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## Get Voting!

Our *Aviva Community Fund* project is in full swing, and we couldn't be more pleased with the response. Staff and students are taking time to vote, and community members and local are contacting us looking for more information on how to help.

This project will ultimately benefit the entire community, not just the St. Benedict staff and students. The walking path will be used by those who already walk the track, and with the addition of exercise equipment it will be to exercise more than just the heart and legs.

We are not looking for money, we are looking for your vote, give us thirty seconds a day—round 1 voting goes until October 13. For more information visit our info page on the school website, [stbenedict.wcdsb.ca/aviva/](http://stbenedict.wcdsb.ca/aviva/).

Spread the word, and thank you for your support!

– Editor

## Benny's in the Local Media

THE RECORD: [St. Benedict tries to build on Week 1 victory](#)

THE RECORD: [Saints flex offensive muscle against Gaels](#)

## Administrative

# Catholic Board's Students Make Major Gains in EQAO Grade 9 Math

## Grade 9 Applied Math scores outpace provincial average by 12%; Gains also made in Grade 10 Literacy Test (OSSLT) scores

BY WCDSB NEWSWIRE

The Waterloo Catholic District School Board today released its 2013–14 Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) assessment results for Grade nine math and the Grade 10

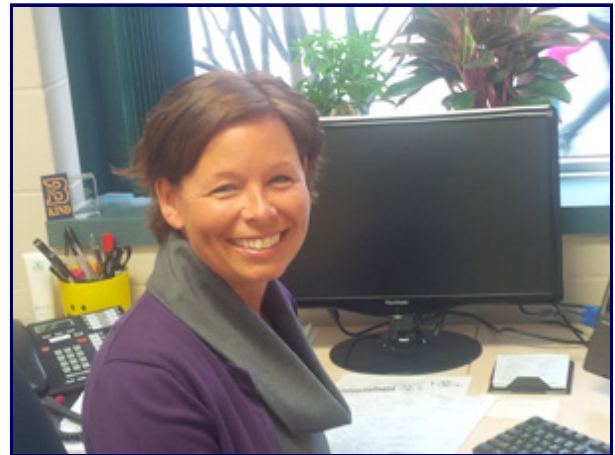
## QuickFacts

- The results for Grade 9 Applied Math outpaced the provincial average by 12% -- and represents an 17.4% improvement over WCDSB's 2012-13 Grade 9 Applied Math results. (Provincial average for 2013-14 = 47% / WCDSB average for 2013-14 = 59%)
- WCDSB results for Grade 9 Academic Math showed a 4.4% improvement over the 2012-13 results. (WCDSB average for 2012-13 = 78.6% / WCDSB average for 2013-14 = 83%).
- WCDSB results for the Grade 10 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test showed a 1.6% improvement over 2012-13 - moving from 82% to 83.6% (Provincial average for 2013-14 is 83%).

## Administrator Greetings

BY MRS. L. TEMPLE

What a wonderful start to the year!! Bennie's is such a terrific school with so much going on in classrooms, on the sports' fields, in the gyms, and for our community like our AVIVA campaign. My name is Lorrie Temple and I am one of the new Vice Principal's here at St. Benedict. I am thrilled to be serving the community in this capacity. Just 6 years ago I was a teacher here and loved the school and representing the Saints. I have received a wonderful welcome from staff and students and I look forward to getting to know the families throughout the year either at school events, out in the community, or through meetings to work together to ensure the success of your son/daughter. I value working together collaboratively to create the best possible learning environment as well as a fun, spirited, engaging place for both staff and students to work, learn and grow in. Please say hi, introduce yourself when you see me around. I am usually moving fast, but always with a smile.



## News from the Guidance Department

BY MR. M. AMBEAU

### Academic Awards Night

Thursday, October 9th has been set aside as the night when St. Benedict will celebrate the academic achievements from the 2013 - 14 school year. Any current grade 10, 11 or 12 students who were named to the Honour Role or who earned one of the two highest marks in a course last year have been invited to attend this celebration. We encourage all who receive an invitation to RSVP to the guidance office by Friday, October 3rd. The program will begin at 7:00 PM in the gymnasium. We hope to see lots of you there!

