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Thank You Aviva!

**And thank you to all our
supporters and those who cast
votes for our *Heart of the
Community* project**

Benny's in the Local Media

CANADA AM: [Aviva Fund gives back \[video\]](#)

THE RECORD: <http://www.therecord.com/news-story/5277590...>

CAMBRIDGE TIMES: [There's no beating Heart of the Community](#)

EXCHANGE: [St. Benedict CSS Wins \\$100,000 AVIVA Community F..](#)

Administrative

A Celebration of People... The Heart of the Community... and much more

BY MR. A. MILARDOVIC

"Dan Witt is the principal here at St. Benedict's Secondary School in Cambridge... Ken Seiling, who's the regional chair for the Region of Waterloo, Mayor Doug Craig from the City of Cambridge, both here to witness what we're about to see, and Sharon, tell us what we're about

to do here." With those words, CTV's Canada AM personality (and former CKCO staffer) Jeff Hutcheson passed the microphone over to Sharon Ludlow, President of Aviva Canada.

Ms. Ludlow proceeded to speak. "Jeff we're about to give away a cheque to St. Benedict's to help them with building their field ... and promote healthy and active living..." and after acknowledging the support of the insurance brokers of Stevenson and Hunt, Jeff Hutcheson said the words our school's *Team Aviva* has been waiting to hear for a long, long time... "here is your cheque for \$100,000."

The crowd erupted. We were elated. A project which started as an idea in May of 2014 reached that critical instant when the affirmation by the Aviva Community Fund panel of judges told those gathered that St. Benedict's idea of being the *Heart of the Community*, a place where people can come and stay fit, stay active, and stay healthy—well, that's just a pretty good idea, and an idea that is worth the \$100,000 prize.

***... here is your
cheque for
\$100,000.***

Today's issue of the BENN was supposed to be a gradiose celebration of this. A recap of the day in pictures and tweets and facebook posts, which—as I write this—are still coming in. I'm sure Mr. Witt, with all of the regular interruptions of the day, has made an attempt to polish up a speech which would leave even the most experienced Emmy-award recipient at the mic saying "I can't top that". And it's not that we don't want to celebrate this victory for Cambridge, we just have more work to do to bring this project to fruition. That, and today was the period 4 exam, and some of us have marking and report cards to complete. ;-)

Here are a few screen captures from the happy moment, and links to the videos on the Canada AM website. Staff and students who were present are sending in pictures which we will add to the Aviva page of the school website. Check back over the next few days to see what's new. And if you have pictures to add to our collection, please email them to [Mr. Milardovic](#) and we will include them on the school website.

And again, with most humble appreciation, we thank all of you who were with us on this most incredible journey.





Now watch the clips!

[Canada AM: Aviva Community Fund Jeff Hutcheson and President of Aviva Canada, Sharon Ludlow explain how Canadian across the country submitted ideas to win a share of \\$1M.](#)

[Canada AM: Aviva Fund gives back Jeff Hutcheson and President of Aviva Canada, Sharon Ludlow presents a cheque to St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School.](#)

[Canada AM: Fund goes to work Jeff and gym teacher Nate explains exactly what St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School will do with the grant the school received.](#)

[Canada AM: Community Fund keeps going Jeff drives the electric car the students at St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School built.](#)

More pictures can be found on our school website, click on the * AVIVA * tab.

News from the Guidance Department

BY MR. M. AMBEAU

The Application Deadline for College is approaching quickly!

Grade 12 students who are planning to apply to either college 2015-16 academic year are reminded that the application deadline is quickly approaching. Please note the following:

- College applications are due February 1, 2015. PIN numbers are not required for college application – students create their own account when they apply.
- Apply early and avoid the stress of last minute on-line delays. OCAS sites become overloaded the closer it gets to the deadline date.
- Complete your Community Service Hours as soon as possible!
- Review your semester two timetable if you think that you need to make any changes.
- Information regarding college programs can be found at www.ontario.colleges.ca.

Wilfred Laurier University

Laurier University is hosting tours on January 29 and 30, anyone interested can visit wlu.ca and sign up for a tour. Please check the web page for more details.

