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Thought of the Day

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

– Martin Luther King, Jr.



Bennie's in the Media

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Administrative

Semester 1 Final Evaluation Schedule

January 2017

All courses (except those listed below) will have a 75 minute Final Evaluation taking place on January 27, 30, 31 or February 1.

Students who meet the following criteria will not be required to attend any Credit Rescue sessions:

- a) have achieved a passing grade;
- b) have submitted all summative activities; and
- c) have completed all components of their final culminating activity

Students who do not meet the above criteria will be required to attend Credit Rescue as outlined by your teacher.

The following courses will have a 2 hour Final Evaluation taking place on January 23, 26, 27 or 28 as per the schedule below:

Business: Analyzing Current Economic Issues CIA4U, Introduction to Financial Accounting BAF3M, Principals of Financial Accounting BAT4M

Communications – English/French: Grade 11 & 12 University English ENG3U, 4U; Grade 11 & 12 College English ENG3C, 4C; Grade 12 University Writer's Craft EWC4U; Grade 12 University English Literature Studies ETS4U; Grade 11 and 12 University Core French FSF3U & FSF4U

Geography: Physical Geography CGF3M, The Environment & Resource Management CGR4M, Canadian & World Issues CGW4U

History: American History CHA3U, World History CHW3M, Canadian History CHI4U, World History CHY4U & CHY4C, Understanding Canadian Law CLU3M, Cdn and International Law CLN4U

Math: All Grade 10 Academic 2D; All Grade 11 & 12 University 3U, 4U; Grade 11 University/College 3M, Grade 12 College Technology MCT4C

Physical Education: Grade 12 University Exercise Science PSE4U

Religion: Grade 11 University/College World Religions HRT3M; Grade 12 University/College Church & Culture HRE4M

Science: All Grade 9 & 10 Academic 1D, 2D; All Grade 11 & 12 College 3C, 4C; Grade 11 University/College 3M; Grade 11 & 12 University 3U, 4U

Social Sciences: Intro. To Anthropology HSP3M, Ind. & Families in a Diverse Society HHS4M, Challenge & Change in Society HSB4M

January 27

8:10 – 10:10: 75 minute or 2 hour exam for Period 1 class

Bus Pickup 10:30 AM

Teachers will offer Credit Rescue on a needs basis in the afternoon.

January 30

8:10 – 10:10: 75 minute or 2 hour exam for Period 2 class

Bus Pickup 10:30 AM

Teachers will offer Credit Rescue on a needs basis in the afternoon.

January 31

8:10 – 10:10: 75 minute or 2 hour exam for Period 3 class

Bus Pickup 10:30 AM

Teachers will offer Credit Rescue on a needs basis in the afternoon.

February 1

8:10 – 10:10: 75 minute or 2 hour exam for Period 4 class

Bus Pickup 10:30 AM

Teachers will offer Credit Rescue on a needs basis in the afternoon.

February 2

8:30 – 10:30: Credit Rescue as arranged by teacher and student

No buses today

Notes:

1. All students are expected to be in full uniform during Final Evaluation and Credit Rescue classes.
2. This schedule could change in the event of a school bus cancellation or school closure.

Chaplain's Report

BY MR. B. REMPEL

We celebrated Christ's birth and enjoyed a 2 week break to end December on a high note. Many other events highlighted December at St. Benedict.

We celebrated teaching masses. We would like our students to understand the richness that can be experienced when we celebrate Mass as a whole school. To that end, Father Toby Collins joins us each semester and celebrates teaching masses with grade 10 religion classes. Father Toby slows the mass down a little and explains the meaning and significance of the various parts.

We learned more about vocations. Catholics often understand vocations to refer to priests and nuns. In fact all our lives are affected by the call to the vocations of married and single life. Father Toby joined grade 12 religion classes to explain the rich call to vocations.

We worshipped with Chris Bray. Father Freitas hooked up St. Benedict with Chris Bray, a worship artist. Chris led the group gathered in the Cafeteria in lively music, talked about the importance of acknowledging the presence of God in our lives, and answered some questions. Chris gave us an opportunity to grow in faith.

We teamed up with the Cambridge firefighters for the 25th year in a row to fill Christmas baskets with presents for families who are struggling financially. We value our partnership with the firefighters and were pleased to pass on 33 boxes of presents.

We teamed up with St. Mary of the Visitation Parish to fill 60 Christmas stockings with school supplies. The school supplies are sent to Kenya via Canadian Food for Children. With the school supplies, individual schools now have the financial resources to provide a nutritious lunch for students.

We walked with Joe Roberts, who is leading *The Push for Change*. Joe Roberts was homeless and addicted when he made a promise that if he ever became successful, he would make a difference. Joe became a successful businessman and is now walking across Canada highlighting the reality of teen homelessness and raising funds to combat the situation. We joined together with Joe and 300 students from our family of schools to walk from St. Margaret to St. Benedict and listen to Joe encourage us to embrace the possibilities that come our way.