## Grade 12 and Post-Secondary Options

Navigating information regarding the many and varied options for post-secondary education can be a daunting and overwhelming task for both students and parents. If you, and your sons and daughters are struggling with the wide variety of decisions available, consider taking advantage of the following opportunities:

1. Attend one of the many individual college or university presentations that are being hosted here at the school. These presentations take place at various times during the school day and provide an excellent window into all that different schools have to offer. A full list of presentations is available on the St. Benedict website.
2. Sign up for our email distribution list. The information distributed pertains to presentations, events, scholarships and deadlines regarding post-secondary options. Parents are more than welcome to be part of this list! Joining is easy – go to the Guidance section of the website and click on the message that says “join our information list.” Email updates will come to you via Mr. Betik on behalf of the guidance department.
3. Parents plan to attend our Post-Secondary Information night on Thursday, October 23 at 7 PM. This event is being hosted by the Guidance Department and coincides with parent/teacher/student interviews. The presentation will take place in the Lecture Hall.
4. Glenview Park S.S. will be the site for the Cambridge University Information Presentations on Thursday October 30th from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. All Ontario universities will have representation at this event and there will be opportunity to attend formal presentations, as well as time to tour displays.
5. Conestoga College will be hosting their annual College Information Presentations on Thursday, October 9 from 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM and from 5:00 – 7:00 PM at their Doon Campus. All Ontario colleges will have representation at this event and Conestoga will also have additional information available to parents and students regarding their programs.

### **Considering college or university?**

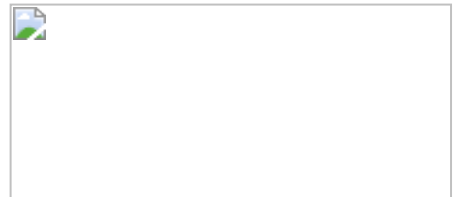
This is a reminder to all grade 12 students who are considering attending college or university next year. Many colleges and universities will be visiting our school in the next several weeks. If you are interested in attending one of these presentations, you must sign the list in the guidance office by the end of lunch the day prior to the visit or you will not be allowed to attend. Check the schedule of up-coming visits in the guidance office and make note of the presentations that you would like to attend.

## **What is Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)?**

The Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) is a Ministry approved program that encourages students to focus their education on a specific employment sector.

Components include:

1. A bundle of courses related to a major
2. Co-op experience in an area of interest
3. Industry-recognized certifications related to the employment sector



Students who successfully complete all components of the program earn a Specialist High Skills Major (Red Seal) designation on their Diploma.

## Why get involved?

No matter which path you follow after high school, you will have a better idea of your direction and future career choice when graduating with a SHSM Red Seal.

You will:

- understand how and why your classes apply to your future career
- obtain training and certifications from experienced industry staff (e.g. First Aid & CPR)
- learn on-the-job skills during a co-op placement
- gain experience in your field of interest

## Majors offered at St. Benedict's C.S.S. in 2014-15

Arts & Culture • Business  
Construction • Energy  
Environment • Health & Wellness  
Hospitality & Tourism  
Information & Communications  
Justice & Community Safety  
Manufacturing • Transportation

## How and when to get involved:

Experiences start in Grade 11 or 12. Now is the time to sign up and get involved! Deadline to sign up is October 30. Sign up forms are available in the Guidance Office. More information can be found online at [www.highskills.ca](http://www.highskills.ca).



## Breakfast at Bennies!

By MRS. W. SCHUSTER

## DO YOU SKIP BREAKFAST? If you do, we have the solution for you!

Every morning, Monday through Friday, St. Benedict's provides students with a healthy start to their day. ALL students are welcome, free of charge, to pick up a light breakfast snack in the atrium before school. The breakfast cart will be available from 7:40 to 7:55. Every Friday we also prepare an extra special breakfast for all students. Students are welcome to join staff (who do the cooking by the way) in room 107 starting at 7:30 a.m. Past Friday breakfasts have included: breakfast burritos, pancakes, Spanish omelets and much more. It is through the gracious grants from "Nutrition for Learning", school mission collections and fundraising that we are able to provide this important service for all of our students. Please join us this Friday October 3rd in 107 for breakfast. Doors open at 7:20! This week's menu: breakfast burritos with all the trimmings.

Please feel free to contact [Wendy Schuster](#) or [Danielle Trentini](#).

## Say Hi! Day

By MR. J. CURTIS

Last Thursday, St. Benedict celebrated Say Hi! Day. We hope you could feel the difference of our whole community taking the time to greet each other in the halls, in the classroom, and all over the school.

We also had a contest where random teachers and students were giving out ballots to anyone who said "Hi!" to them. From all the ballots, we drew three winners and they are... Selena Melo from Homeroom 105, Jessica Poppadopoulos from Homeroom 304, and Ty Herrington from Mr. Vale's Gym class. Congrats to our winners!

