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## Exam Schedule

Monday, June 15

Grade 12 Period 4 Exam 11:45 to 1:45

Tuesday, June 16

Grade 12 Period 3 Exam 11:45 to 1:45

Wednesday, June 17

Grade 12 Period 2 Exam 8:15 to 10:15

Thursday, June 18

All students Period 1 exam at 8:15

Friday, June 19

Grade 9-11 Period 2 exam at 8:15

Monday, June 22

Grade 9-11 Period 3 exam at 8:15

Tuesday, June 23

Grade 9-11 Period 4 exam at 8:15

*Good luck to all students as they prepare for their final exams!!*

### Benny's in the Local Media

THE RECORD: [High school students build, race electric cars](#)

570 NEWS: [Cambridge student brings home national gold for to...](#)

## Administrative

# St. Benedict Student Wins National Award

BY MRS. M. CROWELL

For two days in Saskatoon at the 21st Skills Canada National Competition, the best and brightest students and apprentices in skilled trades and technologies were tried, tested and judged. Over 500 young Canadians showcased their talent, reaching for gold by competing in over 40 disciplines across six industry sectors in front of a crowd of thousands.

Jesse Ventura, a grade 11 St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School student, brought home the Gold medal competing in the Employability sector and the Job Interview/Search category. Each student was

interviewed based on a particular career and completed job search techniques and activities over a two day period.

"The job interview is one of the key components of the job search, so in today's job market, it is important to make a positive impression. A stellar interview is one way to stand out amongst one's peers" shared Rosemarie Brenner, Regional Chair of the Job Interview competition.

After advancing from both the Waterloo Catholic District School Board, and the Ontario Technical Skills Competitions, Ventura moved forward to join his peers from across Canada.

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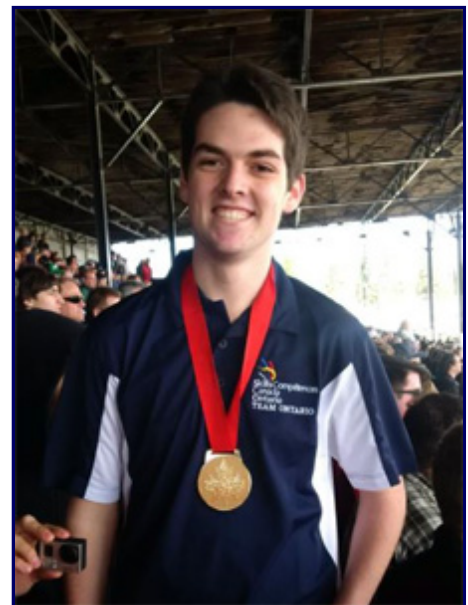
Ventura describes his experience at the Skills Canada National Competition as "Enlightening! I had a chance to meet people from all parts of Canada, see all of the different trades, technologies, careers and opportunities" When asked about his performance at the competition, Ventura humbly replied "I wasn't sure how I'd do. All of the other

competitors felt really confident. But when my name was called, I went crazy, everyone started to hug me. It was a blur."

Michelle Crowell, Skills Mentor and teacher from St. Benedict C.S.S., has been instrumental in Jesse's journey, working with Ventura throughout his co-op experience in school, mentoring him for the competition, and accompanying him to Saskatoon. Crowell believes her student has had a "major life-enhancing experience at Skills Canada, as he interacted with peers from across the country and further developed his already strong communications and networking skills.

The Waterloo Catholic District School Board is proud to support and participate in the Skills Competitions, an event which celebrates student success and achievement. "We are overjoyed by Jesse's accomplishment" states Tara Fitzgerald, School Board Skills Coordinator. "Participating in the Skills Competitions allows students to gain valuable skills and experience needed for their future endeavours".

As for Ventura's plans for next year? "I'll be back to compete in my final year" he states. "I'm hoping to mentor younger students in the school, and inspire others to get involved to further develop their interview skills". His message to his peers and youth stands strong: "All you can do is try your best. Maybe you have a passion for skilled trades, for public speaking, whatever it is – just try it out. Even if you won't win, it's an amazing experience just to be involved."