We celebrate kindness each day. St. Benedict has a lot going on each and every day. We welcome those who come through our doors. We treat each other with kindness, respect and understanding. Each person at St. Benedict matters.

This announcement is for ALL grade 9's!

Your first set of high school exams is quickly approaching. How would you like to get some extra help and calm those nerves?

Thursday, January 19th is our annual Link Crew Cookies and Cram night! Come join your amazing Link Crew leaders in our cafeteria from 6–8pm and get some help studying for your exams! Get some practice questions, study with friends and with some Link Crew leaders that have been through many sets of exams already! Enjoy some cookies and beverages while you work!

Looking forward to seeing ALL the grade 9's Thursday in the caf at 6pm!

News from the Guidance Department

By MRS. L. O'NEILL

Grade 8 Parent Night

Our Grade 8 Parent Night will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2017 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. The evening will begin with an information session in the gymnasium followed by an open house. Many areas of our school will be open for viewing and information about all of the wonderful things that our school has to offer. Please pass this message along to any neighbours in the community that have a student who is scheduled to begin high school in September, 2017. All Grade 8 students and their parents, regardless of where they are currently attending school are welcome to join us that evening.

Course Changes for Second Semester

The month of January is a great time for students who are considering a course change for second semester to see their guidance counsellor to discuss this. All timetable changes must be approved by a parent or guardian. Your support in encouraging your sons and daughters to follow protocol is much appreciated by our department.

Summer Employment Opportunity

The City of Cambridge is hiring interested and enthusiastic people to fill a variety of summer positions. Summer jobs with the city offer opportunities to meet new people, learn new skills, develop leadership skills, work in a safe environment, be part of a team while contributing to your community, as well as a chance to have some fun. Positions are available in aquatics, arts and culture, playgrounds and summer camps, inclusion services and general labour. For more information and to apply, check out www.cambridge.ca/studentssummerjobs

Community Service Hours

It is a requirement of graduation that each student complete 40 hours of community service. There are many opportunities to fulfill this requirement. If you have already registered for Hour Republic check out the guidelines on the website www.hourrepublic.com. This website can also be used to track your hours and see volunteer opportunities.



Did You Know...

**PARENTS ARE THE #1 INFLUENCE FOR EDUCATION &
CAREER/LIFE DECISIONS FOR STUDENTS**

Preparing Kids for the Future

Workshop Series

INTRODUCTION TO CAREER CRUISING, COURSE SELECTION & EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Our exploration of the internet-based program "Career Cruising" continues as we give participants an in-depth look into the process students complete for course selection as they develop their individual pathway plan for successfully completing high school. This workshop will include a presentation focused on the experiential learning opportunities available to students with an emphasis on opportunities offered to students beginning in grade 11.

**Workshop #2 is not a pre-requisite. Attendance of workshop#2 is not required. All are welcome*

In an effort to ensure every participant has the opportunity to take part in the hands-on learning experience we highly recommend you pre-register for this workshop at

<https://goo.gl/forms/hF8onYyGlodyWV3h1>

Please note: registration is not mandatory, walk-ins are welcome!

February 16, 2017

7:00 p.m.

St. Benedict C.S.S.

Parents & Students are encouraged to attend together!

HEART OF THE COMMUNITY



OUTDOOR ACTIVE LIVING CENTRE

Have Your Say!

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With the support of the Hallman Foundation we are excited to have completed Phase 2 of the Heart of the Community project at St. Benedict Secondary School. We would like to get your feedback on the park, how you plan to use it and what we can do to make it even better in the future.

We invite you to share your thoughts by completing a short survey.

Start the survey: <https://goo.gl/forms/bHRiLOceqDfMS8Ns2>

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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



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

enhancements. To learn more about what we offer, click the link. Enrichment@St.Benedict.blog.

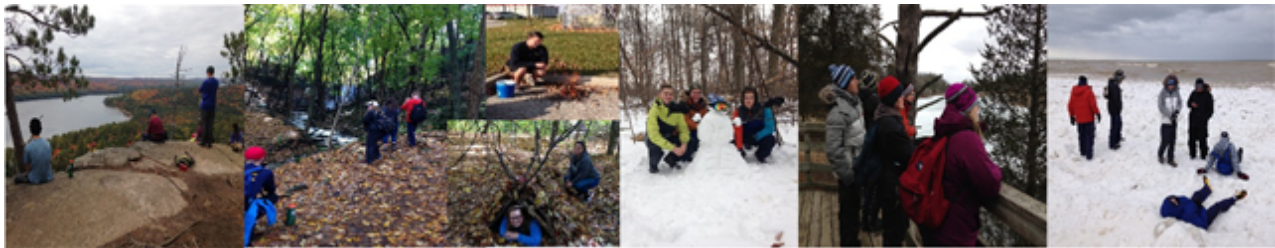
for both students and parents. Enjoy! English@St.Benedict.blog.

