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March Break... almost here!

Before you know it, Friday afternoon will be upon us, and you know what that means.... March Break! We hope that all students have a restful and enjoyable March Break, but above all, we hope you have a safe March Break, and we hope to see you back the following Monday!

But until then, don't forget: tomorrow is \$2 jeans day, and Friday we ask you bring in jeans you no longer wear to donate to Argus House. Count your blessings, and be generous Saints!

– Editor

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Administrative

WCDSB 2016-2017 Budget Survey

By WCDSB NEWSWIRE

The Waterloo Catholic District School Board is in the process of developing its budget for the 2016–2017 year. The Board values input from stakeholders and your feedback helps ensure that budgets are aligned according to the Board, School and Stakeholder needs.

We invite you to complete the attached survey to help guide us through this process. The survey will be open until March 23rd. The survey results will be made available after they have been presented to the Board's Budget Advisory Committee. Thank you very much for taking the time to respond to the survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016-17BudgetSurvey>

Are you in grade 10?

Are you stressed out about the upcoming Literacy Test?

If so, why not come by Miss Tapper's class, room 304 every Wednesday at lunch to learn some tips and brush up on the skills you are going to need to pass the test.
Bring your lunch and be prepared to stay for 20 –25 minutes.
Hope to see you there.

Interested in being a Student Trustee?

If you are interested in representing St. Benedict students at the school board level, please consider applying for the position of Student Trustee. You must be a Grade 10 or Grade 11 student, in good academic standing, with a keen interest in the political side of the education system. Applications are available from Mr. Curtis in the SAC Office before or after school or at lunch time.

News from the Guidance Department

By MRS. P. KLASSEN

Good Job Saints!!

The Guidance Department is extremely pleased to announce that the vast majority of our students, who are planning to return to SBCSS for the 2016–17 school year, completed and submitted their course selections by the March 1 deadline date. Thank you parents for encouraging your kids to take care of this important detail – your support is greatly appreciated! Any student who has not returned their hard copy, signed by a parent or guardian to the school is encouraged to do so as soon as possible.

Attention Grade 12's Planning to Graduate in June

The graduation ceremony for this year has been set for June 28 at Conestoga College. Students planning to graduate in June must have all graduation requirements completed in order to attend the ceremony. These requirements include 30 credits, successful completion of the literacy requirement and 40 Hours of Community Service. All Community Service Hours must be completed and documented at the school by the end of May. Please hand your completed community service hour forms in to the main office. More details regarding the ceremony will be forward to Grade 12 students early in the month of April.

Youth Education Summit 2016 at Wilfrid Laurier University

Are you a creative, socially minded student that is interested in making a positive difference in the world? The Social Innovation and Venture Creation Youth Education Summit (SIVC–YES!) is an exclusive opportunity to enhance and further develop leadership skills in young people who want to do well by doing good. By working in teams and with faculty, university students and community members, YES! participants will develop their leadership and collaboration skills while working on projects, products and events that have a positive social impact. Students will be trained in design thinking, agile innovation, the Business Model Canvas and more. In so doing, they will learn how to test, validate, and scale their ideas. The key to innovation is a positive environment where early failures are valuable for the insights they generate. SIVC–YES! will help youth learn more about the tools and mindset that go into innovation while also gaining comfort in a post–secondary environment that includes residence living, learning from professors and current university students, and experiencing life away from home.

SIVC–YES! is an elite program designed to give youth a competitive advantage in innovation and entrepreneurship, make new friends, ease the transition to post–secondary education, learn more about the K–W region, while expanding their minds and skill to take on the world’s most challenging problems.

For more information on SIVC–YES! visit the website. The Early Bird application deadline is March 31, 2016! If you have any questions, please contact us at sivc@wlu.ca.

