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Issue 4 already?

By Mr. A. Milardovic

As we prepare this fourth issue of the BENN newsletter for this school year, I look and think, "wow, are we already at issue 4?!" September has certainly flown.

It has been a busy start-up to the school year, and we hope that students have settled into their routines. Teams are running (game schedules have been posted on the calendar), forty clubs are in full swing (and always ready to accept more members), and for the most part life is good at St. Benedict.

Tomorrow evening we will welcome the parents of grade 9s, and we hope to give their sons and daughters an opportunity to show off their dance moves at the Grade 9 Link Dance. Parents, if you want to try to "walk a mile in your child's shoes" you will get to do that tomorrow evening--and no, we don't mean on the dance floor, but in traveling the halls and going to their classrooms and meeting their teachers.

We hope that this has been a good start to the school year, and a positive sign of things to come for the rest of the semester!

Please remember that if you need to contact a teacher, guidance counsellor or administrator, our email addresses are all on the website under **About Us > Staff List**.

Miss getting your photo taken at registration?

if you didn't get your photo done at registration, there will be a Photo Retakes Day on Thursday, October 26.



VOLUNTEER

Would you like to be a Volunteer? Here's how!

My name is Charlene Fondacaro and I am the Volunteer Coordinator at St. Benedict C.S.S. If you have an interest in volunteer in our school community please **email me** at or call our school at 519-621-4050 x.5601, or you can find all of the volunteer forms on our website under **About us**

all that's missing is U!

If you would like a letter for a reduced cost for a Police Background Check (required) please contact me to arrange for a time to pick one up at the school.

Chaplain's Corner

By Mr. B. Rempel

We are three weeks into the school year at St Benedict. There is a certain sameness to the start of each year. There are new students. There are returning students. Class begin. Clubs re-form. Teams hold tryouts.

Below the surface, there is fresh newness that is forming. We are entering a new year. There are many new students. Students are elder and are evolving into mature adults. Classes take on a new flavour and emphasis. The spirit of the school takes on a new and unique vibrancy.

And so the school year begins. Everything is old and yet new again.



Grade 9 Meet the Teacher Night

This Thursday is our annual ***Grade 9 Meet the Teacher Night***, which runs from 6:30 to 8:30pm. The evening begins with a presentation in the gymnasium, after which you will get the opportunity to run through your child's schedule, period by period, and meet their teachers.

We look forward to meeting you!

Grade 9 Link Crew Dance

Hey grade 9's!! Just a friendly reminder that Thursday, September 21 Link Crew proudly presents your very own grade 9 dance!! Dance starts at 6:30 pm in the cafe and ends at 8:30. You must bring your timetable/schedule for admission to the dance. All bags and purses must be kept in your locker. See you there!

Used Uniforms Sale

Used uniforms will be on sale in the atrium from 5:30-6:30 on Thursday, September 21, before Grade 9 night begins. Limited sizes and quantities. Proceeds from used uniform sales go towards our ***Saints Fund***.



Student Artists Shine in Local Street Art Festival

By Mr. A. Milardovic



Four of our artistic students participated in the Cambridge International Street Art Festival, which was held in downtown Galt at the end of June. Last week we received that their drawing received a \$500 cash award for our Arts Department. Last Friday, Brian Price of the CISAF was at the school to present our winners with the cheque.

The work, titled "", was created by Kristen DaSilva, Meghan Nemeth, Jaime Milne and Bernadine Light. Congratulations ladies!

Academic



Are you thinking of Graduating this year?

Students who are considering graduating this year **and their parents** are invited to sign up for our **Graduation information newsletter**. Information that will help you as you move towards graduating will be sent to your email address: applying for scholarships, deadlines for college and university applications and more! You can easily unsubscribe at any time.

News from Guidance

By Mrs. L. O'Neill

Who is your Guidance Counsellor?