**Remember to  
SAY  
HI  
today!**



## 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).

## St Benedict MATH HELP

The MATH department will be starting a "drop-in" MATH HELP program for all Grades 9–12 students taking math this semester starting in OCTOBER!

**What:** students can bring their lunch and work on math homework, get extra help, prepare for upcoming assessment, etc.

**Where:** Room 310

**When:** Thursdays at lunch

**Who (teachers):** Mr. Anderton, Miss Roberts, and Dr. Chernysh

**Who (students):** There may be some senior students to come and assist the junior students for volunteer hours.

First drop-in math help is Thursday October 2

## Free Homework Help

Free online homework help for students Gr. 7 – 10 is available at:

<https://homeworkhelp.ilc.org/secure/login.php> Student OEN and date of birth required for login/registration.



## Athletics

### Junior Girls basketball

By Ms. M. PENALOZA

Another victory for our Jr. girls basketball team as they faced St. David's September 17 in their first home game with a win of 28-23. Maya Danis 14 pts and Tereza Borges 8 pts. This victory was a confidence booster as our girls get ready for their first local tournament at Jacob Hespeler this weekend.

### Senior Girls basketball

By Ms. A. WHALEN

Congrats to the Senior Girls Basketball team for their big win September 17 against St. David's. Final score was 33-29. Shout outs to our lead scorers Afifa Salaad and Kayla Leusink and awesome defence by Laura Ivits.

The girls continued their winning ways with a big win against Res last Monday night. Final score was 40- 29. Their next match was going to be another home game, against Woodland.

This past Monday, the Senior Girls Basketball team won against Woodland. The final score was 43-31. Shout outs to Julia Mascarenhas with 12 points and Amber Baetsen with 10 points.

The next match was last night, at St. Mary's on Wednesday. The girls persevered and handily beat St. Mary's 34-19. The girls are undefeated in district 8.

Please wish the girls good luck as they are on the road against Doyle on Monday. GO SAINTS!

## BENN BOX SCORES

#### Jr. Girls basketball

Saints 28, St. David 23  
Resurrection 57, Saints 18  
Saints 34, Woodland CHS 11  
St. Mary's 46, Saints 15

#### Sr. Girls basketball

Saints 33, St. David 29  
Saints 40, Resurrection 29  
Saints 43, Woodland CHS 31  
Saints 34, St. Mary's 19

#### Jr. Boys volleyball

Saints 3, St. David 1  
Resurrection 3, Saints 1  
Saints 3, ES Pere-Rene-de-  
Galinee 2  
Woodland CHS 3, Saints 0

#### Sr. Boys volleyball

Saints 3, Resurrection 1  
Saints 3, ES Pere-Rene-de-  
Galinee 2  
Woodland CHS 3, Saints 0  
St. Mary's 3, Saints 1

#### Jr. Boys soccer

St. Mary's HS 6, Saints 0  
St. David 3, Saints 2  
Saints 3, Msgr Doyle 1  
St. David 4, Saints 2

#### Jr. Boys football

Galt CI 12, Saints 34  
Cameron Heights 7, Saints 51



# Junior Boys Volleyball Athlete of the week

By MR. M. BERGER

Sr. Boys football  
Saints 43, Bluevale CI 29  
Cameron Heights 6, Saints 52  
Saints 50, Waterloo CI 6

Hello sports fans! I would be surprised if we thought about our selection for more than 2 seconds. Step up to the podium Mr. EJ Enriques.

This finally tuned volleyball machine is not only an outstanding athlete but an incredible leader on and off the court. His determination to be the best, coupled with his desire to win make EJ a volleyball force.

Although our season has just begun, the playmaking of Mr Enriqus has been, as his fans say, 'Epic'. His playmaking is to be admired and praised, He conducts a volleyball clinic every time he steps onto the floor.

We are a stronger team with him, whether he is on the floor or supporting his players from the side lines.

I am predicting that his highlight reel will be used as motivation for future high school athletes and university athletes alike.

## Senior Boys Volleyball

By MR. N. O'CONNOR

The Senior Boys Volleyball Team evened their record at 1 and 1 Wednesday, September 17. After losing their first game of the season to Rockway, The Saints won a thrilling 5 set match vs The St. David Celtics.

The boys continued it's winning ways by defeating Resurrection on the road in 4 sets on Monday and last night the Saints defeated Pere Rene in yet another thrilling 5 set victory.

