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# Catholic Education Week May 1-5, 2017

*Celebrating who we are as a  
People of Hope*

## Bennie's in the Media

CAMBRIDGE TIMES: [St. Benedict runner sets new record at Tr...](#)

CAMBRIDGE TIMES: [Stepping out for heart health in Cambridge](#)

## Administrative

# An important message for grade 12 graduates

The Graduation registration form and fee are now overdue. The absolute final deadline is Monday, May 8th at 8am. Failure to submit the form and fee by this final deadline will result in you

not participating in the graduation ceremony. Therefore, it is imperative that the form and fee come in as soon as possible. Thank you!

## Students: Are you interested in being a part of SAC?

If you are interested in joining the student council for next year, pick up an application from the SAC Office any time before or after school or at lunch. Completed applications must be in the SAC Office no later than Friday, May 26th at 2:15pm.

## Access your student's attendance information in real time

By MR. A. MILARDOVIC

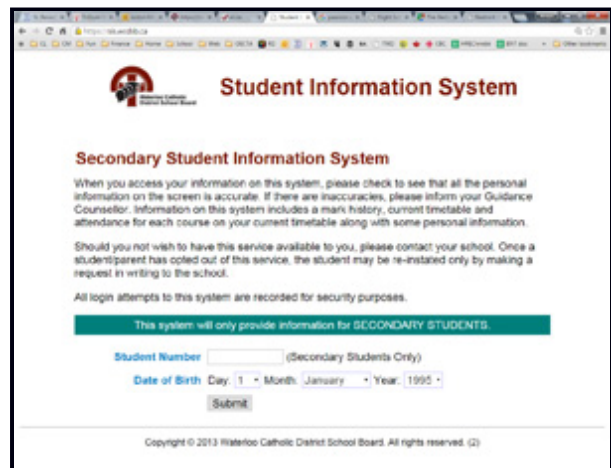
Class attendance is a key component to a student's success in their classes. Timely communication of attendance information between home and school is critical for accurate attendance records.

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.



**VOL NTEER**

*all that's missing is U!*

## **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

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 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.

## **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
- 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.

## Who is your administrator?



**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 B: [Mr. Witt](#) (principal)

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

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

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

## Classrooms are No Phone Zones!



## 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



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.

(anaphylaxis). This is a medical condition that causes a severe allergic reaction to specific foods and can result in death within minutes. If your 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.

## Saint Benedict student NOAH GUERIN: Waterloo County English Award Winner

By Mrs. D. WITTMANN

The Waterloo County English Awards is a local writing competition hosted by secondary schools in the Waterloo Region. Teachers at participating public, separate and private schools offer the opportunity for students to submit original writing for in-school as well as inter-school contests:

<http://www.waterloocountyenglishawards.ca/>

<http://www.waterloocountyenglishawards.ca/grade-11-english-achievement-test.html>

Noah receives prize money of \$250.00, along with a Certificate of Distinction. Congratulations Noah!

## Athletics

### Track Wars 2017

By Ms. P. STANG

Congratulations to the Track and Field team which competed at Track Wars 2017 at Jacob Hespeler on Friday.

It was a great season opener with over 30 Top Ten finishers.

Special congratulations go to Alexandria Webb who won the midget girls javelin and 80 meter hurdles, Sevanne Ghezarian who won the senior girls 1500 meters, Nana-Afia Agyeipah who won the senior girls shot-put and Xavier Isaacs who won the 100 meters IB.

Further congratulations go to Alexandria Webb who set a Track Wars records in the midget girls javelin, Sevanne Ghazarian in the senior girls 1500m and Xavier Isaacs in the 100m IB.

As well, eight new school records were set. Alexandria Webb set records in the javelin, 80 meter hurdles and triple jump, Nana-Afia Agyeipah in the shot put and discus, Sevanne Ghazarian in the 1500 meter, Salina Filipovic in the junior girls javelin and Alex Bukowski in the senior girls triple jump.

Earlier this month Sevanne Ghazarian competed in the prestigious 44th. Annual Nike/Rowland Games 3000m Invitational. In a very competitive field of 22 runners from across the province Sevanne placed second with a time of 9:37.71 min. This was a seasons best and personal best for Sevanne.

Good luck to the members of the Track and Field team as they prepare for Maxi Meet 2 this Thursday at Jacob Hespeler.



#### Varsity Girls soccer

Saints 1, Resurrection 1  
St. David CSS 4, Saints 1  
Saints 5, Woodland CHS 0

#### Sr. Boys soccer

St. David CSS 1, Saints 0  
Saints 5, Pere Rene 2  
Saints 4, Woodland CHS 3

### Varsity Girls Soccer

By Mr. J. BAILEY

**Stay up to date with  
District 8 Sports**



Congratulations to the Varsity Girls Soccer Team on their pair of wins last week, over Pere Rene and Woodland. Leading the scoring were Viktoria Quilty, Ola Zaba with 2 goals and Jordyn Galway with 3 goals! The team also played solid defence to help goalkeeper Emma Croswell earn 2 shutouts this week. Up next, the girls take on Monsignor Doyle on Wednesday.

