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May 31, 2017

Welcome to our 200th Issue!

Read through quickly, and then go out and enjoy the sunshine!

- Editor

Bennie's in the Media

THE RECORD: Semifinalists determined in District 8 soccer

THE RECORD: St. David's Melvin makes D8 records fall

THE RECORD: Huron Heights jumper rises to the occasion

Administrative

Attention Grads!

Invitation to attend the ceremony has been mailed out! Please check your home mailbox

and return your reply card by June 2!

Hygiene Hampers for Refugees

BY MR. J. CURTIS

In the last decade, over 260,000 refugees have arrived in Canada. When they arrive in Canada, there are many things that they need immediately and we would like to help provide them with necessary toiletry items. Until June 1st, you can donate the necessary items. Just get your homeroom teacher to pick up a box at the chapel and fill it up. On June 1st, volunteers from the Giving Back Club will come around to collect all your items.

HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL
BY DONATING

CLOTHING AND ALL LINENS



Our **FUNDrive™**
will be held at:

**St. Benedict
Catholic High School**

May 15th - May 31, 2017

and will benefit:

**SAINTS
FUND**



learn more:

Help the **Saints Fund** help our school
community by donating clothing, sheets,
towels and blankets.

FUNDrive™
value village

we accept:

Clothing
Sheets
Towels
Blankets

NO UNIFORM ITEMS

What is Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)?

The Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) is a Ministry approved program that encourages students to focus their education on a specific employment sector.

Components include:

1. A bundle of courses related to a major
2. Co-op experience in an area of interest
3. Industry-recognized certifications related to the employment sector



Students who successfully complete all components of the program earn a Specialist High Skills Major (Red Seal) designation on their Diploma.

Why get involved?

No matter which path you follow after high school, you will have a better idea of your direction and future career choice when graduating with a SHSM Red Seal.

You will:

- understand how and why your classes apply to your future career
- obtain training and certifications from experienced industry staff (e.g. First Aid & CPR)
- learn on-the-job skills during a co-op placement
- gain experience in your field of interest

Majors offered at St. Benedict's C.S.S. in 2015-16

Arts & Culture • Business
Construction • Energy
Environment • Health & Wellness
Hospitality & Tourism
Information & Communications
Justice & Community Safety
Manufacturing • Transportation

How and when to get involved:

Experiences start in Grade 11 or 12. Now is the time to sign up and get involved! Deadline to sign up is October 30. Sign up forms are available in the Guidance Office. More information can be found online at www.highskills.ca.

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.](#)

Grade 10 Enriched English Class sees Marathon of Hope: The Musical

By Mrs. D. Wittmann

After an incredibly successful world premiere at St. Jacobs Country Playhouse last fall, Marathon of Hope: The Musical is now playing at the Dunfield Theatre. This triumphant new musical examines and celebrates the tenacity of the human spirit with unflinching honesty, grit, and grace as it chronicles the hero's unprecedented cross-Canada marathon for cancer research.

The students attended a performance of the play on Tuesday, May 16. After the play, the class attended a Q and A with the artists and creative team.

Athletics

Varsity Girls win soccer tournament

By Mr. J. BAILEY

Congratulations the Varsity Girls Soccer Team who participated in the Waterloo-Oxford Crusader Classic tournament last Friday. The girls went undefeated to win the Crusader Classic Tournament at Waterloo-Oxford D.S.S. on Friday, highlighted with a 4-1 win over SJAM in the finals!

The team overcame a lot of adversity, having almost no substitutions all day, but played extremely hard and with a lot of character. Emma Croswell and our defense only allowed one goal all day, with the offense led by Jordyn Galway and Viktoria Quilty (with 4 goals each) with Kayley Cabral and Tayler Brasil adding 1 goal each. Congratulations to the girls on a hard-fought tournament!