Mrs. Lesley O'Toole A-Di & International Students ext. 5190

Mrs. Karla Arkell Dj - Ki ext. 5636

Mr. Nick Betik KI - PI ext. 5633

Mrs. Laura O'Neill Po - Z ext. 5634

Mrs. Christine O'Connor, Administrative Assistant, ext. 5631

Grade 12's and Post-Secondary Options

Did you miss the post-secondary information session on Tuesday or Wednesday this week? Meetings for grade 12 students who are considering college or university application for September, 2018 took place this week. If you were unable to attend, please stop by Guidance to pick up an information sheet. If you are feeling confused about the application process and are having difficulty navigating through web sites and documents, consider taking advantage of the following supports:

1. Please confirm with your son or daughter that they have completed, signed and handed in the "Consent for Disclosure of Information to the Ontario College Application Service (OCAS) and/or the Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC). This form was part of the registration packages that were sent home this summer to all grade 12 students. Unless this form is completed and signed, the school is not allowed to transmit marks to colleges and universities. If you are unsure as to whether or not your son or daughter has taken care of this important detail, please contact the appropriate counsellor for clarification.
2. Plan now to attend our Post-Secondary Information night on Thursday October 26 at 7:00 PM. This event is being hosted by the Guidance Department and coincides with parent/teacher/student interviews. The presentation will take place in the Lecture Hall.
3. Monsignor Doyle will be the site for the Cambridge University Information Presentation on September 28 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. All Ontario universities will have representation at this event and there will be opportunity to attend formal presentations, as well as time to tour displays.
4. Conestoga College will be hosting their annual College Information Presentations on Wednesday, October 17 from 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM and from 5:30 – 7:30 PM at their Doon Campus. All Ontario colleges will have representation at this event and Conestoga will also have additional information available to parents and students regarding their programs.
5. Attend the Ontario Universities Fair (OUF) September 22 – 24 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre from 10am to 5pm daily. Visit ouf.ca for more details.
6. Follow us on Twitter @sbenguidance to get the latest information in 140 characters or less!
7. Both the Ontario Colleges website and the Ontario University website offer a wealth of information regarding schools, programs and the application process. To research colleges and their programs go to www.ontariocolleges.ca To research Ontario universities and their programs go to www.electronicinfo.ca

College and University Presentations

We have been fortunate in arranging visits to our school with liaison officers from several Ontario universities and colleges who will be making presentations to interested grade 12 students. The presentations will get started next week and provide an excellent way for students to ask questions about specific schools that they are interested in. Students must sign up to attend the presentations that they are interested in attending, by the end of lunch the day prior to the visit. While we do not limit the number of visits that students may attend, we do encourage students to be selective about the visits that they attend as many of them take place during class time. Students are responsible for any school work that they miss if they choose to attend a presentation. Please refer to the complete list of presentations that is posted on our school website.

Community Service Opportunities

In addition to fulfilling an important diploma requirement, volunteering provides students with a way to give back to their community. As opportunities become known to the guidance department, they will be announced on the announcement system, posted on the Guidance bulletin board and listed in the BENN.

Galt Minor Hockey School

We are currently in need of high school students looking to earn their volunteer hours and at the same time help some kids to learn how to skate. Our season starts September 30th and runs to March 2016. The Hockey School is located at Dickson Arena, 30 Parkhill Road West. We are on the ice at 9am until

5pm on Saturdays. We need the most help with Learn to Skate at 9am every Saturday morning and the students can put in 1 to 4 hours per week.

Follow us on Twitter . . . @sbguidance for announcements about volunteer opportunities, important dates and deadlines, scholarship opportunities and everything Guidance!

Academic Awards Night

Thursday, October 12th at 7pm

On Thursday, October 12th at 7pm, we will be celebrating the academic success of our Saints for the 2016-2017 school year in our Gymnasium. Our 19th Annual Academic Awards Night celebrates students academic achievement in all pathways.

Invitations will be sent out to student's homeroom classes. Please return the enclosed RSVP to the Guidance office no later than Wednesday, October 4th. We are looking forward to celebrating with our Saints community.

