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June 10, 2015

We're in the home stretch...

... and before you know it, final evaluations will be upon us! In a few short weeks, students will be writing their exams. With graduation happening in the last week of June, grade 12s will write their exams earlier than the rest of the students.

We are in the process of finalizing the logistical issues surrounding the examination days; please refer to our school website for more information. Once the exam schedule times are finalized, a notice will be put on our website's *infoReel* and Twitter feed.

Students, you can do it! Hang in there for the last few weeks, do your best, complete your summatives, prepare for your final evaluations, and you will be rewarded for your efforts.

- Editor

Benny's in the Local Media

THE RECORD: Road works season begins in earnest

THE RECORD: Roundabouts a go for Franklin Blvd.: Cambridge c...

CAMBRIDGE TIMES: Shae Dupuy leaves her mark on music

Administrative

Grade 9 Math EQAO Test Preparation Resource

Grade 9 students who are currently enrolled in mathematics will be engaging in a provincial test of skill with EQAO on June 8th and 9th. Students have been prepared for demonstration of skills achievement through their class curriculum.

Students are welcome to continue their skills development by utilizing the practice booklets from previous years located on the <u>EQAO Parent Resource website</u>. Other parent resources to support student learning available from EQAO include formula sheets, key words students need to know, descriptions of how to get ready for the test published in multiple languages, and information video.

Attention Prom Attendees!

If you will be attending our Prom Thursday night, here are a few reminders:

- 1. You will need photo ID to get in. No digital copies will be accepted.
- 2. Doors close at 8:00 o'clock.
- 3. If you have signed in a guest, you and your guest must arrive together.
- 4. There is a zero tolerance policy in effect. Breathalyzers will be administered, if necessary.
- 5. School policies will be in effect and any inappropriate behaviour will be subjected to suspension from school.

Thank you and enjoy your night!

Student Transportation Information for September 2015

Transportation details for the 2015 – 2016 school year will be available on Monday August 24, 2015. Parents can login and view your child's transportation details by going to the <u>Student</u> Transportation Services of Waterloo Region and following these easy steps:

- 1. Click on "Student Login"
- 2. Click on "Student Login" again (near the bottom of the page)
- 3. Enter your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN)
 - This can be found on your child's report card
 - Numbers only, no space, no dash
- 4. Enter your child's birth date
 - o dd/mm/yyyy
- 5. Enter your child's street number
 - house number only
- 6. Select the school your child is attending from the drop down menu

Please note: any address changes need to be done through your school. If you are moving this summer or change caregiver arrangements for the fall, you should communicate the change of address to your child's school before the end of the 2014–2015 school year.

You can also visit www.stswr.ca to see bus delays and cancellations, subscribe to receive e-mail notifications for late buses and closures and follow us on Twitter.

News from the Guidance Department

BY MR. M. AMBEAU

Reminders for Grade 12 Graduating Students!

- 1. The Graduation ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24 at Kinsmen Arena located beside the Kitchener Aud. Start time is at 7 pm, graduates should show up at 6:30 pm.
- 2. If you plan on attending graduation, you must hand in your reply cards to Guidance ASAP.
- 3. Anyone needing extra tickets form graduation please see Mrs. O'Connor in guidance to be put on a waitlist.

4. Completion of your Community Service Hours (minimum of 40) is required if you are planning to attend the Graduation ceremony in June. All Grade 12 students who have not yet completed and handed in their hours are reminded to do so as soon as possible. This task needs to be completed by Friday, May 29 and handed in to the main office.

Summer School

NEW

St. Louis Adult education in now offering new credit classes for grade 11 and 12 students. Classes will be offered at the main campus in Kitchener (80 Young street) and run from July 2 to 24 8:30 to 3. For more information check out the St. Louis link on our board web page (www.wcdsb.ca) Registration in now open.

