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St. Benedict's Aviva bid advances to semi-finals

Ten-day voting period to begin December 1

By TEAM AVIVA STAFF

St. Benedict CSS and partner Stevenson Hunt Insurance are thrilled to officially announce that the "Heart of the Community" \$100,000.00 grant idea is advancing to semi final round in National Competition.

The screenshot shows a project page for 'Heart of the Community' with the following details:

- Star** Semi-Finalist
- B** Broker Supported
- Wildcard Eligible**
- Category: Health, Sport, & Active Living
- Project ID: ACF19698 • St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School
- Votes: 0 votes
- Text: This idea has qualified for the Semi-Finals. Voting for the Semi-Finals begins on **Monday, December 1.**

A screen capture of our Aviva project page shortly after 1:00 this afternoon. By advancing to the Semi-Finals we get to bypass the next two rounds of voting.

In September, St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School officially entered the nationwide “Aviva Community Fund” Competition. The school brought significant local attention to their “Heart of the Community” during the first round of on line voting September 29th through October 13th, maintaining the highest number of votes for a single project idea across the nation for the entire voting period. Students, faculty and community supporters were busy at work spreading the word and encouraging voters during the long 15 day voting period.

The Vision

AVIVA generously donates \$1 million each year to Canadian communities for standalone projects that enhances the communities we live in. The school’s visions for Cambridge with the potential \$100,000.00 health and wellness category win:

- Creation of a fitness circuit with accessible exercise stations along the highly used sports track
- Install a multipurpose digital scoreboard for local clubs and teams to access. Presently clubs and teams have no means to track the score or time left in games and practices. The back of the scoreboard could also potentially be used for community messaging
- Replace the small decaying wooden bleachers that provide limited seating in partnership with the city with accessible access to the field

With endorsement from the Waterloo Catholic District School Board, Cambridge City Council, Heart and Stroke Foundation, Public Health Department, United Way of Cambridge and North Dumfries and many local clubs and businesses word and support is spreading quickly. Insurance brokers Stevenson and Hunt have been providing exceptional leadership and support to the school assisting through messaging their clients and Cambridge residents.

Next Steps

“Heart of the Community” has now advanced to the semi final voting round! The voting for this round will be from December 1st to 10th and the projects goal is to have 2000 supporting votes per day to carry them to the judges round in late December. St. Benedict’s is seeking community support to maintain the first place pace they have established. Voting comes from your email or face book accounts. The more votes and community support the project has, the greater the chance for success!

How to Vote

Register your email and Facebook accounts—you can vote from any of these accounts. Log onto [our Aviva project page](#). In the top right corner, click sign in and then register to vote. Save this short cut to your phone, laptop, computer or IPAD and remember to vote everyday from December 1st to 10th for idea number 19698—the Heart of the Community!

For more information: Visit the project page on the St. Benedict website, <http://stbenedict.wcdsb.ca/aviva/> and follow us on Twitter, [@StBenedictAviva](#).

Parent-Student-Teacher Conferencing

Thursday, October 23

Yesterday students received a copy of their progress report in their period 1 class. Students who did not have a period 1 class could pick up their progress reports from the Main Office.

Parents, please take some time to look at the reports and if need be, contact your son's or daughter's teachers for conferencing next Thursday. You can do that by either asking your son or daughter to speak to their teachers, or you can email the teachers yourself directly.

Schedule for the day

8:00–8:55	period 1
9:00–9:55	period 2
9:55–10:35	lunch
10:35–11:30	period 3
11:35–12:30	period 4
1:00–4:30	conferencing times
5:30–8:00	conferencing times

Used Uniform Sale

Used uniforms will be available from 1:00 to 4:30 during parent/teacher conferences on Thursday October 23rd in the atrium. There will also be a small quantity of school supplies available.

Quantities are limited. Cash only.

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.