Community Service Opportunities

1. The “Great Big Theatre Company” is seeking volunteers for their up–coming March Break Camp. The camp will take place during the March Break at the Lincoln Road Chapel, 145 Lincoln Road in Waterloo and will be for participants aged 6 – 13 years. Activities will include arts, crafts, mask making, acting, dancing, singing, stagecraft and more. Interested volunteers will not only have fun, but could earn 40 – 50 hours of volunteer service in one week. If interested, call 1–866–864–4282 or email onstage@gbtc.com If you want to know more about “Great Big Theatre Company”, check out their website at www.gbtc.com
2. April, commonly known as Daffodil Month, is the month to fight back against cancer. The Canadian Cancer Society is looking for enthusiastic, dedicated volunteers to sell daffodil pins at locations in Cambridge, Kitchener, Waterloo and Elmira from March 31– April 3. All volunteer shifts are 3 hours in length and volunteers can sign up for as many as they would like. Please visit waterloo.mycsschedule.ca to see all available shift and sign up or contact Nicole at 519–886–8888, extension 3144
3. “Healthy Heart Day,” an annual community event will be held at St. Benedict on Saturday, April 30. Volunteers are needed from 6:30 AM to 2:00 PM to help with set–up, registration, ushering and clean–up. Please see Mrs. Klassen in the guidance office for more information.
4. The Silverheights Neighbourhood Association is seeking volunteers for their Tuesday Evening Open Gym Program and their Wednesday Evening Dodgeball Program. Tuesday evening volunteers will assist instructors with a wide variety of games, sports and activities provided to children in Grades 2 – 4 and Grades 6 – 8. Wednesday evening volunteers will assist instructors with a variety of Dodgeball games provided to children in Grades 5 – 8 and Grades 8 – 12. Both activities run from 6:00 – 9:00 PM. Interested volunteers should contact Lori at volunteering@silverheightsneighbourhood.com or call 519–249–1200.
5. The Silverheights Neighbourhood Association is also accepting applications for those interested in being a “Leader in Training.” LIT is a leadership program for youth that have a genuine desire to work with children and to develop their leadership skills. LIT application forms are available in the guidance office and are due by Thursday, March 10. More information is available at volunteering@silverheightsneighbourhood.com

Summer Job Opportunities

1. African Lion Safari will be hosting a Job Fair at the Mombasa Market Restaurant, onsite at African Lion Safari on Saturday, April 2, 2016. Students are invited to attend the Job Fair which will run from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. There are a wide variety of positions that they will be looking to fill with students. Students must be at least 16 years of age, have a valid SIN number, have transportation to and from work and be available to work on weekends and holidays. Experience is an asset, but not a requirement for most positions.
2. Cambridge Career Connections will be holding a Job Fair, for both permanent and summer positions on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 from 1:00 – 3:30 PM at “The Royal Canadian Legion,” 4 Vetersns Way, Cambridge. Employers from various sectors will be attending. Feel free to stop by

Cambridge Career Connections (40 Ainslie Street South) for help with your resume and interview preparation prior to the event.

3. The City of Cambridge is also seeking enthusiastic people to fill a wide variety of summer jobs. Check of www.cambridge.ca/studentsummerjobs

The Giving Tree

By MRS. L. TEMPLE



The new Giving Tree gives staff and students the opportunity to document acts of love and kindness in a beautiful way. Individuals can grab a leaf from the office, fill it out, and place it by the tree.

The Board's Pastoral Team Plan includes being a witness to the Life of Christ.

The Multi-Year Strategic Plan (also from the Board) is a 3 year focus on 3 sub-themes: People of Love (2016); People of Hope (2017) and People of Faith (2018).

One way we can demonstrate being a people of love is symbolizing our loving acts in a visible way.

Using the idea of the Giving Tree (book by Shel Silverstein), each school is to have their own version of a Giving Tree.

Thanks to Mrs. Weiler, Mrs. McGee and Mr. Berger with support from Ms. Fernandes we have one displayed in the atrium.

Leaves are available from Mrs. Temple in the main office to record acts we see students and staff doing that bear witness to being people of Christ. These could include kind acts, acts of service in the community, donations etc...

Our intention is to record and place these noticed acts of love on the leaves throughout the rest of Lent and past Easter into Education Week.

Let's celebrate the awesomeness we display daily as Saints in this visible way!

Thanks for participating, sharing the acts or recording the acts on a leaf yourself.

St. Benedict website gets a fresh new look

By MR. A. MILARDOVIC

Change is often a good thing. We all need to refresh our wardrobes once in a while. And that spare bedroom can always use a fresh coat of paint. If you have visited the St. Benedict website lately, you will notice that it is sporting a brand new look.

In a project branded Bennie's 3.0, the site has been revamped to make some changes which we feel will be of more benefit to our visitors.

The big thrust behind this change was the need to correct a bug with the drop-down menu script. It has been completely revamped, in favour of a new one. While most of the menu structure has remained the same, there are several new components of note. First, the new drop-down menu system is cross-compatible with many more browsers and platforms than the previous one. The former menu system had accessibility issues when viewed on iPhones and iPads. Another plus is that the submenu depth is greatly increased, allowing for more cleaner hierarchical organization of links under any drop-down list.

From an accessibility standpoint, the best feature—which may not be prevalent to some visitors—is that the menu has a new responsive design format to change for narrower width devices. To see this on your desktop computer, shrink your browser window width and you will see the menu will eventually "stack". This was implemented to address the many telephone and tablet users of our site.

The layout of the front page of the site has been reorganized somewhat as well. The old "ticker" which scrolled across the bottom of the page (which some never saw because it was "below the fold") has been redesigned and balanced against the Twitter feed. It has also been rebranded as infoBits.

