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## Back to school Tuesday!

### Schedule for Tuesday, September 2

*Uniform not necessary today.*

All students should arrive to school by 10:20 – Bus pick up is 2½ hours after normal pick up time – please check STSWR website for time and add 2½ hours to your pick up time. Don't be late!

Grade 10 to 12 bus departure is at 11:45; grade 9 bus departure at 2:20.

10:30 a.m. All students report to period 1 class. Students with no period 1 go to lecture hall.

11:30 a.m. Dismissal for Grade 10, 11 and 12 students. Grade 9 orientation with LINK program until 2:05 (lunch provided).

Looking forward to seeing all the students on Tuesday!!

## Administrative

# St. Benedict Aviva Community Fund Project

*Your St. Benedict's Aviva Team is putting the finishing touches on the proposal for our entry into the Aviva Community Challenge. We want your input on what our project title will be!*

Please select from one of the choices on the right.

While voting for the challenge is not open yet, we strongly encourage you to get onto the Aviva Community Fund website and



register your email address. Once balloting is about to begin, you will get an email to inform you to complete the registration for voting purposes.

For more information, be sure to check our page at <http://stbenedict.wcdsb.ca/aviva>.

Soon we will also be launching a Twitter feed, as well as a Facebook page... stay tuned!!



This poll is closed.

### Aviva Community Challenge

Please select your favourite slogan for our Aviva Community Challenge proposal!

- A Place To Belong 49
- A PLAY ce To B elong 15
- The Heart of the Community 120
- Help Us Build a Better Place To Play 13

## News from the Guidance Department

During the first two weeks of classes, the guidance department will be busy completing student course changes. Priority will be given to students who need to change courses in order to satisfy the requirements of programs they are in.

If your son or daughter is looking to make a course change, they must *continue to attend the classes they have been assigned to until their guidance counsellor calls them in*. The Guidance department will call into one of your son's or daughter's classes when they are ready to see them to address their course change requirements. If they are not in class, it is difficult to find them.

## Academics

### Enriching the Lives of Students

By Mrs. D. Wittmann

Visit the Enrichment blog for interesting articles, enrichment Links, school achievements, and enrichment course information: [Enrichment@St.Benedict blog](mailto:Enrichment@St.Benedict.blog).



### COMM Corner

By Mrs. D. Wittmann

Visit the English blog for information regarding our English programs, Literacy, interesting articles, and English links: [English@St.Benedict blog](mailto:English@St.Benedict.blog).

## Athletics

### Girls Basketball tryouts

By Miss A. Whalen

Girls! Are you interested in trying for the girls basketball teams?

Wednesday, September 3

2:15 Senior tryout

Thursday, September 4

2:15 Junior tryout, senior tryout

Friday, September 5

2:15: Junior tryout; senior tryout

Monday, September 8

2:15: Senior practice

3:45: Junior tryout

For more information, please contact [Miss Whalen](#).

## Saints Football gears up for another season

BY MR. J. VALE

September marks the beginning of many things....including football season! The Benny's community is pumped for another exciting year of Saints Football. Both the Junior and Senior squads are poised to field very competitive teams in a tough WCSSAA league.

Tryouts for both teams begin on Wednesday, September 3rd immediately after school. Athletes are asked to dress in athletic wear (i.e. cleats) and be ready to work hard! Any questions can be directed to Coaches [Vale](#), [Lowe](#)s or [Reitzel](#) in the Phys.Ed. department.

## Tennis Tryouts

BY MRS. M. CROWELL

Tennis tryouts are open to students in all grades and will happen on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning September 8. They will run from 2:30–3:30 at the Hespeler Tennis Club. Students are responsible for their own transportation.

See [Mr. Jankura](#) or [Mrs. Crowell](#) if you have questions. Information meeting date to follow... stay tuned!

