

Table of Contents

- [Administrative](#)
- [Academics](#)
- [Athletics](#)
- [Clubs](#)
- [Student Activities](#)
- [The Arts](#)
- [Other news](#)
- [Upcoming events](#)

The BENN newsletter is a publication of St. Benedict CSS. It is distributed every second Wednesday during the school year using the WCDSB Newswire service. Any questions or comments pertaining to this publication can be sent to the editor [Anton Milardovic](#) or the school's principal [Dan Witt](#).

BENN Staff

[Mr. Anton Milardovic](#)

Next Issue

May 3, 2017



PICTUREQUOTES.COM

Bennie's in the Media

CAMBRIDGE TIMES: [St. Benedict standouts sign with Universit...](#)

THE RECORD: [Monsignor Doyle wins District 8 badminton cha..](#)

THE RECORD: [Waterloo lands St. Benedict standouts](#)

Administrative

Greeting every stranger as a friend...

We extend a warm welcome to our Japanese visitors from the Yamate Gakuin international school in Yokohama, Japan!





BB BOUTIQUE OPENS

Come on Out!

Prom Dresses
Short/Long/Two Pieces
Suits/Blazers/Shirts/Ties
Shoes/Evening Bags
Jewelry

Where: Room 124
When: April 21, 2017
Time: 2:15 - 3:30

Please contact Mrs. K for further information.

**If you still can't find anything, BB Boutique will also be open
next Thursday and Friday after school**

Passion Play leads us into Easter

By MRS. M. ROCHA

During Holy Week, a group of our students put together a production of the Passion Play. The production was greatly appreciated by the whole school community. The cast also performed the play beautifully at St. Mary's Church in Hespeler on Good Friday. The audience was deeply moved by the production. Our students performed with sincerity and heart!

News from the Guidance Department

By MRS. L. O'NEILL

Calling all Grade 12 Graduating Students!

1. The Graduation ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, June 27 at Conestoga College. Registration information regarding the celebration of this milestone was forwarded via period one classes, so please ask your son or daughter if they have received it. Registration fees (\$85) and forms are due to the guidance office by Monday, May 1. Students who do not have a period one class should have received these forms during another period of their school day.
2. 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. Grade 12 students are expected to submit their Community Service Hour forms to the main office by May 1.
3. Although some students who have applied to either college or university have started to receive admission offers, students need to be aware that many colleges and universities do not send out offers of admission until second semester mid-term marks have been received and processed. While it would be easier and far less stressful if all post-secondary institutions followed the same timelines with regard to admission offers, this is not the case. Students also need to be reminded that all offers of admission are conditional – meaning that the offer can be removed if graduation requirements are not completed by June. Pay close attention to all of the details contained in emails and correspondence from the various



Mrs. Rocha and the cast members of the Passion Play at St. Mary's church.



Graduation for the Class of 2017 is fast approaching and registration for the ceremony has begun! Last week, grade 12 students who are on track to graduate received a registration form that is due, with the required fee, on Monday, May 1st. Not only is it important for students to meet this deadline because a lot of preparation relies on the information provided on the form; it teaches students the importance of meeting deadlines, which is a transferable skill they will have to master and use wherever the road will take them after graduation.

In addition to registering, graduating students are being invited to nominate their peers for the many graduation awards that will be presented at the ceremony. Graduates should take the time to log onto the link provided with

universities and colleges so that deadlines do not get missed.

4. If you have not registered for the guidance distribution list, it is not too late to do so. This is where information regarding scholarships and awards is posted on a regular basis. To join our distribution list, go to the guidance section on the school web page and click on "Join Our Information List." Once you join, you will receive regular updates from Mr. Betik via email.

their registration form, as this is a great opportunity for students to shine the spotlight on their deserving peers. Lastly, students who are on track to graduate are reminded that they need to successfully complete their 18 compulsory credits, 12 electives, the Literacy requirement, and submit their 40 hours of Community Service hours in order to satisfy the graduation requirements and receive an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

We look forward to celebrating the success of our graduates on Tuesday, June 27 at Conestoga College!

OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Program) Presentation

A staff person from the Financial Aid Office at Conestoga College will be visiting our school on Tuesday, May 2 to present information to grade 12 students regarding the process for applying to OSAP. Although the presenter is from Conestoga College, the information will be relevant for any Grade 12 student who is pursuing post-secondary education at either college or university. The presentation will be held in either Room 111 or the Lecture Hall during period two. A sign-up sheet for interested students is available in the Guidance Office.

Summer School

There are several options available this summer for students who wish to attend summer school. Our board will be offering a selection of New Credit Courses through St. Louis in Kitchener. These courses will run from July 4 – July 28, from 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM, Monday to Friday. All classes will run at St. Louis in Kitchener, with the exception of Career Studies and Civics which will only be available on-line.

Summer school will be available this summer for St. Benedict students through the Waterloo Region District School Board, our coterminous board. Make-up Credit Courses will be offered at Jacob Hespeler Secondary School in Cambridge and Cameron Heights Secondary School in Kitchener. A selected number of New Credit Courses will be offered at Jacob Hespeler Secondary School in Cambridge, Cameron Heights in Kitchener and Sir John A. Macdonald Secondary School in Waterloo. Classes will run from July 4 – July 28. Make-up courses are 3 hours in length, either morning or afternoon, while new credit courses are 6 hours in length, not including a 30 minute nutrition break.

Students can register for a maximum of 2 make up credits or one new credit course. There will also be a limited number of On-line Blended Courses offered at all locations this summer as well. More information regarding summer school course offerings and registration is available in the guidance office. The registration deadline for New Credit, On-line Blended, and Locally Developed courses is Thursday, June 22. Students planning to take a make-up course have until Tuesday June

27 to register. Transportation is provided for students who take summer school courses through the public board – a bus schedule will be available to students in June. Please see the guidance office for more information regarding summer school.

Volunteer Spotlight

1. 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 throughout the month of April. All volunteer shifts are 3 hours in length and volunteers can sign up for as many as they would like. Please visit waterloo.mycssschedule.ca to see all available shift and sign up or contact Nicole at 519-886-8888, extension 3144.
2. "Healthy Heart Day," an annual community event will be held at St. Benedict on Saturday, April 22. Volunteers are needed from 6:30 AM to 2:00 PM to help with set-up, registration, ushering and clean-up, as well as on Friday, April 21 prior to the event. Please see Mrs. O'Neill in the guidance office for more information.

OSAP PRESENTATION

Graduating? Plans to go to a post-secondary institution? Need to find out about financial options?

Guidance has a representative from a financial aid office coming to St. Benedict to do a presentation on OSAP.

WHEN? Tuesday, May 2, 2017 period 2

WHERE? To be decided

WHO? Graduating students that do NOT have a summative planned that date/time

Sign up is in guidance until end of lunch May 1.



NHL Playoffs

Which Canadian team do you think will get the farthest in this year's NHL playoffs?

- ☐ Calgary Flames
- ☐ Edmonton Oilers
- ☐ Montreal Canadiens
- ☐ Ottawa Senators
- ☐ Toronto Maple Leafs

Submit vote

Are you a Link Crew Wanna-Be?

The Link Crew is looking for students in grade 10 and 11 to be link crew leaders for next year. We want the Link Crew to reflect the amazing diversity of students we have here at St. Benedict so if your interests are Arts, academics, athletics, games or anything in between; whatever your interests are, we want you on Link Crew. Did we mention being a link crew leader is amazing? Because it is. Applications can be picked up in the guidance and must be filled out and returned to guidance by the end of the day April 21st. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Arkell, Mr. Riso, Mrs. Reis, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Reitzel, or Mr. Borba.

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 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.

By entering information about your son or daughter you can get up-to-the-minute information about their attendance.

Cash Online

You are now able to pay various fees for your child, such as Student Activity Fee, online using School Cash Online.

For safety and efficiency reasons, we want to reduce the amount of cash coming into our school. We are asking parents to please take 5 minutes to register. Once you are registered online, you will begin receiving emails about upcoming events.

Follow the steps below to register with School Cash Online:

Step 1: Go to the [School Cash Online website](#) or visit our school website and click



VOL NTEER
all that's missing is U!

on the School Cash Online link under the ★.

Step 2: Register by selecting the “Get Started Today” and follow the steps. You will need use the student’s LEGAL NAME and their STUDENT NUMBER.