Senior Boys Soccer

By Mr. E. OFFAK

Congratulations to the Senior Boys Soccer Team on winning their quarter final game last Wednesday afternoon against Monsignor Doyle by a score of 4 - 2. Goal scorers were Kyle Costa, Marius Pop and Connor Meneses with 2 goals. Special "shout-outs" to goalkeepers Matt DaSilva for a solid first half until an unfortunate injury sidelined him and for Ryan Bahia for stepping in to close out the match. Their next match will be on Monday vs. St. David's. A quick reminder that there will be a practice today at 2:30pm.



Sr. Girls Slo-pitch
Msgr. Doyle 9, Saints 1
St. Mary's 8, Saints 1
St. David 18, Saints 3
Msgr. Doyle 13, Saints 4

Sr. Boys Slo-pitch
Saints 8, Msgr. Doyle 4
Saints 6, St. David 6
Resurrection 18, Saints 12
Saints 14, St. Mary's 13
Saints 18, Msgr. Doyle 4

Varsity Girls soccer
Saints 1, Msgr. Doyle 0
St. Mary's 1, Saints 0
Saints 2, Msgr. Doyle 1
Resurrection 2, Saints 0

Sr. Boys soccer
Msgr. Doyle 1, Saints 0
St. Mary's 3, Saints 0
Saints 4, Msgr. Doyle 2
St. David 3, Saints 0

District 8 Track And Field Championship Results

By Ms. P. STANG

Congratulations to the St. Benedict Track and Field Team who won the following awards at the District #8 Track and Field Championship this week:

1. Overall Combined Team Championship
(Male and Female Teams)
2. Overall Girls' Championship
3. Midget Girls' Championship
4. Junior Girls' Championship
5. Senior Boys' Championship

This was 5 of the 9 possible titles.

Individual Champions

Sevanne Ghazarian – Senior Girls District 8
Champion – 3 Golds

Marcus Penoloza – Senior Boys' District #8
Champion – 3 Golds

Alexandria Webb – Midget Girls' District #8
Champion – 3 Golds

C.W.O.S.S.A. Qualifiers

We also have 25 individuals who placed either 1st. or 2nd in 36 events going to CWOSSA this week Wednesday, May 17, 2017 and Thursday, May 18, 2017.

Top Tens

Midget Team – Boys and Girls – 40 Top Ten Finishers

Junior Team – Boys and Girls – 36 Top Ten Finishers

Senior Team – Boys and Girls – 70 top Ten Finishers

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.

Track and Field Records Fall at District 8 Championship

By Ms. P. STANG

This past week at the District 8 Track and Field Championship several school and District 8 records fell.

In the semi-final of the Senior Men's 100m Marcus Penaloza broke former St. Benedict C.S.S. track team member, Chris Vasile's ten year old school record and his District 8 Record of 11.20s by running 11.14s to qualify first in the 100m final. Marcus went on to win the 100m later that evening and his semi-final race was the fastest time at the meet.

Earlier that day Marcus broke Greg Ball's 12 year school record (51.05s) in the 400m by running 50.31s.

On day two of the District 8 Championship Marcus broke his own school (22.40) and District 8 Record (22.63) in the 200m by running 22.21s in the finals of this event. Congratulations Marcus!

Another record was broken in the Senior Girls Shot Put when Nana-Afia Ageipah threw 9.92 meters, breaking the old District 8 record of 9.64 meters set in 2009. This also broke Nana's previous school record of 9.08 meters set earlier this year at Track Wars.

As well, Alexandria Webb shattered the previous District 8 record in the Midget Girls javelin with a throw of 34.46 meters. This cleared the old record by 6.21 meters set in 2009. Alex also broke three school records that she set earlier this season at Track Wars. She broke her javelin record by almost 4 meters, the 80 meter Hurdles record with a run of 13.61 seconds and the triple jump record with a distance of 10.00 meters.

Sevanne Ghazarian broke the Senior Women's 800m school record in a time of 2.19.74s and narrowly missed the District 8

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](#).

Record by 0.7 seconds. She now holds the St. Benedict school record in the 800m, 1500m and 3000m in midget, junior and senior girls.