## **GRADS!! Do you mean Business? Want to go a BIT beyond?**

**Any grade 12 student who believes they have earned 5 credits in Business and/or Computers is eligible to receive a "Business and Information Technology Certificate" at Graduation.  
Please see a business teacher ASAP if you believe you qualify.**

## **Board implements online payment process**

By WCDSB NEWSWIRE

Effective the new school year, parents will pay registration fees, field trips, athletic fees, etc. and complete excursion permission forms through a cashless online payment system. Additional information and account registration instructions can be found below. Go to [wcdsb.SchoolCashOnline.com](http://wcdsb.SchoolCashOnline.com) to set up your online account today!



Pay for student items online



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### Waterloo Catholic District School Board is proud to introduce School Cash Online!

For safety and efficiency reasons, Waterloo Catholic District School Board would like to reduce the amount of Cash & Cheques coming into our school. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions, so you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

**NOTE:** If you require assistance, select the **GET HELP** option in the top right hand corner of the screen.

#### Step 1: Register

- If you have not registered, please go to the **School Cash Online** home page <https://wcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/> and select the **"Get Started Today"** option.
- Complete each of the three Registration Steps  
\*For Security Reasons your password, requires **8 characters**, **one uppercase letter**, **one lowercase letter** and a **number**.



#### Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account. The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.



#### Step 3: Find Student

**Note: Student Number is Not Required**

This step will connect your children to your account.

- Enter the School Board Name
- Enter the School Name
- Enter Your Child's Name & Birth Date
- Select **Continue**
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**
- Your child has been added to your account

#### Find Student

##### School Information

School Board Name:    
 (looking for a student in a different school board?)

School Name:

##### Student Information

Do you have the student's number? ☐

Student Number:

First Name:

Last Name:

Birth Date:    
 Date format: mm/dd/yyyy

(No students? [Click here](#))

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## 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).

## Saints Civics students succeed at charity challenge

By MR. R. MARTINELLO

Once again St. Benedict Civics students participated in the annual YPI (Youth and Philanthropic Initiative) challenge. YPI is a charitable organization that encourages students to participate in active citizenship by researching a local grassroots charity. Through our Grade 10 Civics classes, students in groups of 2 to 5 choose a local charity, research it through a variety of means, including visitations of the charity, then present to their fellow classmates. Each class selects one group to compete in an all-school final presentation. The winner of that presentation is then given \$5,000 by YPI to present to their chosen charity.

To date, YPI has donated over \$6 million to a variety of charities across Canada. All five of our high schools in the Waterloo Catholic District School Board participate in the YPI project with winners from each school presenting a \$5,000 cheque to needy charities. That means that our students, over the last three years, have been able to provide \$75,000 in funds.

The winners of this year's YPI completion were Jake Polski, Daniel Zeglen and Nick McArthur. Their chosen charity was Fiddlesticks Community Centre, a local charity

## Locker Cleanout!

**All students are required to  
clean out their lockers, leaving  
them completely empty by  
June 18th.**

**All textbooks must be returned to  
teachers, all personal belongings are to**



the provides a variety of programming for people in the Cambridge Community. The money donated to Fiddlesticks will be used to update the firepit and to provide for increased programming. For more information on YPI go to [goypi.org](http://goypi.org).

be taken home, all garbage and writing in the lockers is to be removed. Any items left in lockers after June 18th will be removed and donated where appropriate.

## Kayla Baker's Runalung May 2015

By MRS. I. KLOIBER

Kayla Baker's 3rd annual RunaLung was once again a success! Over 140 people came out to support the run/walk on May 30th. Among the many participants were students and staff from St. Benedict CSS. It was wonderful to see the support Bennies continues to give in keeping Kayla's dream alive in both bringing awareness to organ donation and in helping the hospital that did so much for her.

To date the event has raised over \$100,000 that has been donated to Toronto Sick Kids Hospital for the purchase of rehab equipment as well as purchasing much needed items for the ICU.

Remember to mark your calendars for next year's RunaLung Event scheduled for Saturday, May 28th, 2016!

