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**Saints Invitational 30**

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St. Margaret of Scotland CES · Woodland Christian HS**

# January 12 and 13, 2018

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## Administrative

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### Are You Ready for Winter Weather?

**By WCDSB Newswire**

It's that time of year! Advent is here, and soon Christmas will be upon us. It's snow season — and that means it's time to review the WCDSB's Inclement Weather Policy.

Winter weather can be very unpredictable. So it's best to be prepared. Here are some key things to remember — because not every day with snow is a snow day:

1. Bad weather — such as a snow storm or frigid temperatures — is always a possibility during the winter months. It is very important to dress appropriately for the conditions.
2. During bad weather, schools and board administrative sites may still be open, even if school buses are cancelled.
3. At 5:30 a.m. on mornings when inclement weather has been forecast for Waterloo Region, the General Manager of Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region (STSWR) assesses the current weather conditions — in consultation with local bus companies, if necessary. If a recommendation to cancel transportation (including potential closure of schools) is to be made, the local Directors of Education are contacted and a joint decision is made between STSWR, the WCDSB and the Waterloo Region District School Board.
4. All reasonable efforts are made to announce any cancellation of buses or school closures by 6:00 a.m.
5. It is recommended that parents, guardians, staff and students tune in a local Waterloo Region radio station and also monitor the following online information sources for information about potential closures or cancellations:

STSWR Website: <http://www.stswr.ca/>

STSWR Twitter Feed: @STSWR

WCDSB Website: <https://www.wcdsb.ca/>

WCDSB Twitter Feed: @WCDSBNewswire

# GRADE 8 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT



**St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School,  
Cambridge**

Thursday, January 18, 2018 - 6:30 p.m.

## For information...

Waterloo Catholic District School Board Secondary Schools & Programs

visit: <http://www.wcdsb.ca>

International Education Certificate Program

visit: [www.wcdsb.ca/schools/international-education](http://www.wcdsb.ca/schools/international-education)



Waterloo Catholic  
District School Board

Specialist High Skills Major Program

visit: [www.highskills.ca](http://www.highskills.ca)

[www.wcdsb.ca](http://www.wcdsb.ca)

## Semester 1 Final Evaluation Schedule

**By St. Benedict CSS Administration**

All courses (except those listed below) will have a 75 minute Final Evaluation taking place on January 26, 29, 30 or 31.

Students who meet the following criteria will not be required to attend school in the afternoon on these days:

- 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 in the afternoon on these days with the possibility of attending an additional 2 hour Credit Recovery class on February 1 in an attempt to be successful in obtaining their credit.

The following courses will have a 2 hour Final Evaluation taking place on January 26, 29, 30 or 31:

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

**Communications - English/French:** Grade 11 University English ENG3U; Grade 11 College English ENG3C; Grade 11 University Core French FSF3U, Grade 12 University English ENG4U; Grade 12 College English ENG4C; Grade 12 University Writer's Craft EWC4U; Grade 12 University English Literature Studies ETS4U; Grade 12 University Core French FSF4U

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

**History:** American History CHA3U, World History CHW3M, Understanding Canadian Law CLU3M, Canadian History CHI4U, World History CHY4U & CHY4C, Canadian and International Law CLN4U, Global Indigenous NDW4M

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

**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 College 3C; Grade 11 University/College 3M; Grade 11 University 3U, Grade 12 College 4C; Grade 12 University 4U

**Social Sciences:** Introduction to Anthropology HSP3M, Individuals & Families in a Diverse Society HHS4C & HHS4U, Challenge & Change in Society HSB4M

**Technology:** All grade 11 and 12 Health Care TPJ3M, TPJ4C, TPJ4M

**Physical Education:** Grade 12 University Exercise Science PSK4U

## Friday, January 26

### 8:10 – 10:10 am

75 minute exam for Period 1 class

OR

2 hour exam for Period 1 class

Note: All students will remain in their exam room for the full 2 hours.

Bus Pickup 10:30 AM

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

## Tuesday, January 30

### 8:10 – 10:10 am

75 minute exam for Period 3 class

OR

2 hour exam for Period 3 class

Note: All students will remain in their exam room for the full 2 hours.