Step 3: You will receive a confirmation email. Open it up and click on the link that allows you to login and add each of your children to your household account.

If you have any questions, please select the “SUPPORT” option in the top right hand area of the screen.

Volunteer at St. Benedict!

Looking into a career in education?

Have some spare time?

Or know someone who does?

Consider volunteering your time at St.

Benedict!

Please contact Mrs. Nada Offak to get started.

Nada.Offak@wcdsb.ca

519-621-4050 ext. 3089

A Friendly Reminder...

All visitors are reminded to please sign in at the main office upon arrival at the school, our office staff will be happy to direct you to the appropriate office and/or inform your on-site contact of your arrival. We thank you for your continued cooperation and support in keeping our community safe.

Uniform reminders

Keeping your mornings simple and stress-free isn’t the only benefit of uniforms, we as a school community value the safety benefit of making our community members and visitors easily recognizable. In addition, school uniforms mean that the pressure to have a wide range of new and expensive school clothes throughout the year isn’t an ongoing struggle for parents and being judged by their clothes isn’t a pressure for students.

All students and parents received the uniform policy for the year in the registration package and all students participated in a grade level meetings with administration to review this policy and other reminders. The policy is also contained in the student handbook which is located on our school website.

The key reminders are:

- All non-uniform items are to be removed and placed in a student’s locker when they arrive to school, this includes all hats, scarves, track pants, jackets, coats etc.
- All items are to be worn as purchased and not altered
- McCarthy’s navy blue or khaki pants, capris or shorts with the St. Benedict logo
- McCarthy’s white/navy blue short or long sleeve golf shirt with the St. Benedict logo

Who is your administrator?



- McCarthy's navy sweatshirt or navy sweater/cardigan/vest with the St. Benedict logo worn over a uniform shirt or plain white, or dark blue t-shirt.

Please ensure that you are in proper uniform throughout the day so we can get at the great task of learning without the needless interruptions or delays that occur when students need to be asked to follow the policy.

Our 2016-17 Admin Team: Mr. Jaeger, Ms. Riley, Mr. Witt, and Mr. Borba

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

A to Bl: [Mr. Witt](#) (principal)

Bo to G: [Ms. Riley](#)

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

P to Z: [Mr. Borba](#)

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.

Academics



Enriching the Lives of Students

By MRS. D. WITTMANN

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



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

This September the St. Benedict English Department is introducing Grade 11 English Pre-Advanced Placement (ENG3UP). For further information CLICK on the English@St.Benedict.blog link.

Athletics

Clubs

Spoken Word

Love spoken word? Want to be on the Bennie's spoken word team? Want to attend a youth competition? See Mrs. Rocha at lunch in portable 1 any day this week for more info.

Student Activities

Do YOU have what it takes to be PRESIDENT?

Any student leader interested in running for co-president for the 2017-18 school year should see Mr. Curtis in the SAC Office for an application package and essay topic. Deadline for applications is Friday, April 28th at 2:15pm.



ORDER SPIRIT WEAR ONLINE!

St. Benedict CSS Online Spirit Wear

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Go to the online store at <https://sbcss-spiritwear17.itemorder.com>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Online Store Deadline: April 30th, 2017 (11:59pm)



SAINTS HALO T-SHIRT	"B KIND" L/S T-SHIRT	"GO SAINTS" ATHLETIC SHIRT	SCHOOL CREST SWEATSHIRT	SAINTS PULLOVER HOODIE	SAINTS ZIP-UP HOODIE
					
\$8.75	\$12.50	\$13.50	\$17.75	\$26.50	\$26.50

This store is estimating to ship products by May 24th, 2017

powered by  ORDERMYGEAR

Questions?
Nick Renda
519-635-7492
hofsportsmem@gmail.com

The Arts

Other News

Girls CAN fly!



Join us **May 13** for a celebration
of women in aviation.



TOUR the flight
centre, **MEET**
women pilots,
LEARN more
about the
industry and
try a **FREE**
FLIGHT.*

Find out more!
wwfc.ca

*Advance registration
required for free flights
(available closer to date).