[www.runalung.ca](http://www.runalung.ca)



## Academics

### Enriching the Lives of Students

By MRS. D. WITTMANN

There many opportunities for students to enhance their learning experience: Enrichment courses, LEAP, OYAP, UCEP, Co-op, Home Build, SHSM, and Skills Canada. Visit the Enrichment blog for information on all these opportunities. The Blogroll contains a plethora of learning enhancements. To



### English Corner

By MRS. D. WITTMANN

To receive an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) each student must obtain 4 credits in English (1 credit per grade). Visit the English blog to read the course offerings provided by the Saint Benedict English Department. The Blogroll has great resources

learn more about what we offer, CLICK the link.  
[Enrichment@St.Benedict.blog](mailto:Enrichment@St.Benedict.blog).

for both students and parents. Enjoy!  
[English@St.Benedict.blog](mailto:English@St.Benedict.blog).

## News From the Student Success Centre

BY MRS. D. TRENTINI

### Enrichment Opportunities

Waterloo Unlimited, at the University of Waterloo, is pleased to announce its 2015–2016 high school enrichment programs for students from across Canada.

#### **Grade 12 Program: “Road Map to Research: Explore the frontiers of new knowledge”**

Wednesday, November 18 – Friday, November 20, 2015

Application deadline: October 7th, 2015

Expect an immersive, pre-university experience focused on exploring cutting-edge research discoveries with professors, and the chance to engage with current student researchers. Also included: an introduction to the art and science of reading academic papers.

Program fee, includes all meals: TBD (2014 fee: \$300)

Supervised overnight shared hotel accommodation: TBD (2014 fee: \$180)

#### **Grade 11 Program: “Design” Theme**

Monday, March 14 – Friday, March 18, 2016.

Dates may coincide with some school boards' March Break

Application deadline: December 16th, 2015

From engineering and the environment to science fiction and virtual reality, students will spend a week exploring the theme of design with a community of like-minded peers.

Program fee, includes all meals: TBD (2014 fee: \$450)

Supervised overnight shared hotel accommodation: TBD (2014 fee: \$300)

#### **Grade 10 Program: “Change” Theme**

Sunday, May 15 – Thursday, May 19, 2016

Application deadline: March 9th, 2016

We live in the midst of change: technological change, social change, political change, environmental change. In modern times humankind has experienced an unprecedented rapidity of change. How do we adapt, or not adapt... and what are the consequences? Students will consider the perspectives of scientists, engineers, writers, and philosophers, as they examine the dynamics of “Change”.

Program fee, includes all meals: TBD (2014 fee: \$450)

Supervised overnight shared residence accommodation: TBD (2014 fee: \$160)

Details on all programs are available here: <https://uwaterloo.ca/unlimited>.

## Bennie's E-car achieves impressive results

BY MR. S. GRANGER

Last Saturday the Bennie's E-Car team competed in the annual Waterloo High School Electric Vehicle challenge hosted by the University of Waterloo. Our team has been working diligently all year on the car in preparation for the race and the work did pay off.

Both races were challenging and strategies were implemented successfully. We placed 2nd in the 12v race and 3rd in the 24v race. An excellent showing for the day. Drivers were Connor Milne, Andrew Linington, Aaron Fleury, Ariel Cascanette, Evan Wolley, and Aiden Lee.



Please congratulate them for their efforts on that day with respect and Saints pride. Behind the scenes were Cody Ciuciura and coaches Mr. Castela and Mr. Granger.

Great effort and a great Day. GOOOOO! Saints!!!

## Athletics

# OFSAA Track and Field Results

BY MR. F. WITTMANN

## OFSAA West (London)

Sevanne Ghazarian finished 2nd in the JG 1500m and 3000m races at OFSAA West to advance to OFSAA in Toronto. She will be joined by Nana-Afia Agyeipah and Travis Cascanette who also qualified in the Shot Put and the 100m race.

Strong performances were also turned in by Augustine Soga (Triple Jump), Connor Milne (High Jump), Devaughn Channer (800m) and Hope Harnack (800m and 1500m).