Our hope is to provide as much information as possible at a glance for our parents and students, and the new front page does just that.

Most of the content of the website is still the same, but we are making some subtle changes in the background to improve readability on smaller devices, and to comply with web standards for accessibility.

The last major revamp of the school website was done in the spring of 2011.



The new front page of the school website is a wealth of information at your fingertips.

Access your student's attendance information in real time

By MR. A. MILARDOVIC

Class attendance is a key component to a student's success in their classes. Timely communication of attendance information between home and school is critical for accurate attendance records.

If a student is away from school a parent must call the attendance line at the school at 519-621-4001. The call can be placed any time, 24 hours a day. It is strongly recommended that you make this call as soon as the absence is known, or at the latest before the student returns to school.

If your son or daughter is going to be away for a trip or extended period of time for a medical reason an *Intent to be Absent* form should be completed in

With your son's or daughter's date of birth and student number, you can see their attendance up to the minute.

advance by a parent. These are available in the Guidance department.

A student, parent or guardian can access their student's attendance in real time through the Secondary Student Information System (SIS) Website. Information available to view includes student mark history, current timetable, attendance for each course on the current timetable and your contact information. The website link is <https://sis.wcdsb.ca>.

To access the student specific information, you must have the student number (which can be found on a student's timetable) and birth date. If you cannot locate the student number please call the guidance or attendance office for assistance.

Classrooms are No Phone Zones!



Classrooms are for learning. The use of cell phones is not permitted in class. Parents, if you need to get in touch with your son or daughter, please call the school office and we will contact your child.

Students, don't let your cell phone become a distraction to your learning. Many teachers are integrating this technology into their classroom activities, but when it is not part of the learning phones should be away.



Food Allergy Alert!

We have a number of students and staff in the St. Benedict community with severe life-threatening food allergies, particularly related to peanuts and nuts (anaphylaxis). This is a medical condition that causes a severe allergic reaction to specific foods and can result in death within minutes. If you child brings their lunch with them to school, please ensure that it is free from peanuts and nut products.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact your child's administrator.

Who is your administrator?

The administrative contact for your son or daughter is based on your last name:

A to G: [Mr. Sauve](#)

H to N: [Mr. Jaeger](#)

O to Z: [Mrs. Temple](#)

As always, feel free to contact our principal, [Mr. Witt](#).

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



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

information on all these opportunities. The Blogroll contains a plethora of learning enhancements. To learn more about what we offer, click the link. [Enrichment@St.Benedict blog](#).

the Saint Benedict English Department. The Blogroll has great resources for both students and parents. Enjoy! [English@St.Benedict blog](#).

Math Contests

On Wednesday, April 13th, the Gr.12 students will be taking part in the University of Waterloo Euclid Math Contest. On Thursday, April 14th, the Gr.9, 10, and 11 students will be taking part in the University of Waterloo Fryer, Galois and Hypatia Math Contests. Please register with Dr. C. or Mrs. Brennan in the Math Office or in the room 309. The deadline for the registration is Monday, March 21, at 2:00 p.m.

Athletics

Saints wrestler OFSAA champion

Congratulations are due to St. Benedict wrestler Harvir Lall for winning every match at OFSAA last week and bringing home the Gold Medal. He is an OFSAA Champion. He was a wonderful example of sportsmanship and a great ambassador for our school.

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 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](#).

Clubs

Concert Band

By MRS. L. LAFORET

The Concert Band is up and running again! If you play a concert band instrument in any grade from 9-12 we are looking for you! Come on out Monday, March 7 at 2:20 in the Music Room.

Dare to try a triathlon?

By Ms. M. NOVAKOVICH

Are you up for a challenge? Do you like swimming, biking and running?? Have you ever wanted to try a triathlon? If so, there will be a brief but VERY important meeting for all those interested in the triathlon club on Thursday, March 10 at the beginning of lunch in portable 6. If you have any questions, feel free to drop in to talk to Ms. Novakovich. See you there!

The Ultimate Frisbee Club

By MR. N. BETIK

The Ultimate Frisbee Club continues to meet every Wednesday at lunch in the gym.

Come out and join this fast-paced and newly popular co-ed sport. Please bring your gym clothes and athletic shoes to participate. We are particularly interested in grade 9 and 10 players! Keep an eye out for the announcement after March break concerning the Ultimate Team which will begin workouts in preparation for our season soon. Please speak to Mr. Betik, or Mr. Dufresne if you have any questions.