If you are a grade 9 student looking to complete some of your Community Service Hours, please come and sign-up to help out in the Guidance Office. There will be two shifts that you can choose from: an early shift starting after school and finishing up around 4pm, and then a later shift running from 6:30-8:30. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Arkell in the Guidance Office.



SHSM Information Fair

By Mrs. M. Crowell

This Tuesday, a lot of students came out to check out the Specialist High Skills Major program and speak with staff and students involved in the program. We offer eleven different major areas at St. Benedict and it is not too late for Grade 11 students to sign up for this free amazing program. It consists of a variety of courses, certifications, and co-op that you complete during grades 11 and 12. Go to highskills.ca for more of what SHSM has to offer.



See your guidance counselor or Mrs. Crowell in the coop office for more information or to fill out a sign up form. The deadline to get registered is Oct 12th!

Sports



Senior Girls Win Eastwood Shootout

By Mr. M. Mascarenhas

The Senior Girls' Basketball team opened their season in style, winning the Eastwood Rebels Shootout Tournament for the second year in a row. The girls opened the tournament with a 13 point win over Elmira and then beat a tough squad from Collingwood with a late game winning basket from point guard Alex Webb to advance to the final.

In the championship game, the girls faced Great Lakes Secondary School from Sarnia, the same team they beat last year. The game was a "seesaw" battle with the lead changing many times throughout the contest, but the girls managed to prevail with a 40- 38 victory. A strong defensive effort on the final possession of the game was the key to the championship. Way to go Saints!

Junior Boys at Viking Cup

By Mr. N. Dufresne

The Junior Boys soccer team competed in the Viking Cup Soccer tournament last Friday. The squad won their first match against WCI in dramatic fashion in a sudden death penalty shootout. Logan Heckenhofer made two spectacular saves to help seal the win.

The second match was a hard fought battle against Cameron heights with the game winning goal scored by Carson Brown in the 40th minute. The Saints defense and keeper, Tyler Rodrigues, came up with some big stops late in the game to take the match 1:0.

The Saints advanced to the semi-finals to play a strong team from Guelph, the Ross Royals. The Saints took the field after a three hour break in the scorching sun and heat which left them flat footed and unable to hold off the relentless attack of the Royals. The end result was a 3:0 loss for the Saints, forcing us to leave the tournament with our first loss of the season.

The boys held their heads high and represented the school well. The coaching staff is excited by the teams potential and we are looking forward to a great season.

Recent results

Junior Girls Basketball

The girls had a fight of skill and endurance Monday evening as they took the Distinct 8 game opener with a 34-32 win against Resurrection! The cheering fans kept the team of 8 going with their cheers of encouragement. Wish them luck as they head into their second tournament of the season this weekend.

Boys Golf

Congratulations to the five individuals who made the varsity boys golf team. Braeden Gignac, Joshua DaSilva, Taylor Dottori, Graem Costigan, and Stewart Wilson teed off at Rockway Golf Club today for their first round. Graem and Stewart dominated the field by posting the lowest scores of all six schools and shot a 70 and 75 respectively. The boys will continue to show off their skills at Doon Golf Club on September 21st and Listowel on the 27th for CWOSSA. Wish them all good luck!

Other results

Senior Girls Basketball: Saints 31, Resurrection 25

Junior Boys Soccer: Resurrection 4, Saints 0

Cross country

Practice continues every day after school this year. Everyone is welcome. Special invitation goes out to all grade 9 students. Meet in the gym hallway at 2:15.

Clubs

Do you want to have fun? Join a club!

We strive to be **a place for all** at St. Benedict. Currently there are ***forty different clubs and activities listed on our website***. Don't see something you like? Want to start a new club? Talk to a teacher or someone in the Student Activities office... don't be afraid to start something new!

If nothing else, be sure to *get involved!*



Cosmo Club returns

Are you interested in learning about hair and make-up? Have you ever wondered how to achieve the perfect beach waves? Everyone is welcome to join Cosmo Club every Wednesday at lunch in Room 124. Bring your lunch and enjoy demonstrations, beauty discussions and tutorials, see you there!!