*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](#).

**Do you want to improve your basketball skills this summer?**

# **St. Benedict Basketball Camps 2017**

**July 10 to July 14**  
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):	For more information or application brochure visit:
8am-10am	<a href="http://stbenedict.wcdsb.ca/bballcamp">http://stbenedict.wcdsb.ca/bballcamp</a>
Semi Pro Division (Entering Gr. 4-6):	Or Contact:
10:30am-4pm	John Malnerich @ St. Benedict C.S.S.
Pro Division (Entering Gr. 7-9):	519-621-4050 ext 5337
10:30am-4pm	

## Student Activities

### Get ready to show your true colours!

SAC is planning an amazing week to help build school spirit with Show Your Colours Week. From Monday, May 8th to Friday, May 12th, every day offers something different, something special to celebrate our school spirit.

**Monday:** Art Wall will be set up in the Atrium during lunch to add your own special artistic touch to a school-wide mural.

**Tuesday:** Colours Day will allow students to wear a specific colour top based on grade with uniform bottoms. Grade 9 – Blue, Grade 10 – Green, Grade 11 – Red, Grade 12 – Purple. Let see what grade has the most school spirit!

**Wednesday:** MOPA (Most Outrageous Paint Activity) brings 10 teams competing in wacky contests over Period 2 and the lunch hour in a messy paint-filled environment. It`s going to get messy!

**Thursday:** Cake Walk offers more that 25 cakes that students can buy raffle tickets to win and cake and help raise money for OK2BEME.

**Friday:** NEON NIGHT caps off the whole week with an electrified dance in our gym with black lights and bright colours. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets on sale in the SAC window at lunch for only \$10.

Not only that, every day students will be allowed to wear spirit wear!

So, come on Saints, it`s time to show your true colours!

## The Arts

## Other News





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CAMBRIDGE FOOTBALL

## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

We are currently  
looking for volunteers  
to assist with Game Days.

**We need:**

- House League Assistant Coaches
- Gate Attendants
- Apparel Shop Staff
- Stick Crew
- Youth Referees
- Announcers



Various weekend in May/June/July at  
Jacob Hespeler Secondary School Football Field.

**Students welcome!**  
Counts toward Community Involvement Hours.

## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday, May 3

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  
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

### Friday, May 12

10:40am Start Trek Club  
10:40am Programmers' Club  
10:40am Finance Club  
2:15pm Doctor Who Club  
2:15pm Worship band  
Co-presidents' Campaign week

### Sunday, May 14

Mother's Day

### Monday, May 15

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

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

**Monday, May 8**

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  
3:00pm Varsity Girls Soccer vs St. Mary's HS  
3:30pm Sr. Boys Soccer @ St. Mary's HS  
Co-presidents' Campaign week

**Tuesday, May 9**

8:00am Mental Health Awareness  
10:40am Games Club  
10:40am Arts Council  
10:40am Movie Club  
10:40am Accepting Differences Club  
1:30pm Sr. Boys Slo Pitch @ Monsignor Doyle CSS  
1:30pm Sr. Girls Slo Pitch @ St. Mary's HS  
3:15pm Sr. Boys Slo Pitch vs St. David CSS  
3:15pm Sr. Girls Slo Pitch vs Monsignor Doyle CSS  
Co-presidents' Campaign week

**Wednesday, May 10**

8:00am Track & Field: District 8 Championships  
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  
Co-presidents' Campaign week

2:15pm Pit Band  
2:15pm Flute Choir

**Tuesday, May 16**

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

**Wednesday, May 17**

8:00am Track & Field: CWOSSA Championships  
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  
BENN Newsletter release

**Thursday, May 18**

8:00am Track & Field: CWOSSA Championships  
10:40am Accepting Differences Club  
10:40am Equestrian Club  
1:30pm Sr. Boys Slo Pitch @ St. David CSS  
1:30pm Sr. Girls Slo Pitch vs Resurrection CSS  
2:15pm Math Club  
2:15pm Seams Sew Easy  
3:15pm Sr. Boys Slo Pitch @ Resurrection CSS  
3:15pm Sr. Girls Slo Pitch vs St. Mary's HS  
6:00pm Badminton Club

**Friday, May 19**

10:40am Start Trek Club  
10:40am Programmers' Club  
10:40am Finance Club  
2:15pm Doctor Who Club  
2:15pm Worship band

**Monday, May 22**

Victoria Day

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, May 11

8:00am Track & Field: District 8

Championships

10:40am Accepting Differences Club

10:40am Equestrian Club

1:30pm Sr. Boys Slo Pitch vs Resurrection CSS

1:30pm Sr. Girls Slo Pitch @ Monsignor Doyle  
CSS

2:15pm Math Club

2:15pm Seams Sew Easy

3:15pm Sr. Boys Slo Pitch vs St. Mary's HS

3:15pm Sr. Girls Slo Pitch vs St. David CSS

6:00pm Badminton Club

Co-presidents' Campaign week



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.