Student Activities

The Arts

Other News

Parish Connections

St Mary of the Visitation Parish

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY (March 19/20, 2016)

Saturday – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday – 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

HOLY THURSDAY (March 24, 2016)

7:00 p.m. – Mass celebrated by Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki followed by Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Repository with Adoration until 11:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY (March 25, 2016)

11:00 a.m. – Solemn Liturgy adapted for Children

3:00 p.m. – Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

7:00 p.m. – Dramatic Presentation of the Stations of the Cross by Teens & Young Adults

HOLY SATURDAY (March 26, 2016)

1:00 p.m. – Blessing of Easter Food (Church)

7:00 p.m. – Solemn Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY (March 27, 2016)

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

There will be extra parking at the WD Johnson Centre and additional seating in our Parish Centre for all celebrations during Holy Week.

COMMUNITY JOB FAIR



Stop by our centre for help with
resume and interview preparation!
40 Ainslie Street South
Cambridge, Ontario
519-622-0815

Tuesday March 15, 2016

1:00-3:30 pm

The Royal Canadian Legion

4 Veterans Way, Cambridge, Ontario

Just up the street from Cambridge Career Connections!

EMPLOYERS ATTENDING

African Lion Safari
Frito Lay/ Pepsico
Grand River Inflatables
Grand River Foods
Cambridge Towel
Canadian Made Apparel
HMS/OnRoute
Anex Kitchens
Chrisview Custom Homes
Metokote
Pride Signs
Montana's BBQ and Grill
Canadian Tire
Galt Country Club
McDonalds

For Most Up-To-Date List Visit:
www.cambridgecareerconnections.com

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Your journey to a Healthy Heart...

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The National & CBC Radio

Dr. Paul Oh, MD, MSc, FRCPC, FACP, Assistant Professor University of Toronto
Medical Director, Cardiac Rehab, Toronto Rehab Institute, UHN

Saturday April 30th 2016
8am-1pm (Registration: 7:15am, Survivor walk 7:30am)
St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School
50 Saginaw Parkway, Cambridge (Rear Entrance)

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, March 9
2:10pm Yearbook Team
2:10pm Camera Club

Friday, March 25
Good Friday

Saturday, March 26

7:00pm Coffee House
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Thursday, March 10

8:00am CPR-C/Standard First Aid Training
10:40am Robotics Club
10:40am Giving Back Club
10:40am Programmers Club
10:40am Fresh Club
2:15pm Seams Sew Easy Club
2:15pm Games Club
2:15pm Jazz Band
6:00pm Badminton Club
Jeans Days

Friday, March 11

10:40am Star Trek Club
10:40am United Cultures
2:15pm Dr. Who club
Jeans Days

Sunday, March 13

3:00am Daylight Savings Time begins

Monday, March 14

March Break

Tuesday, March 15

March Break

Wednesday, March 16

March Break

Thursday, March 17

March Break

Friday, March 18

March Break

Sunday, March 20

Palm Sunday
Spring equinox

Monday, March 21

10:40am Robotics Club
2:15pm Concert Band
Progress reports distributed

Tuesday, March 22

8:00am Climbing and Knots Techniques Training
8:00am Working at Heights Certification
10:40am Arts Council
10:40am Mock United Nations
10:40am Accepting Differences Club
10:40am Puzzles Club
10:45am Games Club
10:45am E-Car club
2:30pm Jr. Boys hockey tryouts

Wednesday, March 23

8:00am Skin Care and Make-up Application
Techniques
10:40am Cosmo Club
10:40am Guitar Club
10:40am Ultimate Frisbee
10:45am Financial Club
10:45am E-Car club
2:10pm Yearbook Team
2:10pm Camera Club
2:30pm Jr. Boys hockey tryouts

Holy Saturday

Sunday, March 27

Easter Sunday

Monday, March 28

Easter Monday

Tuesday, March 29

10:40am Arts Council
10:40am Mock United Nations
10:40am Accepting Differences Club
10:40am Puzzles Club
10:45am Games Club
10:45am E-Car club

Wednesday, March 30

10:40am Cosmo Club
10:40am Guitar Club
10:40am Ultimate Frisbee
10:45am Financial Club
10:45am E-Car club
2:10pm Yearbook Team
2:10pm Camera Club
BENN Newsletter released

Thursday, March 31

10:40am Robotics Club
10:40am Giving Back Club
10:40am Programmers Club
10:40am Fresh Club
2:15pm Seams Sew Easy Club
2:15pm Games Club
2:15pm Jazz Band
3:00pm Parent-teacher interviews
6:00pm Badminton Club
OSSLT Literacy Test, grade 10

Friday, April 1

10:40am Star Trek Club
10:40am United Cultures
2:15pm Dr. Who club

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**



Thursday, March 24

10:40am Robotics Club

10:40am Giving Back Club

10:40am Programmers Club

10:40am Fresh Club

2:15pm Seams Sew Easy Club

2:15pm Games Club

2:15pm Jazz Band

2:30pm Jr. Boys hockey tryouts

6:00pm Badminton Club

Holy Thursday

Stations of the Cross

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.