Dance Crew

Hey Saints, our first Dance Crew meeting will be Thursday after school in room 124! All are welcome to come out and learn the routines that we will be using for our auditions. See you there!!

Yearbook Team

Are you interested in writing, photography, or graphic design? Do you want to make history here at Bennies? Join the Yearbook Club every Wednesday after school in Room 216.

Guitar Club start-up

Guitar club meets in room 109 every Wednesday during lunch. All levels of are welcome and guitars will be provided.

Doctor Who Club

Due to this Friday's PD Day, this week's meeting takes place on THURSDAY, after school in 226. There will also be a bonus prize raffle this week.

Do you mean business?

The DECA Business Club is about to get ready for the fierce business competition in Toronto in February, but to get there we need you to start coming to meetings next week! There are plenty of business categories to choose from, with written and oral events, and individual and partner projects. Whatever you are interested in, DECA will have a category for you!

Initially we will meet twice a week, in room 216, at lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information speak to Mrs. Ratz, Mr. Milardovic, Miss Grebinski, or Mr. Szpiech.

Other News

The World is Full of Questions



JOIN US FOR TUESDAY NIGHT TOGETHER

Tuesday, October 17, 2017—6:00 pm

St Mary of the Visitation Parish Centre



COME AND SEE

Exploring is good. We're built for it.

Everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view.



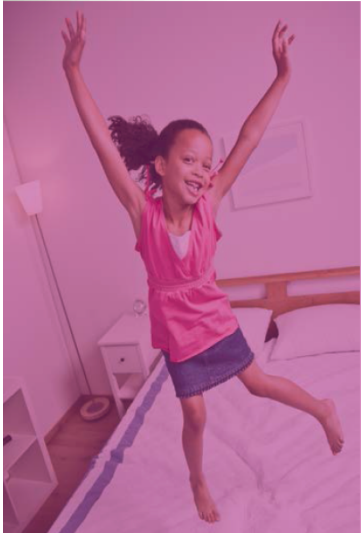
6:00p.m. - Free Supper

6:45p.m. - Adult Presentation with Children's Track too! (JK - Grade 6)

8:00p.m. - Conclusion

Faith is definitely "a Family Thing". We grow in faith as a

EMPOWER OUR GIRLS



PRESENTS:

This is a **FREE** event for the Young Women of Cambridge and surrounding areas, ages 10-17, to create awareness of different professions and empower them to follow the career of their dreams. There will be 20 dedicated female professionals and a panel of speakers available to answer any questions.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 FROM 1PM-4PM
THE W, 20 DICKSON ST., CAMBRIDGE, ON N1R 1T4



Clemens Mills Library news



Welcome back to St. Benedict students!

Hopefully the first weeks of the new school year have gone well for everyone. We'd like to encourage all students to have a library card. A first-time library card can be obtained for free. If you've misplaced your card, a replacement card is only \$1.00. Don't be shy. Come talk to us at the circulation desk and we will be happy to help you!

With a library card you can use our musical instruments at the Music Hub. We have acoustic and electric guitars, a drum set and a keyboard. You can also **borrow a guitar** to take home!

Enjoy the great fall weather by signing out some of our sports equipment. We have basketballs, footballs, and much more. These are for use in the Active Living area across from the school. The loan period is 2 hours.

Sports fans did you know that we are hosting our second fantasy sports league draft? Check it out on our **website**! This program is for teens!

Calendar of Events

Be sure to visit our school website for an updated calendar with detailed information links for most calendar entries.