Supported by:





Upcoming Events

Wednesday, April 19

2:00pm Sr. Boys Soccer vs Resurrection CSS
2:00pm Varsity Girls Soccer vs Resurrection CSS
2:15pm Concert Band
2:15pm Games Club
2:15pm Movie Club
BENN Newsletter release

Thursday, April 20

8:00am Badminton CWOSSA Senior Championships
8:00am Track & Field: Maxi-Meet #1
10:40am Accepting Differences Club
10:40am Equestrian Club
2:15pm Math Club
2:15pm Seams Sew Easy
6:00pm Badminton Club
Civics/Careers turnaround day

Friday, April 21

10:40am Start Trek Club
10:40am Programmers' Club

Tuesday, May 2

10:40am Games Club
10:40am Arts Council
10:40am Movie Club
10:40am Accepting Differences Club
Catholic Education Week

Wednesday, May 3

10:40am Cosmo Club
10:40am Reach for the Top
10:40am Seams Sew Easy
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
3:00pm Sr. Boys Soccer vs Monsignor Doyle CSS
3:00pm Varsity Girls Soccer @ Monsignor Doyle CSS
6:00pm Coffee House
BENN Newsletter release

10:40am Finance Club
2:00pm Sr. Boys Soccer @ St. David CSS
2:15pm Doctor Who Club
2:15pm Worship band
3:30pm Varsity Girls Soccer @ St. David CSS

Monday, April 24

10:40am Reach for the Top
10:40am Robotics Club
10:40am Spirit Council
10:40am SBTv Crew meeting
10:40am Finance Club
10:40am Programmers Club
2:15pm Pit Band
2:15pm Flute Choir
3:45pm Sr. Boys Soccer @ ES Père-René-de-Galinée
3:45pm Varsity Girls Soccer @ ES Père-René-de-Galinée
Yom HaShoah
SAC Spirit Week

Tuesday, April 25

8:00am Alternative & Green Energy Efficiency Training
10:40am Games Club
10:40am Arts Council
10:40am Movie Club
10:40am Accepting Differences Club
SAC Spirit Week

Wednesday, April 26

8:00am CPR-C & Standard First Aid Training
10:40am Cosmo Club
10:40am Reach for the Top
10:40am Seams Sew Easy
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
3:30pm Sr. Boys Soccer @ Woodland Christian HS
3:45pm Varsity Girls Soccer vs Woodland Christian HS
SAC Spirit Week

Thursday, April 27

10:40am Accepting Differences Club
10:40am Equestrian Club
2:15pm Math Club
2:15pm Seams Sew Easy
6:00pm Badminton Club
SAC Spirit Week

Friday, April 28

8:00am Track & Field: Track Wars
10:40am Start Trek Club
10:40am Programmers' Club
10:40am Finance Club

Catholic Education Week
Easter Mass

Thursday, May 4

8:00am Badminton OFSAA Championships
8:00am Track & Field: Maxi-Meet #2
10:40am Accepting Differences Club
10:40am Equestrian Club
1:30pm Sr. Boys Slo Pitch @ St. Mary's HS
2:15pm Math Club
2:15pm Seams Sew Easy
3:15pm Sr. Boys Slo Pitch vs Monsignor Doyle CSS
6:00pm Badminton Club
7:00pm School Council meeting
Catholic Education Week

Friday, May 5

8:00am Badminton OFSAA Championships
10:40am Start Trek Club
10:40am Programmers' Club
10:40am Finance Club
2:15pm Doctor Who Club
2:15pm Worship band
Catholic Education Week

Saturday, May 6

8:00am Badminton OFSAA Championships

Did you know?

There are over 1,600 entries on our website calendar!

This means plenty of opportunities for your son or daughter to get involved!

Check the calendar on our website for more information. New items are constantly 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

2:15pm Doctor Who Club
2:15pm Worship band
SAC Spirit Week
Mid Term Report Cards Distributed

Monday, May 1

10:40am Reach for the Top
10:40am Robotics Club
10:40am Spirit Council
10:40am SBTV Crew meeting
10:40am Finance Club
10:40am Programmers Club
2:15pm Pit Band
2:15pm Flute Choir
Catholic Education Week



Visit
stbenedict.wcdsb.ca/calendar.php
from your cell phone.

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.