Bus Pickup 10:30 AM

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

## Monday, January 29

### 8:10 – 10:10 am

75 minute exam for Period 2 class

OR

2 hour exam for Period 2 class

Note: All students will remain in their exam room for the full 2 hours.

Bus Pickup 10:30 AM

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

## Wednesday, January 31

### 8:10 – 10:10 am

75 minute exam for Period 4 class

OR

2 hour exam for Period 4 class

Note: All students will remain in their exam room for the full 2 hours.

Bus Pickup 10:30 AM

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

## Thursday, February 1

### 8:30 – 10:30 am

Credit Rescue time as arranged by the teacher and student.

No buses today

## News from Guidance

By Mrs. L. O'Neill

### Course Selections for 2018 - 2019

Although second semester has yet to get started, it is time for students to start thinking about their course selections for next year. Beginning mid-February and continuing throughout the month, counsellors will be visiting classrooms to discuss the important process of choosing courses for the 2017 - 2018 school year. We will visit Grade 9 classes during period two, Grade 10 classes during period three and Grade 11 classes during period four. Grade 12 students who are interested in returning to St. Benedict for a 5th year will be invited to attend a lunch session at a date to be determined. The decisions that students make now regarding their choices for next year are what drive the scheduling decisions that are made with regard to both the courses and the numbers of sections of each course that we offer at the school next year. The importance of making the right choices should not be underestimated as inappropriate course changes are not always easily corrected once the school year is underway.

As has been the practice for the past number of years, students will be choosing their courses on-line through Career Cruising. All students will receive detailed instructions regarding the process for choosing their classes during our classroom presentations. The site can be accessed as follows:

1. Go to the Career Cruising website: [www.wcdsb.ca/planner](http://www.wcdsb.ca/planner)
2. Your Username is the prefix "wl-" plus the last 5 digits of your student ID and the first 3 characters of your last name. (eg. John Smith wl-12345SMI)
3. Your Password is your birth date. (mmddyyyy) For example, if your birthdate is August 25, 1990 your password will be 08251990. You will be asked to change your password when you log in for the first time.

Please note that course selections must be submitted to the school and signed by a parent, by Wednesday March 1. Students are encouraged to consult the course calendar, as well as subject specific teachers and guidance counsellors for help making the correct decisions. In addition to before school, after school and during the school day, guidance counsellors will also be available in one of the computer labs during lunch on specific days leading up to the deadline date.

## Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) and Course Selection

All students who are registered in one of the Specialist High Skills Major programs should have received a report which indicates their progress in their sector of choice. Students should use this report to make sure that they choose courses for next year which will allow them to complete the SHSM academic requirements.

## Conestoga College Educational Pathways Fair: January 17, 2018 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Join us at the 8th annual Educational Pathways Fair, where Conestoga representatives will be on hand to discuss graduate certificates and degree programs. The fair also provides an opportunity to speak with representatives from more than 30 colleges and universities.

This event is free and open to the public, ideal for high school, college and university students.

Conestoga College – Doon Campus 299 Doon Valley Drive

## Conestoga College Open Houses: January 20, 2018

Doon (Kitchener) & Cambridge campuses 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Waterloo campus 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Guelph campus 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

[http://blogs1.conestogac.on.ca/events/2018/01/fall\\_open\\_house\\_guelph.php](http://blogs1.conestogac.on.ca/events/2018/01/fall_open_house_guelph.php)

## University of Waterloo Grade 10 Family Night

The University of Waterloo will be hosting an evening for Grade 10 students and their parents on Thursday, February 22 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. This is a great opportunity for grade 10 students who are thinking about attending any of Ontario's universities. Information covered will include finding a program that is a good fit, navigating the application process, and financing post-secondary education. Register to attend or watch the live webcast at <https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/grade-10-family-night>

## Summer Employment Opportunity

And the adventure continues . . . Saturday April 1 2017 9am – noon the African Lion Safari is hosting a job fair.

There are a wide variety of positions that they are looking to fill with students.

- Students must be a minimum of 16 years old and have a valid SIN #
- Must have transportation to the park, as there is no bus service available
- Experience is not a requirement for most positions, but is an asset

- Must be able to work weekends and holidays

Please join then at the Mombasa Market Restaurant onsite at the African Lion Safari.