Wednesday, September 20

BENN Newsletter release

10:40am – 11:10am: ESL Student meeting

10:40am – 11:20am: Guitar Club

10:40am – 11:20am: Cosmo Club

10:40am – 11:20am: Post-secondary info meeting

10:40am – 11:25am: Model United Nations

10:40am – 11:25am: Lost Club

10:40am – 11:25am: Because I Am A Girl Club

10:40am – 11:30am: Programmers Club

2:10pm – 3:30pm: Semester 1 Play auditions

2:15pm – 3:30pm: Concert Band

2:15pm – 3:45pm: Yearbook Team

3:00pm – 6:00pm: Jr. Boys Volleyball @ Monsignor Doyle CSS

3:00pm – 6:00pm: Sr. Boys Volleyball @ Monsignor Doyle CSS

3:00pm – 6:00pm: Sr. Girls Basketball vs Monsignor Doyle CSS

Thursday, September 21

10:40am – 11:25am: Lost Club

10:40am – 11:25am: MarioKart club

10:40am – 11:25am: DECA Business Club

10:40am – 11:30am: Praise & Worship Music Team practice

1:00pm – 4:00pm: Boys Golf: Round 2

2:10pm – 3:10pm: Dance Crew meeting

2:15pm – 3:15pm: Math Club

2:15pm – 3:15pm: Games Club

2:15pm – 3:30pm: Doctor Who Video Club
2:15pm – 3:30pm: Jazz Band
2:30pm – 5:30pm: Girls Golf: Round 2
5:00pm – 8:00pm: Jr. Boys Football vs St. Mary's HS
5:30pm – 6:30pm: Used uniform sale
6:30pm – 8:30pm: Grade 9 LINK Dance
6:30pm – 8:30pm: Grade 9 Meet the Teacher Night
7:00pm – 10:00pm: Sr. Boys Football vs St. Mary's HS

Friday, September 22

Professional Development Day
10:00am – 5:00pm: Univ/Coll: Ontario Universities Fair

Saturday, September 23

10:00am – 5:00pm: Univ/Coll: Ontario Universities Fair

Sunday, September 24

10:00am – 5:00pm: Univ/Coll: Ontario Universities Fair

Monday, September 25

10:40am – 11:30am: Arts Council
10:40am – 11:30am: Finance Club
2:15pm – 3:30pm: Concert Choir
3:00pm – 6:00pm: Sr. Boys Volleyball vs St. Mary's HS
3:00pm – 6:00pm: Jr. Boys Soccer @ Monsignor Doyle CSS
3:00pm – 6:00pm: Jr. Boys Volleyball vs St. Mary's HS
3:30pm – 6:30pm: Jr. Girls Basketball @ St. Mary's HS
5:00pm – 8:00pm: Sr. Girls Basketball @ St. Mary's HS

Tuesday, September 26

8:00am – 4:00pm: Girls Golf: CWOSSA Championships
10:40am – 11:25am: DECA Business Club
10:40am – 11:25am: Reach for the Top

Wednesday, September 27

8:00am – 4:00pm: Boys Golf: CWOSSA Championships
10:40am – 11:20am: Accepting Differences Club
10:40am – 11:20am: Guitar Club
10:40am – 11:20am: Cosmo Club
10:40am – 11:25am: Model United Nations
10:40am – 11:25am: Lost Club
10:40am – 11:25am: Because I Am A Girl Club
10:40am – 11:30am: Programmers Club
1:00pm – 2:00pm: Univ/Coll visit: Redeemer University
2:15pm – 3:30pm: Concert Band
2:15pm – 3:45pm: Yearbook Team
3:00pm – 6:00pm: Sr. Girls Basketball @ ES Père-René-de-Galinée
3:00pm – 6:00pm: Jr. Boys Soccer vs St. David CSS
3:00pm – 6:00pm: Jr. Boys Volleyball vs ES Père-René-de-Galinée
3:00pm – 6:00pm: Sr. Boys Volleyball vs ES Père-René-de-Galinée

Thursday, September 28

Opening School Mass
10:40am – 11:20am: Accepting Differences Club
10:40am – 11:25am: Lost Club
10:40am – 11:25am: MarioKart club