From the Outdoor Ed. Corner

By Ms. M. NOVAKOVICH

It has been another fantastic semester in PAD 30 (Outdoor ed. Phys. Ed.)! From fire building, shelter building, outdoor games, a 4 day canoe trip, day hiking excursion, rock climbing to a final yurt trip (winter camping), students have had a variety of opportunities to play and learn outside this semester!

After just returning from our Yurt trip, I can honestly say that I will miss the fantastic students from this semester, and look forward to introducing new students to some of the wonderful experiences that our unique PAD 30 class has to offer!



Junior Achievement at St. Benedict C.S.S.

By Mr. F. WITTMANN

Once again, St. Benedict was an active participant in the Junior Achievement program of Waterloo Region. The Entrepreneurial Studies class was assisted by J.A. consultant Amad Abdullah – alumnus and successful Dragon Den contestant. The students were involved in all aspects of running a business, from idea generation and planning, to production, sales, reporting, and liquidation.

Four non-profit companies were formed:

Company	Product/Service	Price	President
Popsockets	Cellphone Accessory	\$10	Debbie Ansong
U.S. Enterprises	Underarmour Spiritwear Hoodies	\$50	Blake Shaw
Christmas Boxes	Spa Boxes and Candy Boxes	\$12 and \$5	Muna Mohamed
Stickers	Customized Stickers	\$4/sheet	Nicholas Van Iersel

Over \$500 was raised for the Argus Residence for Young People. The students' skills in problem solving, decision-making, numeracy, literacy, communication and team-work were put to good practice throughout the process. The program benefits greatly from the inspirational efforts of the JA Consultants, and the school looks forward to this continued partnership next year.



The most successful team was the Popsocket team: Milan, Hannah, Selena, Jackie, Debbie

ARMY RESERVE CO-OP EDUCATION PROGRAM



The Canadian Army Reserve Co-Op course includes basic military training, first-aid, navigation, field craft, career awareness, communication, self defense and training in either Infantry Soldier (Kitchener) or Combat Engineer (Waterloo).

Motivated students should identify themselves to their respective Co-op Teachers and ensure that they are properly enrolled in the Co-op Program and complete a consent form. The co-op program runs Tues - Fri from 12:30 to 5:30 pm and Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 10:30 pm.

All applicants must

- Be 16 years of age to apply
- Be a Canadian Citizen
- Have at least 15 credits
- Be free of any legal obligations
- Be a full time student

Co-op Benefits

- Self Confidence
- Respect
- Discipline
- Teamwork
- Problem solving
- Leadership
- Earn 3 credits
- Earn over \$3000



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INFORMATION SESSION

Thursday, January 19, 2017
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Waterloo Region DSB
Cambridge Room
51 Ardelt Avenue, Kitchener

Application Processing (for next year's program) will take place in WIN CATC Lab (2nd Floor off Atrium)

Please see a co-op teacher at your school for more information.

RSVP by January 16, 2017 to michelle.priestap@wcdsb.ca if you plan to attend

BY MRS. D. WITTMANN

BY MR. S. LEHAN



Saints 5, St. Mary's 1
Saints 3, Msgr. Doyle 3

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](#).

Jr. Boys basketball
Saints 56, Woodland 24

Sr. Boys basketball
Saints 83, Woodland 23

Midget Boys basketball
Saints 32, Resurrection 25

Clubs

What is MAD up to?

BY NATALIE CECCOMANCINI

The Making a Difference club (M.A.D.) has got a lot in store for second semester! We are teaming up with the National Native Foundation to help provide for the Poplar Hill First Nations Reserve in Thunder Bay. There will be a book drive to help fill a school's library (Feb. 13th-17th), and the funds raised through the annual overnight fast (March 24th) will go towards this initiative as well.

M.A.D. has also been giving presentations to the religion classes in first semester to bring awareness to the issues facing Aborigines in Canada, and will be showing this presentation to the second semester religion classes. Also in second semester, we will be using the vow of silence to raise awareness.

We hope everyone is just as excited as we are for everything we have planned in second semester!

Student Activities

The Arts

Wintersong review

BY MR. A. RENNER

On Wednesday evening, December 14, families and friends were invited to Wintersong, to celebrate the achievements of our student musicians and visual artists.