University Of Waterloo

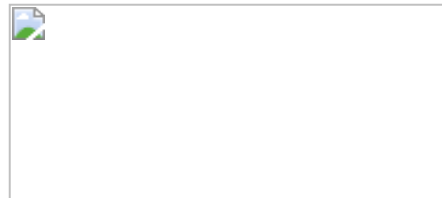
The University of Waterloo's Grade 10 Family Night being held on Thursday, February 19th. Grade 10 Family Night helps families and students who are thinking about attending any of Ontario's universities.

This year's event will feature: finding the right fit at university, what students can do now to prepare, financing a university education, advice from current students.

For students in Grade 10: Thinking of university?

Grade 10 students and parents are invited to learn about the university application process, finding a program you'll love, and financing a post-secondary education. Register to attend or watch the

What is Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)?



The Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) is a Ministry approved award you can earn during grade eleven and twelve which encourages you to focus your secondary school education toward a career area of your choice.

No matter whether you plan to go to work, apprenticeship, or college/university you can earn a SHSM. The SHSM Red Seal symbol on your diploma lets employers and post secondary institutions know that you have knowledge, skills, and industry-recognized qualifications related to a particular career field.

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

Arts & Culture • Business • Construction • Energy
Environment • Health & Wellness
Hospitality & Tourism • Info & Communications

live webcast at uwaterloo.ca/find-out-more/grade-10. Thursday, February 19th, 2015 , 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm , Mathematics 3, University of Waterloo

For parents: University information session for Grade 10 students and parents

Grade 10 students and parents are invited to learn about the university application process, finding a program that's a good fit, and financing a post-secondary education. Register to attend or watch the live webcast at uwaterloo.ca/find-out-more/grade-10. Thursday, February 19th, 2015 , 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm , Mathematics 3 , University of Waterloo

Justice & Community Safety • Manufacturing Transportation

Students participate in:

COURSES – Specific grade 11 and 12 courses identified for your Major; choose these recommended courses during our upcoming (February) course selections

CERTIFICATIONS – Earn Industry recognized Certifications offered through the school

CO-OP – complete 2 credits in work placements in your area of interest

If you are in grade 10 and have not already done so, sign up for SHSM. Registration forms are available in the guidance office.

More information can be found online at www.highskills.ca.

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, January 29
Credit Rescue (as needed)

Friday, January 30
Professional Activity Day

Monday, February 2
10:45am Benny's Press Team meeting
10:45am Because I Am Girl
2:15pm Fitness Club
2:20pm Concert Band
Semester 2 starts

Tuesday, February 3
10:45am Arts Council meeting
10:45am DECA Business Club
2:15pm Fitness Club

Wednesday, February 4
10:45am Lost Club
10:45am Millionaires club
2:15pm Fitness Club

Thursday, February 12
8:05am Semester 1 Report Cards Distributed
10:45am Lost Club
10:45am Puzzles club
10:45am Making a Difference Club
2:10pm Games Club
2:15pm Girls Workout Club
2:15pm Math Club
2:20pm Jazz Band

Friday, February 13
10:45am Star Trek Club
10:45am Programmers club
10:45am United Cultures
10:45am Fresh Club
2:15pm Doctor Who Video Club

Did you know?

2:15pm Camera club
2:25pm Yearbook Club

Thursday, February 5

10:45am Lost Club
10:45am Puzzles club
10:45am Making a Difference Club
2:10pm Games Club
2:15pm Girls Workout Club
2:15pm Math Club
2:20pm Jazz Band
7:00pm Coffee House Arts Night

Friday, February 6

10:45am Star Trek Club
10:45am Programmers club
10:45am United Cultures
10:45am Fresh Club
2:15pm Doctor Who Video Club

Monday, February 9

10:45am Benny's Press Team meeting
10:45am Because I Am Girl
2:15pm Fitness Club
2:20pm Concert Band

Tuesday, February 10

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

Wednesday, February 11

10:45am Lost Club
10:45am Millionaires club
2:15pm Fitness Club
2:15pm Camera club
2:25pm Yearbook Club
Valentine's Activities

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 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.

