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The summer is here!

Wishing everyone a safe and blessed summer! To students who have graduated and are not returning to St. Benedict's, we wish you good fortune wherever you go, and to those returning in September we look forward to seeing your smiling faces at registration in late August.

- Editor

Report Card pick-up

July 12 and 13: any time between 7:00am and 3:00pm

July 14: any time between 7:00am and 12:00pm

Report cards not picked up by July 14 will be mailed home.

Benny's in the Local Media

CAMBRIDGE TIMES: [Cambridge's Salaad to toss up balls for the...](#)

Administrative

What a Wonderful Year!!!

By ST. BENEDICT ADMINISTRATION

On behalf of the Administrative Team I would like to thank our entire community for a tremendous 2015-2016 school year. It has been incredible. So much has happened that we can celebrate and be thankful for. Our staff and students have shined and shared their God given gifts and talents in a variety of ways that has allowed our community to grow and excel. We started off the year with the announcement of being awarded the Hallman Grant of over \$300,000 to help make our community outdoor space even better. We celebrated many D8 Championship sports' teams. We had an outstanding run with our DECA competitors, as well as a National Champion in Wrestling. We had many Coffee House events, Art battles, and offered other opportunities for students to showcase their musical talent throughout the year, as well as opportunities for our visual artists to display their work in various locations around the city. We welcomed our new grade 9s with an amazing leadership Link Crew team,

shared our monetary resources during the Overnight Fast, Christmas Baskets, Pack- A - Purse for the United Way, as well as slept out for the homeless, created awareness and support for the fire situation in Fort McMurray and support for our Syrian families that we helped sponsor and welcome. This is simply a few of the highlights of the hundreds of events we participated in. Whew...what a community-Way to go SAINTS!

We hope you have a wonderful, restful summer and that you are ready to go again in the fall. For those graduates not returning to us, all the best. Please remember these 3 letters G O S. The G standing for goodness. We hope that you will go through life demonstrating goodness in all you do and are always mindful that there are many others in this world far less fortunate than yourselves. In the words of the American Author and philosopher Henry David Thoreau: "Goodness is the only investment that never fails." The second letter O stands for optimism. Always look on the bright side. Hope for the best and do not expect the worst. Finally we have S for sincerity and as Confucius once said: "Sincerity is the way of heaven" Go through life meaning what you do and doing what you mean. Be honest to yourself and you will be honest in all things. So let your mantra through life be GOS Goodness, Optimism and Sincerity.

God Bless.

Congratulations Graduates!

By MR. A. MILARDOVIC



This past Tuesday evening we celebrated the graduation of 340 St. Benedict students at Conestoga College. It was truly a *celebration of people*, and an evening that was a culmination of many years of hard work by all these young men and women.

With all the emotions running high, and the air full of joy and happiness, we did pause for a moment to reflect on a student who would have graduated this June had she not lost her battle with her lung transplant, Kayla Baker.

All the speakers shared a common message: this graduating class has done so much for the school and the community at large, and they are encouraged to continue to do so. Class Valedictorian Andy Rocha recounted some of the highlights of the last four years, and reminded students that they can accomplish whatever they set out to do.

A reminder to graduates that the photos taken after they received their diplomas will be on the website shortly, please refer to the grad program booklet for information.

And finally, a fond farewell to a great group of students, may God bless you on your journey, and remember that you are forever a Saint.



Home / Little Wonders: The musical interlude performed by Myra Enriquez, Cameron Hall, Sydney MacLeod, Jonathan Markov and Veronica Reitmeier.

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!

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