## Are you a new student to St. Benedict in grade 10-12?

BY MR. T. JANKURA

Any student new to St. Benedict's in grades 10–12 who is interested in participating in athletics must see [Mr. Jankura](#) in the Phys.Ed. office for a transfer form. This form must be completed and processed before you are able to participate in athletics at St Benedict's.

### 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>.

More sports information will be listed in next week's BENN Newsletter... watch the ranger system and listen to the morning announcements for more!

## Clubs

### Outers Club

BY MISS M. NOVAKOVICH

Do you like adventure, canoeing, hiking and camping under the stars? If so, you are more than welcome to come to check out the outers club! All are welcome! Our first meeting will be on Thursday, September 4 at the beginning of lunch in room 319. Hope to see you there!!!

## Girls' Workout Club

BY MRS. L. O'NEILL

Ladies are you looking to get your sweat on? Want to check out the latest workout videos? Pump some iron? The Girls only workout club is back!

We will be starting on Thursday September 18th from 2:20–3:20. If you need more information please ask [Mrs. O'Neill](#) or [Mr. Ambeau](#).



## Doctor Who returns!

BY MR. D. KUKWA

Join us after school every Friday, in room 226, for continuing adventures with the 2000 year old Time Lord, and his human companion, traveling through time and space in a battered blue police box. Who Club starts up again on Friday, September 5th. We will open with an unbroken, 12 week run of episodes featuring the brand new Doctor, played by Peter Capaldi.

Doctor Who is the world's longest running sci-fi & fantasy television series, having just celebrated its 50th anniversary. All fans are welcome to get together every week for episodes, prize raffles, pizza, and the company of your fellow Whovians. We look forward to welcoming newcomers, especially any new potential grade nine members. Join us for another year of adventures in time & space.



## Are you a Star Trek Fan?

BY MRS. C. KOT

Are you not sure, but you enjoy watching Sci-Fi shows and movies? Then come on out to our first Star Trek Club Meeting at lunch in room 123 on Friday, September 5th. Bring your lunch and be there for the start of the lunch period. All students welcome!

"Live Long and Prosper!"

## Programmers' Club

BY MR. A. MILARDOVIC

Are you a coder? Do you want to become a coder? Do you know a coder?

The programmers' club will give you an opportunity to show off your skills, or if you have never programmed, this will be a chance for you to learn some of the tricks of the trade! Among other things, the programmers' club will participate in Project Euler, and several programming contests including preparation for the UW Computer Contest and the ECOO programming contest.

No programming knowledge necessary, but a desire to learn is essential.

If you like problem-solving and want to be challenged at a higher level, this club is for YOU! Male and female students are welcome to join us... programming isn't just *a guy thing!*

The programmers' club will have its first meeting in room 216 on Thursday, September 4 at the beginning of lunch to determine the best time to meet for the rest of the year.

If you are interested, please see [Mr. Milardovic](#) for more details.

# Millionaires' Club

BY MR. A. MILARDOVIC

If I had a million dollars.... how often have you thought about it? Is it possible to ever have a million dollars (other than by winning a lottery or robbing a bank, neither of which we recommend)?

The millionaires' club is a chance for students who are interested in the world of investing and financial instruments to get together to share their passions, and look at what it takes to have a seven-digit figure in the bank. We will look at stocks, investing, and run a bit of a contest to see who can build a money making portfolio.

While we cannot guarantee that you will leave the club at the end of the year with a million dollars in your pocket, we do guarantee that you will have fun talking with other students about your financial passions, share some hints and tips, and gain some insight into the world of investing.

The millionaires' club will have its first meeting in room 216 on Thursday, September 4 at 11:00 (second half of lunch) to determine the best time to meet for the rest of the year.

If you are interested, please see [Mr. Milardovic](#) for more details.

# Puzzles Club

BY MR. A. MILARDOVIC

Do you love sudoku? Word finds? Crossword puzzles? Or any other type of puzzles that make you flex your mental muscle? If so, then the Puzzles Club is for you!