Summer school information for the public board is now available in guidance, all summer school programs are run by the Waterloo Region District School Board, but are available for our students to attend as well. Summer School traditionally offers two types of courses – make up courses for students who were unsuccessful in their first attempt of the course, as well as new credit courses. Both types of courses run for approximately 4 weeks (July 2 to 24, with make up courses being taught in either the morning or the afternoon (8:30 to 11:30 or 12 pm to 3:00) and new credit courses being taught over the entire school day. Information regarding summer school will be shared via the BENN, announcements and twitter as soon as it becomes available.

Application deadline for new credit classes and blended online is June 10, by 12pm. Application deadline for make-up classes in June 25, by 12pm.

Community Service horus opportunity

Elgin Street Public Schoolis having its annual fun fair on June 18th, 2015 and would like to give our students an opportunity to volunteer if you are looking for hours. Sign up at the following link: http://www.volunteersignup.org/KEC7M

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:

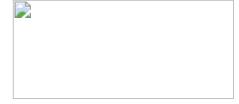
- 1. A bundle of courses related to a major
- 2. Co-op experience in an area of interest
- 3. Industry-recognized certifications related to the employment sector

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)



Majors offered at St. Benedict's C.S.S. in 2015-16

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

- learn on-the-job skills during a co-op placement
- · gain experience in your field of interest

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.

St. Benedict Family of Schools Parent Survey

Please find below the links to the St. Benedict Family of Schools Parent Survey. Please take a few moments to respond via your mobile device or computer. If you prefer, paper copies of the survey are available in the main office at St. Benedict C.S.S.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Benedict C.S.S.!

- ► mobile version of on-line survey
- computer version of on-line survey

A fond farewell to some fine new friends

BY MRS. P. KLASSEN

For the past 6 weeks, St. Benedict has been blessed with the presence of 4 short term stay Chinese exchange students – Caroline (Lin) Cheng, Linda (Zhiyaun) Gao, Helen (Yiqing) Sun and Aaron (Tianfang) Zhao. Unlike other international students who study here long term with the intent of earning their Ontario diploma, these 4 students were here to experience Canadian culture and school life in another country.

Today during the lunch period, Caroline, Linda, Helen and Aaron hosted a gathering to say "thank-you" to their teachers and new friends for greeting them so warmly and welcoming them to our community. Guests were treated to a power point presentation which highlighted some well-known Chinese landmarks and tourist attractions, as well as some of the traditions surrounding popular Chinese food products. Each of the students also reflected on their time here at St. Benedict, providing testament to the hospitality that they experience here.

There was also time to play a few games together, including "Musical Chairs" and a version of "Truth or Dare". We all enjoyed watching Ms. Beyerle's Interpretive Dance moves and Ms. Healy's "worm"!

Based on the number of students and teachers who attended the gathering, as well as the many hugs and photos that were being taken, I think that it is safe to say that these 4 students made a positive and lasting impact during their time with us. We will miss them and wish them only the best as they return home to China!





PS. If you want to stay in touch with Caroline, Linda, Helen and Aaron, you will need their email addresses. Faceback, twitter and instagram are not allowed in their country.

School Cash Online Survey Payments for School Items / Trips

As of April 2015, all schools in the Waterloo Catholic District School Board (WCDSB) use School Cash Online.

School Cash Online offers parents the convenience of making online payments for their child/children's field trips, pizza days, milk program, agendas, yearbook, spirit wear, donations, school fundraising etc. This will help remove cash from schools and provide a convenient way for parents to pay for school-related items. School Cash Online allows for parents to maintain an electronic receipt history for items purchased. It provides parents with more flexibility and control over how they distribute payments to the school.

WCDSB is reviewing additional payment methods for School Cash Online and is looking for parent feedback. Currently parents are offered 2 methods of payment: eCheque and My Wallet.

ECheque

An eCheque is an electronic funds transfer that withdraws money directly from your bank account. It is just like writing a cheque, only it is done electronically. When you send money with an eCheque, the transaction will be held as pending until the electronic funds have cleared your bank.

School Cash Online does not store your eCheque details for security reasons. Therefore, parents must enter the information every time they checkout.