These athletes tied last year's achievements by breaking 4 District 8 records in one event.

Clubs

U of G Science Olympic Recap

BY MS. S. SKINN

Our science team had a rainy start, but great day at the University of Guelph Science Olympics on Thursday, May 11. Overall our junior team was 2nd in "body part bingo" and the "scavenger hunt", and 3rd in the "great spy race". Our seniors were 3rd in the engineering event "sorry to burst your bubble".

This is the 9th year the University of Guelph has hosted this event and this is a great day to experience a little bit of university life, explore the campus and learn a few new things (Ms. Skinn's favourite part was checking out the Ontario veterinary college and checking out some of the specimens)!

The team is gearing up now for the University of Western Ontario Science Olympics in 2 weeks – go team!



Members of the Science team ready to do battle... in a scientific way.

Student Activities

The Arts

The Parting Glass at Sears Drama Festival

BY MR. A. RENNER

Please congratulate the entire cast and crew of *The Parting Glass*, they adapted the show brilliantly to a different stage in Chatham, had an excellent performance, and impressed everyone at the festival with their energy and positive attitude. They truly represented us as a community of Saints!

Also, special congratulations go out to the following: Olivia Martins won the Outstanding Stage Manager award (only one of these is awarded); Madi Morelli and Grant Brook shared an Award of Outstanding Achievement for acting; Josh Kelly won our second Award of Outstanding Achievement for acting (no other school got two); Grant Brook also received one of four \$1,000 bursaries that were awarded for students pursuing arts education at post-secondary.

Artistic Saints recognized for their talents

By Mrs. M. McGHEE

The Arts Department would like to congratulate Bernadine Light for her 2nd place Honorable Mention for her illustration entitled "No Room for the Weak" at the Langs Connectivity Youth Art Exhibition. Bernadine won a cash prize as a part of her award. She won second place in a field of 45 artists entered. Congratulations Bernadine!

Also, grade 9 students Savannah Danayan, Madelyn Juranics, Kaydince Rodrigues, Lexi Stanley and Sabrina Taranorrelli have the honour of showcasing their paintings as a part of Cambridge City Hall's 150th Canada Day Celebration.

Other News

Upcoming Events

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

10:40am Finance Club
10:40am Programmers Club
Victoria Day

Tuesday, May 23

Tuesday, May 30

8:00am Tennis: OFSAA Championship
10:40am Games Club
10:40am Arts Council
10:40am Movie Club
10:40am Accepting Differences Club

Wednesday, May 31

8:00am Tennis: OFSAA Championship
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
Shavuot
SAC BBQ Blast

Thursday, June 1

8:00am Track & Field: OFSAA Championships
10:40am Accepting Differences Club
10:40am Equestrian Club

10:40am Games Club
10:40am Arts Council
10:40am Movie Club
10:40am Accepting Differences Club
1:30pm Sr. Girls Slo Pitch @ St. David CSS
3:15pm Sr. Girls Slo Pitch @ Resurrection CSS

Wednesday, May 24

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

Thursday, May 25

10:40am Accepting Differences Club
10:40am Equestrian Club
2:15pm Math Club
2:15pm Seams Sew Easy
6:00pm Badminton Club
Ascension Day

Friday, May 26

8:00am Track & Field: OFSAA Regional
10:40am Start Trek Club
10:40am Programmers' Club
10:40am Finance Club
2:15pm Doctor Who Club
2:15pm Worship band

Saturday, May 27

8:00am Track & Field: OFSAA Regional
Ramadan begins

Monday, May 29

8:00am Tennis: OFSAA Championship
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

2:15pm Math Club
2:15pm Seams Sew Easy
6:00pm Badminton Club
6:30pm Prom
7:00pm School Council meeting
7:00pm Arts Banquet

Friday, June 2

8:00am Track & Field: OFSAA Championships
Professional Activity Day

Saturday, June 3

8:00am Track & Field: OFSAA Championships

To see the full calendar, go to [Benny's News](#) ►
Calendar of Events.

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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

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