The Saints are now 3 and 1 on the season.

## Junior Boys Football

By MR. J. MEYER

Please congratulate the junior boy's football team for their win against GCI Friday, September 19 with a final score of 34 to 12. Following that victory the boys went on to handily defeat Cameron Heights, with a final score of 51 to 7.

Yesterday, the boys won their game against Eastwood with a final score of 35 to 0. Will Pipe lead the team with 18 points. A special congratulations goes out to Josh Cumber for modeling true sportsmanship and SAINTS behaviour on the field.

## Grade Nine Tailgate Party

By MADDIE FRAMPTON

On Thursday September 25th, the grade nines and the Link Crew Leaders were invited to spend the afternoon watching the Junior Boys football game. At 12:30 the grade nines were greeted in the cafeteria by the Link Crew Leaders, who were very energetic and excited about the day's events. After the grade nines got their faces painted, had their necklaces and capes on, and got all riled up they made their way outside to the football field. I don't think the opposing team saw this coming, an army of grade nines and the Link Crew marching out of the school to support their team.

# Senior Boys Football

By MR. J. VALE

## Saints Prevail Over the Gaels

The St. Benedict Saints Senior football team continued their winning ways last Thursday with a 51–6 victory over the Cameron Heights Gaels. In their home opener, the Saints led from start to finish to improve their record to 2–0. Touchdowns were scored by Aidan Yearwood (2), George and Griffin Monaghan, Derek Cole, Brayden Hill and Mario Alyas.

The boys improved their record to 3–0 with a 50–6 victory over the WCI Vikings this past Wednesday. The Saints offense was led by George Monaghan with 4 touchdowns, while Aidan Yearwood (2) and Daniel Labelle had the other scores. Defensively, the Saints had stand out performances by Devante Hudson who had an incredible 4 interceptions in the first half and Bobby Cheeseman who led the team in tackles.

The Saints take their perfect record on the road next Wednesday when they travel to Preston High School for a 3pm kickoff.

If you are interested, [read this article in the Waterloo Region Record](#). It's a good article on our squad, highlighting a special player/student on our team, Aidan Yearwood.

The Link Crew Leaders were trying, and succeeding might I add, to involve everyone in the fun and the excitement of the game. They had the grade nines doing the wave, they continued to paint everyone's faces and had everyone cheering for the football team. Even the people (me) who don't understand anything about football were having fun. It gave the grade nines a chance to bond with their fellow classmates as well as some of the older kids, if we can call them kids anymore.

It was an invigorating game and the Saints won 51 to 7. Go Saints! The positive results made the tailgate event even more exciting, and left everyone with a smile on their faces.

# Cross-Country running smoothly

By MR. F. WITTMANN

The Cross-Country results are in from the Laurel Creek X-Country Meet held September 18th, and the Saints turned in top 10 performances from Sevanne Ghazarian, Emily Soares, Hope Harnack, Sarah Joseph, and Madi Robbins. The Junior Girls Team easily won the meet with additional help from Natalie Minnick, Alexandra Kerry and Makayla Pearl.

Not to be outdone, the Midget Boys Team were third thanks to the efforts of Conor Milne, Alex Thepsouvanh, Terrell Webb, Adam Madar, Amadeo Vaz, Stephen Taborek, Adam Carriere, and Michael Dombrowski.

Following the Laurel Creek meet, our runners raced at the Shades Mill X-Country Meet and won in two categories: Midget Girls and Senior Girls. Congrats Midget Girls: Madi Robbins, Hope Harnack, Cassie Thorne, and Sara Sheikh. Congrats Senior Girls led by Sevanne Ghazarian (who won the race), Emily Soares, Taylor Anderson, and Sydney Papadopoulos.

The Midget Boys led by Connor Milne were 3rd, and the Junior Boys led by Curtis Floras were 4th.

Sarah Joseph was an impressive 7th individually in the Junior Girls race.

# Junior Boys Soccer

By MR. N. DUFRESNE



Please congratulate the junior boys soccer team in their convincing 3–1 win over the Mustangs of Monsignor Doyle. Cyle Costa and Anton Gale displayed incredible work ethic in the mid field while Umberto Piraino and Marco Marillo where unbeatable in the backfield. And the man of the match was Latrell Ackie scoring the hattrick.