My Wallet

Parents deposit a sum of money into "My Wallet" on the School Cash Online website. You will be able to draw down on the preloaded funds to pay for student items and check out. It takes seven business days to load "My Wallet" and use the funds to purchase items. Fund transferred into "My Wallet" do not expire and remain available for purchases until funds are fully drawn down.

Attention grade 12's!

Would you like to wear civvies in June?

All grade 12 and super 12 students are invited to donate at least 3 items of used uniform on Monday, June 8th and Tuesday, June 9th.

Donations will be accepted before school from 7:30 until 8:00am *(please arrive <u>early</u>)* in the

Take the Survey about Paying for School Items online by <u>clicking here</u>.

To go to WCDSB School Cash Online, follow the link at the top of our school website, or click here. cafeteria and at lunch in room 111.

Once we receive your donation you will be provided with a uniform pass that must be shown to all your teachers.

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.



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

Science Olympians up for the Challenge

By Ms. S. Skinn

The science team has been busy this month with 2 Science Olympic competitions: one at the University of Guelph and one at the University of Western Ontario.

We headed out to the University of Guelph on Thursday May 7 for the 2015 Science Olympics. The team had a busy day and got a chance to check out the science and engineering facilities at the university, fortunately the weather was on our side and our team enjoyed a good day on the campus. In our events we had some great teamwork going on and a few great placings:

- 1st for our junior nanobuild team consisting of Jieun Huh, Sarah Sheikh, Adam Indycki and Paul Winiarz detecting messages on a nano scale
- 3rd for our junior team of Miyuki Sesoko, Ally Suarez, Paul Winiarz and Razmig Garboushian in the "great spy race" event orienteering with GPS around the campus
- 1st for our senior team of Kartar Singh, Nick Le and Will DaSilva in the "great pirate race" as they race their way through clues to find the treasure
- 3rd for our senior team of Chloe Macikunas, Josh Van di Vegte, Brandon Hilts and Josh Duke in the engineering "candy crush" event where popsicle sticks and plastic cups were used to build the strongest structure then tested in a giant vice!

Our second competition happened at the University of Western in London and included schools from all over Ontario, even some as far away as Timmins. Competition was fast and fierce, at the end of the day we walked away with some awards:

- 3rd for our grade 9 team (Sarah Sheikh, Noah Guerin, Connor MacDonald, Nicholas Kimkaran, Jason He, Jieun Huh, Ally Suarez, and Miyuki Sesoko) in the cryptic crossword event
- Kristine Suarez maintained her cup stacking record and earned a second and third place
- Jason He earned a third place on his first time out for the Rubik's cube contest

What a great way to wrap up the science team for this year! Look for science team to start up again next year in October!









Congrats to the entire science team:

Grade 9: Sarah Sheikh, Noah Guerin, Connor MacDonald, Nicholas Kimkaran, Jason He, Jieun Huh, Ally Suarez, Miyuki Sesoko

Grade 10: Taylor Anderson, Nadya Closa, Adam Indycki, Sevanne Ghazarian, Paul Winiarz, Alex Kerry, Emily Boyle, Razmig Garboushian, Dylan Graham, Kyson Vi, Josh Van de Vegte, Mitchell Whyte, Josh Duke, Brandon Hilts

Grade 11: Kartar Singh, Naveen Benjamin, Nick Le, Will DaSilva, Areeba Qureshi, Faizah Gaiah, Maria Tasneem

Grade 12: Jasmine Harding-Baker, Kristine Suarez, Julia Murphy, Mara Dodig, Chloe Macikunas, Madison Brook, Aaron Silver, John Elten.

Athletics

Girls Softball

By Ms. M. REDFEARN

The girls softball team has advanced to the playoff tournament on June 1st! They played two great games Monday afternoon at Rosenberg Park in Kitchener.

In their first game, they played Eastwood Collegiate and won with a score of 4–2. Next they played Grand River Collegiate and won a close one with a score of 8–7.



Girls soccer
Resurrection 2, Saints 1

Sr. Boys soccer Msgr. Doyle 3, Saints 1 There is a brief meeting on Thursday at the beginning of lunch for all players in Ms. Redfearn's classroom to discuss the details of the tournament. Good luck, girls!