The puzzles club will have its first meeting in room 216 on Friday, September 5 at the beginning of lunch to determine the best time to meet for the rest of the year.

If you are interested, please see [Mr. Milardovic](#) for more details.

# The Benny's Press Team

BY MR. A. MILARDOVIC

Are you interested in reporting the news? Do you like taking pictures? There may be a place in the Benny's Press Team for you!

We would like to open up the BENN newsletter to greater student input; if you want to be at the helm, then we invite you to our first meeting.

The Benny's Press Team will have its first meeting in room 216 on Monday, September 8 at the beginning of lunch to determine the best time to meet for the rest of the year.

If you are interested, please see [Mr. Milardovic](#) for more details.

More clubs will be listed in next week's BENN Newsletter... watch the ranger system and listen to the morning announcements for more!

## Student Activities



## AUDITIONS

Chorus auditions for any students who didn't have an opportunity to audition in June will be held

**after school**

**in room 104**

**Wednesday, September 3rd**

TO PREPARE: Go on Youtube and learn the song "Day by Day."

## Coffee House

BY MR. A. RENNER

A long-standing Benny's tradition, Coffee House is an open-mic evening performance featuring singers, instrumentalists, spoken word artists, and any other cool talents.

This year's first Coffee House is THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH.

Auditions will be held during lunch, Wednesday, September 17 and Thursday, September 18 in room 103. Come share your talent, and come out to cheer for your fellow Saints!

## Arts Council

BY MR. A. RENNER

We need volunteers to help organize and run arts events in the school: art battles, coffee houses, Wintersong, COPA, haunted house, dance showcase, school musical, school play, etc.

If you are interested in getting involved, we will meet every Tuesday at lunch in room 112. See [Ms. Fernandes](#) or [Mr. Renner](#) for more info!

## Other News

## Cambridge International Festival

Celebrate Culture Days and the diversity of Cambridge with dance, music and stories of new Canadians at the live Performance Stage. Visit the family friendly Kid Zone and play together at the interactive display tents. Browse the festival vendor village for unique items and experience a variety of global foods from hot grilled favorites to snacks for purchase.

Saturday, September 27, 11:00am – 7:00pm  
Riverside Park, Cambridge, ON  
[www.cambridgeinternationalfestival.ca](http://www.cambridgeinternationalfestival.ca)

## Upcoming Events

Monday, September 1  
Labour Day

Tuesday, September 2  
10:30am First day of school (uniforms not required)  
11:30am Grade 9 Orientation with Link Crew

Wednesday, September 3  
8:05am First full day of school  
2:15pm Jr. Boys football tryouts  
2:15pm Sr. Boys football tryouts  
2:15pm Sr. Girls basketball tryout  
BENN Newsletter release

Thursday, September 4  
10:45am Outers Club meeting  
10:45am Programmers Club  
11:00am Millionaires Club  
2:15pm Jr. Girls basketball tryout  
2:15pm Sr. Girls basketball tryout

Friday, September 5  
10:45am Star Trek Club  
10:45am Puzzles Club  
2:15pm Jr. Girls basketball tryout  
2:15pm Sr. Girls basketball tryout  
2:15pm Doctor Who Video Club

Monday, September 8  
10:45am Benny's Press Team  
2:15pm Sr. Girls basketball practice  
2:30pm Tennis tryouts begin  
3:45pm Jr. Girls basketball tryout

Tuesday, September 9  
10:45am Arts Council meeting

Wednesday, September 10  
First Spirit Wednesday

Thursday, September 11  
Link Mass

Friday, September 12  
10:45am Star Trek Club  
2:15pm Doctor Who Video Club  
Course Change Deadline

Tuesday, September 16  
10:45am Arts Council meeting

Wednesday, September 17  
10:45am Coffee House auditions  
BENN Newsletter release

See the calendar on the school website for more information. New information is always being added, and more details about upcoming events can be found there. 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](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.