The boys followed up with an impressive 5–0 win over the Phoenix Monday night. Keith Porter and Josh Fernandes played key roles in managing the midfield while Latrell Ackie scored his second hatrick and Harjot Kang and Salah Hamad both pocketed one goal each. Our keeper, Ryan Bahia also played spectacularly well earning our first shut out of the season.

## 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 [following this link](#).

## Girls Golf

BY MR. M. ANDERTON

Congratulations goes out to your girls golf team for winning their first two tournaments of the year. Ellanna Lachaine–Demarchi fired a 74 to win the second round after taking the first tournament by 12 shots, while Alison Andrade placed third each round. Next stop: CWOSSA in Port Elgin.

Yesterday, the Girls Golf Team travelled all the way to Port Elgin, but avoided the beach and didn't go in the water, resulting in a terrific showing in the CWOSSA girls golf championship! Elanna DeMarchi fought the elements to come up just short of the win, placing a respectable third, and qualifying for OFSSA. Alison Andrade finished strong in a mostly senior field which put her 10th amongst 28 qualifiers. Good luck to these girls at the D8 championship next Thursday as they look to maintain their league lead and close out the championship.

## Girls Tennis

BY MR. T. JANKURA

Please congratulate Sarah Sue Ping who finished third yesterday in Girls Singles at District 8 tennis, and Sameer Ahmad who came out of now where to place second in Boys Singles at District 8.

Congratulations to all team members on a great season.

## Clubs

## Bennies in Motion

BY MS. S. REIS

All staff and students are invited to come check out the movement classes scheduled for our new Bennies in Motion Studio in room 201. Come join us for a spin, yoga or stretch class. Check the schedule outside room 201 for more details. Students and staff are also invited to lead a class of their choice but must contact either Ms. Reis or Mr. Dufresne. Let's get moving!

## **Puzzles Club**

BY MR. A. MILARDOVIC

If you enjoy crossword puzzles, mazes, word finds, sudoku, or any other type of puzzle that forces you to flex your mental muscle, the Puzzles Club is the place for you! Bring your own puzzles, or try some of ours!

We've added some more hands-on types of puzzles, like the intertwined nails which you have to take apart, challenge your friends to see who can get them undone the fastest! Meet Wednesdays at lunch in room 216.

## **United Cultures Club**

BY MS. READFEARN

Are you interested in learning about other cultures and languages? Do you have the desire to travel and to learn about what the world has to offer? If so, then The United Cultures Club may be for you! The United Cultures Club meets every Friday in room 322. Everyone is welcome! See Ms. Redfearn, Miss. Parkinson, or Mrs. Johnstone for details.

## **Programmers Club**

BY MR. A. MILARDOVIC

If you've got strong problem-solving skills and want to tackle computer problems, then come join the Programmers Club! Get prepped for the UW and ECHO programming contests, and have some fun coding at lunch, Fridays, in room 216!

## **Fresh Club**

BY MRS. R. CURRIE

This is it, Saints! This week, the fresh club begins! If you're at all interested in documentaries, social justice, local and fair trade foods, or just food in general, come on out! The first meeting is this Friday at lunch, this time in Portable 8. Everyone is welcome!

## **Girls' workout club**

BY MRS. L. O'NEILL

The Girls' workout club is back on Thursday nights from 2:20-3:20. See Mr. Ambeau or Mrs. O'Neill if you have any questions.

## **Benny's News Team**

By MR. A. MILARDOVIC

Are you interested in a career of journalism and want some experience? The Benny's Press Team is looking for writers, editors, and photographers for the BENN e-newsletter... Come join our team! Meeting with us Mondays at lunch in room 216. Bring your lunch with you.

## Rock Climbing

By MISS M. NOVAKOVICH

Our first meeting will be next week on Wed. October 1 in room 319. We start climbing on Thursday, October 23 at Grand River Rocks. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Novakovich.

## Saints4Life Club

By MRS. M. ROCHA

Please join me in congratulating Samantha, Tiana, Jack and Naomi for participating in the Cambridge Walk for Life on Saturday September 27. These students represented our school in a manner that we should be very proud of.



## Millionaires Club

By MR. A. MILARDOVIC

What would you do with a million dollars? Come and meet with others who are interested in the world of finance and investing. Come and talk stocks, bonds, and participate in some competitions in the Millionaires Club. The stock market competition has already begun, and with the recent downturn in the market those of you who have waited may be getting into the game at the most opportune time!

Meet Thursday at lunch in room 216 with Mr. Milardovic and Mr. Meyer, new members are always welcome!