Ultimate champs in first tournament

BY MR. N. BETIK

At the College Heights Tournament in Guelph on Friday, the Ultimate Team took the Rec Division Championship winning a tight 1-point match against Rockway. The Saints dominated round robin play going 4 – 0 but gutted out a narrow semi-final win against Preston before meeting Rockway in the final.

Varsity Girls Soccer

BY MR. J. BAILEY

Congratulations to the Varsity Girls Soccer Team who have finished the regular season with an exhibition game against a visiting team from Dundas and qualified for the playoffs. The girls controlled all aspects of the game; Brighten Ching, Maya Danis, Alyssa Mason and Kierra Lahey were some of the girls who led the scoring charge and the defence completed the shutout.

The girls subsequently lost a close match to Resurrection in the D8 semifinals, 2-1.

Thank you to all the girls for the dedication and determination all season!

Stay up to date with District 8 Sports

Now receive sports updates in your email or on your mobile device!

The new <u>District 8 website</u> 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.

Track and Field

BY MR. F. WITTMANN

District 8

Congratulations to the St. Benedict Track and Field Team who competed at District 8. The team won 3 categories: Junior Boys, Senior Boys, and Overall Boys. The Girls placed second overall.

Twenty-seven athletes have qualified for CWOSSA, including:

- Triple gold-medalist and Junior Girl champion Sevanne Ghazarian
- Triple medalists Hope Harnack, Connor Milne, Evan Rodenburg, Devaughn Channer
- Double medalists Adrian Logo, Nikki Davidson, Nana-Afia Agyeipah, Augustine Soga
- Gold medalists Travis Cascanette, Melanie Hutchinson, Kyson Vi, Leah Ritchie, and the Senior Girl's Relay (Nikki Davidson, Sarah Sue-Ping, Jade Weir, and Alyssa Filipovic)
- Silver medalists Marcus Penalozza, Alex Bukowski, Andrew Horscroft, Josh Van de Vegte, Sarah Joseph, and the Midget Boy's Relay (Ehab Shabudeen, Connor Milne, Amadeo Vaz, and Matthew Wiersma)

Individual D8 medalists:

Hope Harnack - Midget Girl silver

Evan Rodenburg - Senior Boy bronze

District 8 Records:

Sevanne Ghazarian set a 3000m record, smashing the old record by over one minute.

Nana-Afia Agyeipah set a record in the Midget Girls shot put.

In addition, school records were set by:

Nana-Afia Agyeipah - MG Shot Put and Discus

Conor Milne – MB High Jump and Triple Jump Sevanne Ghazarian – JG 800m, 1500m, 3000m Sarah Sue-Ping – SG Long Jump and Javelin Augustine Soga – SB Long Jump and Triple Jump Evan Rodenburg – SB Discus











Pictured from the top: Marcus Penalozza and Dillon Marcy, Travis Cascanette; Josh Nikolic, Sevanne Ghazarian (with nobody in sight behind her), Jade Weir and Alyssa Filipovic

CWOSSA Track and Field Report

Bennies has 3 new CWOSSA champions: Sevanne Ghazarian – 1500m, Nana-Afia Ageipah – Shot put, and Travis Cascanette – 100m. Sevanne and Nana-Afia also added silver medals, and bronze success was awarded to Connor Milne – High Jump, Devaughn Channer – 800m, and Augustine Soga – Triple Jump.

Rounding out the team heading to WEST OFSAA is Hope Harnack in the 800m and 1500m. Narrowly missing advancing was Kyson Vi by 1/100th of a second in the 800m, and Evan Rodenburg by 7cm in discus.













Pictured from top: Nana-Afia Ageipah breaks another school shot put record, Travis Cascanette ready to sprint 100m, Connor Milne leaps over the bar; Sevanne Ghazarian leads the race, Devaughn Channer sprints to the finish, Augustine Soga soars.

Clubs

DECA starting to prepare for next year

By Mrs. C. Ratz

Were you in DECA this year? Are you considering joining DECA next year? Attention DECA Members and Interested students!

