 100m Relay	Austin Goulart Aidan Yearwood Devaughn Channer Mario Alyas Alt: Dillon Marcy	45.52s e	2014	West OFSAA, Windsor

SENIOR GIRLS

Event	Name	Record	Year	Event / Place
Javelin	Kierra Lahey	24.19m	2014	District 8, Cambridge

SENIOR BOYS

Event	Name	Record	Year	Event / Place
Triple Jump	Augustine Soga	13.15m	2014	West OFSAA, Windsor

DISTRICT 8 RECORDS

Event	Name	Record	Year
MG 3000m	Sevanne Ghazarian	10:42.80min e	2014

Clubs

Student Activities

Student Council set for 2014-15 year

BY MR. J. CURTIS

Co-Presidents for the 2014-15 school year

Nicou Alizadeh and Emma Fritz

Committees

Spirit

Mackenzie Kuehl (Executive)

Sevanne Ghazarian, Trevor O'Hagan, Monica Zahra

Communications

Julia DaSilva (Executive)

Madi Kerr (Secretary), Caitlyn Laviolette, Nyawuor Malek (Historian)

Social Justice

Anne Marie Taborek (Executive)

Maddi Braga

Arts

Hailey Wright (Executive)

Julia Donatelli, Emma Kelly, Andrew Nguyen

Athletics

Mara Dodig (Executive)

Tyler DeSousa, Kara Lee, Natalie Minnick

Special Events

Brianna Taylor (Executive)

Nadine Bilodeau, Veronica Reitmeier, Sarah Sue-Ping

Faculty Advisor

Mr. Curtis

Other News

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, June 18
Spirit Day
BENN Newsletter release

Thursday, June 19
8:20am Grade 12 final evaluations (attendance mandatory)
8:20am Grade 9–11 final evaluations (attendance mandatory)

Friday, June 20
8:20am Grade 12 final evaluations (attendance mandatory)
8:20am Grade 9–11 final evaluations (attendance mandatory)

Saturday, June 21
Summer solstice

Monday, June 23
8:20am Grade 9–11 final evaluations (attendance mandatory)
10:00am Graduation Mass and Breakfast

Tuesday, June 24
8:20am Grade 9–11 final evaluations (attendance mandatory)

Wednesday, June 25
6:30pm Graduation ceremony

Friday, June 27
BENN Newsletter release

Monday, June 30
Board Holiday

Tuesday, July 1
CANADA DAY

Monday, August 4
Civic Holiday

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



Visit
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.