The evening was a mix of festive and non-festive, familiar favourites and new music. Performing ensembles included the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Band Classes, the Guitar Class Bands and the Concert Band. The atrium featured an incredible display of student artwork from the Visual Arts classes. Once again, Wintersong was a phenomenal display of talent and hard work, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

On behalf of the Arts Department, I would like to thank music teacher Mrs. Lyn Laforet, guitar teacher Mr. Frank Adamo, and visual arts teachers Ms. Sandi Fernandes, Ms. Ann Weiler and Mrs. Miriam McGhee for their dedication and tireless efforts to help student artists achieve their potential, to all the students for sharing their remarkable talents, and to all families and friends that came out to support them Thank you for all your support throughout the year!

Other News

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Cube club

Want to learn how to solve the Rubik's cube puzzle? Or are you an expert but would like to try a different kind of cube puzzle?

Join us for a fun hour with fellow cubers. All ages and skill levels welcome.

Thursdays January 26, Feb. 9 and 23 in Clemens Mill Library, 7 to 8pm

Exam De-stress

Come relax before exams with one of the Cambridge Therapy Dog teams in the library during lunch on Wed. Jan. 25

St. Elizabeth Catholic School

"CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION: 1992-2017"

All members of our school community
Both "Past and Present" are invited to join us for this celebration on

Sunday, April 30th, 2017

Celebration of the Eucharist at 11:30 a.m. by Father Freitas

St. Mary of the Visitation Church, 16 Cooper Street

Followed by a Blessing & Rededication and Open House at

St. Elizabeth Catholic School

50 Adler Drive, Cambridge

1:00-4:00 pm



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Take a trip down memory lane and reconnect with past and present friends and staff

We are interested in what you have been doing.

Share any memories and photos you have of St. Elizabeth Catholic School on our Facebook group.



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/St.ElizabethCatholicSchool25thAnniversary>

Watch for updates and information as we get closer to our celebration!

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, January 18

2:15pm Concert Band
2:15pm Games Club
2:15pm Movie Club
3:00pm Jr. Boys Basketball vs St. Mary's HS
3:30pm Jr. Girls Volleyball @ Woodland Christian HS
3:30pm Sr. Girls Volleyball @ Woodland Christian HS
4:30pm Sr. Boys Basketball vs St. Mary's HS
BENN Newsletter release
Graduation Photos
EQAO Gr. 9 Math Assessment

Thursday, January 19

10:40am DECA Business Club
10:40am Lacrosse Club
10:40am Accepting Differences Club
2:15pm Math Club
2:15pm Seams Sew Easy
3:00pm Midget Boys Basketball @ St. David CSS
4:00pm Midget Boys Basketball vs Resurrection CSS
6:00pm Grade 9 Cookies 'n' Cram
6:00pm Badminton Club

Friday, January 27

Final Evaluation Days

Saturday, January 28

Chinese New Year

Monday, January 30

Final Evaluation Days

Tuesday, January 31

Final Evaluation Days

Wednesday, February 1

BENN Newsletter release
Final Evaluation Days

Thursday, February 2

Groundhog Day
Final Evaluation Days

Friday, February 3

Professional Activity Day

Monday, February 6

8:00am Semester 2 starts
10:40am Reach for the Top

6:30pm Grade 8 Parent Night
Graduation Photos

Friday, January 20

10:40am Start Trek Club
10:40am Finance Club
10:40am Programmers' Club
2:15pm Doctor Who Club
3:00pm Sr. Boys Basketball vs St. David CSS
4:30pm Jr. Boys Basketball vs St. David CSS
Graduation Photos

Monday, January 23

10:40am Reach for the Top
10:40am HOSA Club
10:40am Robotics Club
10:40am Spirit Council
2:15pm Pit Band
3:00pm Sr. Boys Basketball vs Monsignor Doyle CSS
3:00pm Jr. Girls Volleyball @ Monsignor Doyle CSS
3:00pm Sr. Girls Volleyball @ Monsignor Doyle CSS
4:30pm Jr. Boys Basketball vs Monsignor Doyle CSS

Tuesday, January 24

10:40am Games Club
10:40am Arts Council
10:40am DECA Business Club
10:40am Movie Club
10:40am Accepting Differences Club

Wednesday, January 25

10:40am Cosmo Club
10:40am Reach for the Top
10:40am Seams Sew Easy
10:40am HOSA Club
10:40am Robotics Club
10:40am Model UN Club
10:40am Movie Club
2:15pm Concert Band
2:15pm Games Club
2:15pm Movie Club

Thursday, January 26

10:40am DECA Business Club
10:40am Accepting Differences Club
2:15pm Math Club
2:15pm Seams Sew Easy
6:00pm Badminton Club
7:00pm School Council meeting

10:40am Robotics Club
10:40am Spirit Council
2:15pm Pit Band
3:00pm Sr. Boys Basketball @ Resurrection CSS
3:00pm Jr. Girls Volleyball vs Resurrection CSS
3:00pm Sr. Girls Volleyball vs Resurrection CSS
4:30pm Jr. Boys Basketball @ Resurrection CSS

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
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.