## Student Activities

### St. Benedict Opening Assembly was a hit!

By NYAWUOR MALEK, SAC COMMUNICATIONS

**Mme. Charron limboing at the St. Benedict Opening Assembly.**

On Friday September 26th 2014, St. Benedict had its annual Opening Assembly. This was hosted and planned by SAC, the Student Council



here at St. Benedict. The assembly was loaded with a lot of fun and memorable moments. There were many amazing acts including crowd favourites Madi Morelli and Grant Brook.

Along with performances, there was also enlightening videos that showcased our community involvement. The first video was a twist on the Modern Family theme song which introduced our 2014–2015 SAC family. The second video was the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge

completed by both SAC and five teachers whose jars raised the most money for the ALS foundation. The last video featured our AVIVA entry called Heart of the Community which will go towards renovating the front field.

An opening assembly is never complete without a fun activity! This assembly featured a limbo competition for the teachers to win their fourth period class front row seats to the Christmas Assembly. Needless to say, Mme. Charron won!

The Spirit Couch was also unveiled; this couch is to be won at Coffee Houses and used at sporting events.

The first ever Homecoming week was also announced at the opening assembly. The week of October 14th–October 17th will be jam packed with celebrating Bennie's spirit through a club fair, spirit days, sports, and a Homecoming Dance to end the week off.

All in all the opening assembly was a fun filled and memorable afternoon.

## Assembly was Awesome

BY BENN NEWS TEAM STAFF

Last Friday during period four, our school community gathered together in the gymnasium to celebrate the beginning of the new 2014–2015 school year. The Bennies Student Activities Council (SAC) hosted the event providing students with an exciting segue into all of the special events happening this year and also increased our school spirit through fun games and videos.

Congratulations to all of the teachers and staff who participated in the limbo contest, especially Mme. Charron for “leaning” her way into winning front-row seating for her class during the Christmas assembly. We were all entertained by a variety of performers who brought a lot of energy and style to the stage. We should be so proud to have such awesome vocal talent here at Bennie's!

After all the excitement and energy this last assembly, one can only imagine what amazing events and activities we will encounter this school year!

## The Arts

### Saints proudly presents the musical GODSPELL

**Wednesday, October 22, 7 PM**  
**Friday, October 24, 7 PM**

## Saturday, October 25, 2 PM and 7 PM

**Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students.**

From [www.mtishows.com](http://www.mtishows.com):

*Godspell was the first major musical theatre offering from 3-time Grammy and Academy Award winner Stephen Schwartz (Wicked, Pippin, Children Of Eden); and it took the world by storm. Led by the international hit, "Day By Day," Godspell features a parade of beloved songs including "Prepare Ye The Way Of The Lord," "Learn Your Lessons Well," "All For The Best," "All Good Gifts," "Turn Back, O Man" and "By My Side." A small group of people help Jesus Christ tell different parables by using a wide variety of games, storytelling techniques, and hefty dose of comic timing. An eclectic blend of songs ranging in style from pop to vaudeville is employed as the story of Jesus's life dances across the stage. Dissolving hauntingly into the Last Supper and the Crucifixion, Jesus's messages of kindness, tolerance, and love come vibrantly to life. Boasting a score with chart topping songs, a book by a visionary playwright (John-Michael Tebelak), and a feature film, Godspell is a sensation that continues to touch audiences.*

## Top Chefs Battle It Out Live!

BY MS. A. WEILER

There was an intense hush in the atrium on Wednesday. Battle lines were drawn and weapons of choice chosen. Two mighty warriors stood beside one another, concentration furrowing their brows as they studied their opponent. The crowd watched in anticipation as the two flexed, fingers twitching. It was the first time. It was exciting. It was... "Battle Salads"!

Bennies first ever Top chef Bennies Culinary Competition was underway, live in the atrium with Chef Calhoun taking on Chef Paleczny. The two culinary greats were supplied with a preset list of ingredients and tools to work from to create their masterpieces. A "mini" battle, they had approximately 15 minutes in which to delight the judges, Alimentary Advisor, Principal Dan Witt and Gastronomic Guru, Anita Derschner.

Pickled beets, bacon, salad greens, a lovely bun, oils, spices– the whisks were flying, knives slicing and mini torches caramelizing. Chef Paleczny, a confident competitor took a dominant stance as our resident Chef, Chef Calhoun dazzled the audience with his knife skills. With the crowd oohs and ahhs, the countdown on the timer began. It was a very close battle with Mr. Witt voting for Mr. Paleczny's rustic and tasty combination. Ms. Derschner sided with Chef Calhoun based on his delightful plating strategy of a deconstructed salad.