## OFSAA Toronto

Congratulations are in order for 3 Saints who competed at OFSAA this past weekend in Toronto against the best 24 athletes in their events, in the entire province.

Sevanne Ghazarian lowered her PB's significantly on route to a bronze medal in the 3000m and a 4th place finish in the 1500m.

Nana-Afia Agyeipah was 8th in the Shot Put, and Travis Cascanette was 3rd in his 100m heat, and 11th overall, lowering his PB by more than 1 full second.

Thank you to all our athletes for a great season!!

## 21 Saints track and field records fall in 2015

This year was a record-breaking year for the Saints' Track and Field team. In addition to District 8 titles and amazing OFSAA performances, the team set 21 new school records including 4 District 8 records.

Multiple entries were achieved by Sevanne Ghazarian (JG 800, 1500, 3000), Nana-Afia Agyeipah (MG Shot Put, Discus), Augustine Soga (SB Triple Jump, Long Jump), Connor Milne (MB High Jump, Triple Jump), Sarah Sue-Ping (SG Javelin, Long Jump), and Travis Cascanette (IDB 100m at D8 and CWOSSA).

Other record breakers include Ehab Shabudeen (MB 300mH), Adrian Logo (JB 300mH), Devaughn Channer (SB 800), and Evan Rodenburg (SB Discus).

See all the records on our school website under Athletics ► Track and Field Records.

## 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! If you are interested in joining DECA but missed our meetings, we still want to hear from you!

Pre-register for DECA in September by completing our [Google form](#). We will contact you towards the end of the summer to start preparing.

For more information, please talk to Mrs. Ratz, Mr. Wittmann, or Mr. Milardovic. And don't forget to follow our Twitter feed: @SBCSSDECA.

## **Student Activities**

## **The Arts**

## **Other News**



Looking for something fun and exciting to do this summer?

# St. Benedict Basketball Camps 2015

**July 6 to July 10**

For Boys & Girls  
Entering Grades 1 - 9



Reversible camp jersey for each camper  
Certificate of achievement  
Coaches' individual evaluation  
Age-specific drills and fundamentals to take home  
Individual and team competitions  
Elite sessions for more advanced players  
University level guest coaches  
Awards and prizes  
Early-bird speed and agility sessions  
Special guest lecturers and much more!

## Age Specific Divisions

Jr. Saints (Entering Gr. 1-3):

8am-10am

Semi Pro Division (Entering Gr. 4-6):

10:30am-4pm

Pro Division (Entering Gr. 7-9):

10:30am-4pm

For more information or  
application brochure contact

John Malnerich @ St. Benedict C.S.S.

519-621-4050 ext 5337 or

<http://stbenedict.wcdsb.ca/bballcamp>



# Celebrating St. Ambrose

**Calling all former  
students and staff!**

**Tuesday June 16th**

**5:30 - 8:30**

**View Pictures and Memorabilia**

**BBQ at 5:30!**

**Closing  
Blessing**

## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday, June 10

2:15pm Fitness Club  
2:25pm Yearbook Club  
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

### Monday, June 15

10:45am Because I Am Girl  
11:45am Grade 12 Final evaluations, per 4  
2:15pm Fitness Club  
2:20pm Concert Band

### Tuesday, June 16

11:45am Grade 12 Final evaluations, per 3

### Wednesday, June 17

8:15am Grade 12 Final evaluations, per 2

### Thursday, June 18

8:15am Grade 12 Final evaluations, per 1  
8:15am Grade 9-11 Final evaluations, per 1

### Friday, June 19

### Thursday, June 25

BENN Newsletter release

## 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**

8:15am Grade 9–11 Final evaluations, per 2

Sunday, June 21  
Summer solstice  
Fathers' Day

Monday, June 22  
8:15am Grade 9–11 Final evaluations, per 3  
Graduation Mass and Brunch

Tuesday, June 23  
8:15am Grade 9–11 Final evaluations, per 4

Wednesday, June 24  
7:00pm Graduation Class of 2015



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.