10:40am – 11:25am: DECA Business Club
10:40am – 11:30am: Praise & Worship Music Team practice
11:45am – 12:45pm: Univ/Coll visit: Humber College
2:15pm – 3:15pm: Math Club
2:15pm – 3:15pm: Games Club
2:15pm – 3:30pm: Jazz Band
5:00pm – 8:00pm: Jr. Boys Football @ St. David CSS
7:00pm - 8:30pm: School Council meeting
7:00pm - 9:00pm: University Information Program Night - Monsignor Doyle C.S.S.
7:00pm – 10:00pm: Sr. Boys Football @ St. David CSS

Friday, September 29

9:15am – 10:15am: Univ/Coll visit: Lakehead University
10:40am – 11:20am: Star Trek Club
10:40am – 11:25am: Lost Club
10:40am – 11:30am: Finance Club
2:15pm – 3:15pm: Praise & Worship Music Team practice
2:15pm – 3:15pm: Doctor Who Video Club
3:00pm – 6:00pm: Jr. Boys Soccer vs St. Mary's HS

Monday, October 2

10:40am – 11:30am: Arts Council
10:40am – 11:30am: Finance Club
2:15pm – 3:30pm: Concert Choir
3:00pm – 6:00pm: Jr. Boys Volleyball vs St. David CSS
3:00pm – 6:00pm: Jr. Girls Basketball @ St. David CSS
3:00pm – 6:00pm: Sr. Boys Volleyball vs St. David CSS
3:00pm – 6:00pm: Jr. Boys Soccer vs Resurrection CSS
4:30pm – 7:30pm: Sr. Girls Basketball @ St. David CSS

Tuesday, October 3

8:30am – 9:30am: Univ/Coll visit: Brock University
10:40am – 11:25am: DECA Business Club
10:40am – 11:45am: Reach for the Top
1:00pm – 2:00pm: Univ/Coll visit: Fanshawe College

Wednesday, October 4

BENN Newsletter release
10:40am – 11:20am: Accepting Differences Club
10:40am – 11:20am: Guitar Club
10:40am – 11:20am: Cosmo Club
10:40am – 11:25am: Model United Nations
10:40am – 11:25am: Lost Club
10:40am – 11:25am: Because I Am A Girl Club
10:40am – 11:30am: Programmers Club
2:15pm – 3:30pm: Concert Band
2:15pm – 3:45pm: Yearbook Team
3:00pm – 6:00pm: Sr. Girls Basketball vs Woodland Christian HS
3:30pm – 6:30pm: Sr. Boys Volleyball @ Woodland Christian HS
3:30pm – 6:30pm: Jr. Boys Volleyball @ Woodland Christian HS
4:30pm – 7:30pm: Jr. Girls Basketball vs Woodland Christian HS

Thursday, October 5

8:00am – 4:00pm: Boys Golf: D8 Championships
8:00am – 4:00pm: Girls Golf: D8 Championships
8:15am – 9:15am: Univ/Coll visit: Guelph University

10:40am – 11:20am: Accepting Differences Club
10:40am – 11:25am: Lost Club
10:40am – 11:25am: MarioKart club
10:40am – 11:25am: DECA Business Club
10:40am – 11:30am: Praise & Worship Music Team practice
1:00pm – 4:00pm: Jr. Boys Football @ Resurrection CSS
2:15pm – 3:15pm: Math Club
2:15pm – 3:15pm: Games Club
2:15pm – 3:30pm: Jazz Band
3:00pm – 6:00pm: Sr. Boys Football @ Resurrection CSS

Friday, October 6

SHSM Event: Manufacturing Day - tours through various local industry plants
10:40am – 11:20am: Star Trek Club
10:40am – 11:25am: Lost Club
10:40am – 11:30am: Finance Club
1:00pm – 2:00pm: Univ/Coll visit: Sheridan College
2:15pm – 3:15pm: Praise & Worship Music Team practice
2:15pm – 3:15pm: Doctor Who Video Club

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Thanks for the reading 😊 if you like this issue make sure to forward it to your friends.