Top Chef Bennies was a success and served to introduce both students and staff to our newest club. Under the guidance of co-creators Chefs Calhoun and Paleczny, students and staff will meet every Thursday at lunch in room 105 to hone their culinary skills. Anyone with culinary experience (either academic or professional) is welcome to join in the fun. A small fee may be charged to offset the costs of materials. A great experience for anyone wanting to further their skills, polish their palette, advance in the gourmet world, it will be a blast (and looks great on a resume or college application). As participants progress through the entry rounds, they will engage in live battles throughout the year!



What are you waiting for? Grab your pestle, fine tune your knife skills, roll out the rolling pin! It's Top Chef Bennies... battle for the Golden Spatula!

## Open The Door You Say?

By Ms. A. WEILER

What happens when you combine over 70 aspiring artists and art aficionados, 11 teams, an MC, TV crew, music, a fantastic audience, beautiful sun shiny day and live art? FALL TEAM ART BATTLE 2014!

That's right—in our first art battle of the year, over 70 competitors joined together on over 11 teams to battle it out. And it was glorious! Organized by Ms Fernandes and Ms Weiler, this time teams were provided with an actual door for a “canvas”. They could then use materials of their choosing to create their masterpieces based on the theme “Gateways” within a 30 minute time frame.

Some doors were purchased from ReStore (Habitat for Humanity) while others were generously donated by Artefact (architectural salvage store) from St Jacobs. Their kind donation ensured that everyone who wanted to participate had the opportunity and Bennies is thankful for great community partners that facilitate play in all forms for all.

We had more teams than ever this year, and many of them were totally new to the art Battle scene. There were teams of staff members, staff and students, just students—some running from the battle to play football. The weather





was perfect. Mr. Frank Wittmann provided the MC performance of the year, keeping teams within the time limits, telling “witty” jokes, cheering on the teams and getting the crowd going.

There was paint, paper, rocks, impromptu live painting by our SBTV team. It was electric, engaging and entertaining. The arts are alive and thriving at Bennies. We just keep getting bigger and better and events like these make Bennies the dynamic experiential community that it is.

Art Battle events will continue throughout the year. Our next Art Battle will take place before Christmas. Once again, artist approved works will be donated for auction/raffle in support of our Christmas fund...so save your pennies everyone, cheer on your favourite artists and support a phenomenal local cause.



## Other News



**WHAT ARE**  
signs of a



**DYNAMIC CATHOLIC ?**

**TUESDAY NIGHT TOGETHER**  
Oct 7, 14, 21, 28 2014

- 6 pm **FREE** family style meal!
- 6:15 Adult presentation and kids program (JK- Gr. 6)
- 7:30 conclusion and dessert



- On our website:  
[stmaryhospeler.ca](http://stmaryhospeler.ca)
- Call the Parish Office:  
519.658.4443

To get the most out of these evenings, pick up a copy of the \$10 book "Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic" by Matthew Kelly in the Parish Centre or reserve your copy online when you sign up!

## Waterloo Region Children's Safety Village presents their third annual 'Halloween in the Village' event

On Saturday, October 18, 2014, between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m., the Waterloo Region Children's Safety Village will be hosting our Third Annual 'Halloween in the Village' event. Open to the public, the Village will provide Halloween Safety Training to the children who attend. Participants will have an opportunity to participate in a variety of games, activities and crafts, all with the Halloween flair. Children will then trick or treat through the 27 miniature buildings that make up the Village. Refreshments will be provided.

All are welcome and admission is just \$5 / child. Each child will receive a Halloween bag for trick or treating.

All proceeds from the event will go to support the Waterloo Region Children's Safety Village. The Waterloo Catholic District School Board is a proud founding partner of the Waterloo Region Children's Safety Village.

# Cambridge Libraries book sale

*"A house without books is like a room without windows."* – Horace Mann.

This October you're invited to the fall 2014 Book Sale at Idea Exchange. From October 3 – 9 you will have the chance to fill your personal library with fantastic selections of adult and children's fiction and non-fiction books, CDs, DVDs, magazines, and more! All Idea Exchange locations offer book sales during these dates, operating within regular business hours. Make sure you visit often as the selection is rotated and restocked daily, varying at each location. For more information visit [ideaexchange.org](http://ideaexchange.org) or contact 519.621.0460.