There will be a meeting for all interested in joining DECA next year as well as current DECA members Thursday, May 28 at lunch in room 214. We will be discussing plans for next year and start talking about categories for competition.

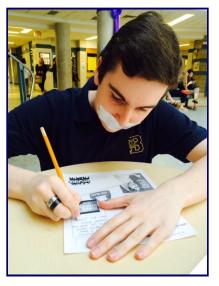
If you were in DECA this year and have not returned your binder, please return it at this time.

If you are interested but cannot make the meeting, please talk to Mrs. Ratz, Mr. Wittmann, or Mr. Milardovic. And follow our Twitter feed: @SBCSSDECA.

Vow of Silence











Student Activities

International Games Day Experience at St. Benedict

By Ms. M. REDFEARN

On Tuesday May 5th during Catholic Education Week, the United Cultures Club organized and ran St. Benedict's first ever International Games Day. We thought it would be fun to "kick off" Catholic Education week by celebrating the joy we feel being part of a diverse community that focus' on core values like acceptance, being kind, and being part of one community.

Teachers were given the opportunity to sign their period 4 classes up to participate in the games that our United Cultures Club members planned and organized. There were games featured from America, England, Israel, Korea, Philippines, and China! There was also a scavenger hunt and a game of jeopardy that incorporated symbols and artifacts from a variety of different nations.

A special thank you goes to Ms. Fernandes, Ms. Currie, Mr. Offak, Mr. Lowes, Mrs. McGhee, and Ms. Parkinson's period 4 classes for taking part in our games. The students had a lot of fun as they made their way from station to station. Our stations included a Chinese obstacle course, the Korean Chicken Game, Sick, Dead, Dying (circle dodgeball), Protect the Queen, and more!

Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate with us during our first International Games Day. Our club's focus is to continue to celebrate the different cultures that exist in our school. Please consider signing up next year to be part of our fantastic events! This year our club:









- participated in the "Gateway" Art Battle (September)
- "We are all under the same sun, walk through the same doors"
- planned and hosted International Food Day

(November)

created posters that say "Hello" in different languages t decorate the school walls (December) raised money for Mom2Mom Africa and the school's Crisis Fund made Chinese dumplings to share with the school community for Chinese New Year (February) hosted the school's first International Games Day (May)

We hope to see the same enthusiasm next year! Ciao for now!

More Bennie's Trivia

In <u>issue 18</u> of the *BENN Newsletter* we presented more trivia questions from the *Celebration of People* festivities. The answer to those four questions were: 1. c) 157; 2. d) white; 3. a) 1997; 4. d) Chiefs. *How many did you get right?*

And now, four more questions!

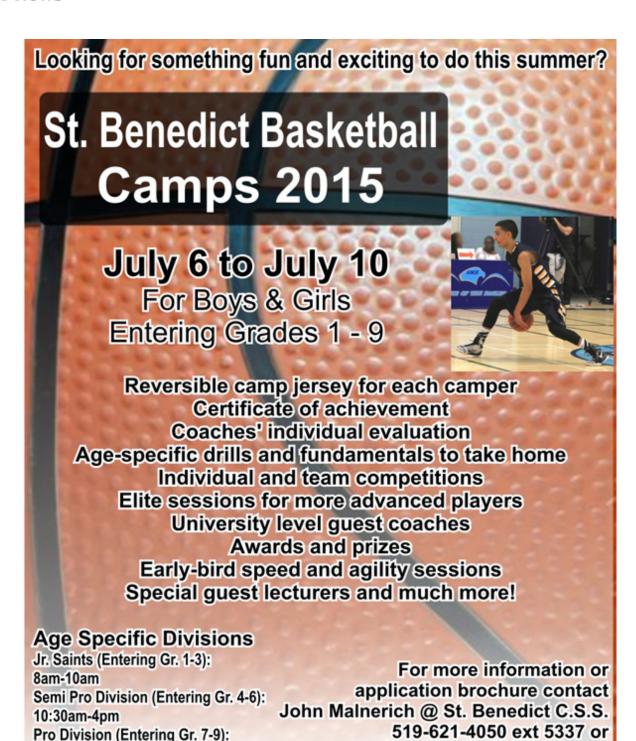
- 1. Which current staff member has worked the longest at St. Benedict?
 - a. Ms. Stang
 - b. Ms. Muss
 - c. Mr. Martinello
 - d. Ms. Falsetto
- 2. What was the school's first CWOSSA championship team?
 - a. Wrestling
 - b. Jr. Boys Basketball
 - c. Jr. Boys Cross Country
 - d. Senior Boys Golf