## Locations & Hours

### Queen's Square

Mon – Thurs 9:30am – 8:30pm

Fri & Sat 9:30 am – 5:30pm

Sunday 1:00 – 5:00pm

### Preston, Hespeler and Clemens Mill

Mon – Thurs 12:00 – 8:30pm

Fri 12:00 – 5:30pm

Sat 9:30 am – 5:30pm

Sunday 1:00 – 5:00pm

## Upcoming Events

### Friday, October 3

8:00am Manufacturing Day  
8:30am College visit: Humber  
10:45am Star Trek Club  
10:45am Programmers club  
10:45am United Cultures  
10:45am Fresh Club  
1:30pm Cross Country: Bechtel Race  
2:15pm Doctor Who Video Club

### Sunday, October 5

World Teachers day

### Monday, October 6

10:45am Benny's Press Team meeting  
11:30am Univ. visit: University of Western Ontario  
11:30am Univ. visit: Huron College (U of Western)  
2:15pm Fitness Club  
2:20pm Concert Band  
3:00pm Sr. Girls basketball @ Monsignor Doyle  
3:00pm Jr. Boys volleyball vs Monsignor Doyle CSS  
3:00pm Sr. Boys volleyball vs Monsignor Doyle CSS  
3:30pm Jr. Boys soccer @ St. Mary's

### Tuesday, October 7

10:45am Arts Council meeting  
10:45am Seams Sew Easy  
10:45am DECA Business Club  
2:15pm Fitness Club

### Thursday, October 16

8:05am Progress Reports Distributed  
9:30am Univ. visit: Carleton University  
10:45am Lost Club  
10:45am Millionaires club  
11:30am Univ. visit: U of Waterloo & St. Jerome's  
2:10pm Games Club  
2:15pm Seams Sew Easy  
2:15pm Girls Workout Club  
2:15pm Math Club  
2:20pm Girls' Workout Club  
5:00pm Jr. Boys football @ Jacob Hespeler SS

### Friday, October 17

10:45am Star Trek Club  
10:45am Programmers club  
10:45am United Cultures  
10:45am Fresh Club  
1:00pm Cross Country: District 8  
2:15pm Doctor Who Video Club  
3:00pm Jr. Boys volleyball vs Resurrection CSS  
3:00pm Sr. Boys volleyball vs Resurrection CSS  
4:30pm Jr. Girls basketball @ Resurrection CSS

## Did you know?

#### Wednesday, October 8

10:45am Lost Club  
10:45am Puzzles club  
10:45am MC Crew  
1:00pm Jr. Boys football @ Preston HS  
2:15pm Fitness Club  
2:15pm Camera club  
3:00pm Jr. Boys soccer vs Msgr Doyle  
3:30pm Jr. Boys volleyball @ Rockway MC  
3:30pm Sr. Boys volleyball @ Rockway MC  
4:30pm Jr. Girls basketball vs Rockway MC

#### Thursday, October 9

8:00am Conflict Resolution & Lifting Techniques  
10:15am Cross Country: Waterloo District Inv Meet  
10:45am Lost Club  
10:45am Millionaires club  
11:00am College info days at Conestoga College  
2:10pm Games Club  
2:15pm Seams Sew Easy  
2:15pm Girls Workout Club  
2:15pm Math Club  
2:20pm Girls' Workout Club  
7:00pm Academic Awards Night

#### Friday, October 10

9:30am College visit: Sheridan  
10:45am Star Trek Club  
10:45am Programmers club  
10:45am United Cultures  
10:45am Fresh Club  
2:15pm Doctor Who Video Club

#### Monday, October 13

Thanksgiving Day

#### Tuesday, October 14

8:00am Training in a Technique: Abstract Painting  
8:15am Univ. visit: Brock University  
10:45am Arts Council meeting  
10:45am Seams Sew Easy  
10:45am DECA Business Club  
2:15pm Fitness Club

#### Wednesday, October 15

8:00am Hoisting/Rigging & Lift Truck  
9:30am Univ. visit: Windsor University  
10:45am Lost Club  
10:45am Puzzles club  
10:45am MC Crew  
1:00pm Univ. visit: Ryerson  
2:15pm Fitness Club  
2:15pm Camera club  
3:00pm Jr. Boys volleyball vs Woodland Christian  
3:00pm Sr. Boys volleyball vs Woodland Christian  
5:00pm Jr. Girls basketball @ Woodland Christian  
BENN Newsletter release

**There are over 1,100 entries on our school calendar on the website!**

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

Check the calendar on our 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](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.