- 3. Which current teacher was not a former
 - St. Benedict student?
 - a. Mr. Renner
 - b. Mrs. Currie
 - c. Ms. Parkinson
 - d. Mr. Riso
- 4. What team won seven District 8 Championships in a row?
 - a. Jr. Boys Basketball
 - b. Midget Boys Cross Country
 - c. Senior Girls Track & Field
 - d. Junior Girls Volleyball

Thanks again to Mr. Curtis and his crew for coming up with these questions! The answers to these questions (and four new ones) will appear in the next issue of the BENN newsletter.

Other News

10:30am-4pm



http://stbenedict.wcdsb.ca/bballcamp





Tuesday June 16th

5:30 - 8:30

View Pictures and Memorabilia





HOLY ROSARY YEAR END BBQ & 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Thursday, June 4th, 2015 5pm - 8pm

Who's Invited?: Past and current members of the Holy Rosary school community

Where?: Inside and at the back of Holy Rosary School

What?: A chance to socialize with the school community and enjoy an evening together including a BBQ (Remember Me Inc. will be selling a BBQ meal), Cake Walk, Silent Auction, Games, Anniversary Celebration and displays in the school



We are looking forward to seeing you at Holy Rosary's year end BBQ and 25th
Anniversary Celebration!

Upcoming Events

Thursday, May 28 10:40am DECA meeting

10:45am Lost Club 10:45am Puzzles club

10:45am Making a Difference Club 2:10pm Games Club

2:15pm Girls Workout Club

Wednesday, June 10 10:45am Lost Club 10:45am Financial Club 10:45am Camera club 2:15pm Fitness Club 2:25pm Yearbook Club 2:15pm Math Club

2:20pm Jazz Band

6:30pm PROM

Friday, May 29

Professional Activity Day

Track and Field: West Regionals, London

Saturday, May 30

Track and Field: West Regionals, London

Monday, June 1

10:45am Benny's Press Team meeting

10:45am Because I Am Girl

2:15pm Fitness Club

2:20pm Concert Band

Tuesday, June 2

10:45am Arts Council meeting

10:45am Robotics Team

2:15pm Fitness Club

7:00pm Arts Banquet

Wednesday, June 3

10:45am Lost Club

10:45am Financial Club

10:45am Camera club

2:15pm Fitness Club

2:25pm Yearbook Club

Thursday, June 4

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 School Council

7:00pm Athletic Banquet

Track and Field: OFSAA, Toronto

Friday, June 5

10:45am Star Trek Club

10:45am Programmers club

10:45am United Cultures

10:45am Fresh Club

2:15pm Doctor Who Video Club

Track and Field: OFSAA, Toronto

Saturday, June 6

Track and Field: OFSAA, Toronto

Monday, June 8

10:45am Benny's Press Team meeting

10:45am Because I Am Girl

2:15pm Fitness Club

2:20pm Concert Band

Tuesday, June 9

10:45am Arts Council meeting

10:45am Robotics Team

2:15pm Fitness Club

EQAO Gr. 9 Math Assessment

EQAO Gr. 9 Math Assessment BENN Newsletter release

Thursday, June 11

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, June 12

10:45am Star Trek Club

10:45am Programmers club

10:45am United Cultures

10:45am Fresh Club

2:15pm Doctor Who Video Club

Closing Assembly

Did you know?

There are over 1,300 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 <u>stbenedict.wcdsb.ca/calendar.php</u> from your cell phone. (Be sure to bookmark it!)

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.