## 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](http://www.hourrepublic.com). This website can also be used to track your hours and see volunteer opportunities.

## Volunteer Spotlight

Please visit the United Way of Cambridge volunteer centre at [www.uwcambridge.on.ca](http://www.uwcambridge.on.ca) for current opportunities.

**Great Big Theatre Company** is welcoming again this summer 2017, Secondary School Co-op students as well as Student Volunteers who would like to earn their community service hours by joining our Summer Drama Camp staff. We are a federally registered non-profit charity (1994). Our Drama camps for youth ages 3-14 years, operate throughout the summer months, July & August.

Our school volunteers have assisted us greatly in the past in implementing our camp programs and we look forward to working together again this summer 2017 with many new and returning students.

Great Big Theatre Company also offers March Break Drama Camps. We are welcoming student volunteers to assist us with these camps. The March Break Camp is only during a one week period, March 13-17, 2017.

By February 20 - Co-op Students and student Volunteers can register online with Great Big Theatre Company at: [www.gbtc.com /Theatre Day Camp / Volunteer](http://www.gbtc.com/TheatreDayCamp/Volunteer)

For more information, please visit the Guidance office.



## Grad photos!

Attention all Grade 12 students: If you haven't booked your appointment for grad photos, hurry because time is running out! Simply go online to [www.lifetouch.ca/wwgrads](http://www.lifetouch.ca/wwgrads), click on St. Benedict and choose a time that's right for you. For more information, pick up a brochure from the Main Office.

## Academic

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## 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 on [Enrichment@St.Benedict](#).

## Cookies and Cram!

Are you in Grade 9? Are you nervous about final exams? Link Crew is here to help! Cookies and Cram is taking place next Thursday January 18th on the caf from 6:30 to 8:30. This is an opportunity to review for exams and get helpful tips and advice from your link crew leaders. Don't miss out on this amazing event. .

## Sports

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## English Corner

**By Mrs. D. Wittmann**

To receive an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) each student must obtain four credits in English (one 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.





## Latest Results

### SENIOR BOYS ICE HOCKEY

St. Mary's 6, St. Benedict 1

St. Mary's 6, St. Benedict 4

### JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

St. Benedict 58, Rockway 23

### SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

St. Benedict 73, Rockway 24

### JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

St. Benedict 3, Resurrection 0

St. Benedict 3, St. David 0

St. Benedict 3, Rockway 0

### SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

St. Benedict 3, Resurrection 1

St. Benedict 3, St. David 0

St. Benedict 3, Rockway 0

## Student Activities

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Valentines Matchmaker Website Slide

## Other News

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# Bishop's Banquet

In Honour Of  
The Most Reverend

Bishop  
Douglas  
Crosby

Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton

**13th ANNUAL**

**Keynote Speaker:**

**The Most Reverend**

**Bishop Douglas Crosby**



**Tuesday • May 1, 2018 • 5:30pm**

**Catholic Education Centre • St. Mary's Parish Hall**  
**35 Weber Street West • Kitchener • Ontario**



For Tickets & Information Contact Ms. Jody Fritz :  
Tel: 519.578.3660 ext. 2373 or Email: [jody.fritz@wcdsb.ca](mailto:jody.fritz@wcdsb.ca)  
A charitable receipt will be issued for a portion of the ticket price.





## REGION OF WATERLOO YOUTH PROGRAMS

Primary Ages 13-18

Secondary Ages 8-12 & 18-24



**PAINT WITH PURPOSE:** Also known as PWP, students meet together to paint and sketch with the purpose of improving artistically and sharing what Christ has done. Meets weekly on Mondays 3-5PM at the Cambridge Satellite; 115 Christopher Dr.

**CONTACT ROY:** roy.v@yfccambridge.com

2-2-three

**2-2-THREE DROP-IN:** Held twice weekly at the Kitchener Satellite; 223 Hartwood Ave. Drop-in includes video games, sports, and friendship. Every Monday and Thursday 7-9:30PM.

**CONTACT WILL:** william.b@yfckitchener.com



**SNACKS & LADDERS:** Board games and snacks, friendship and fun! Hold on to your pawns, things are bound to get dicey. Meets every Tuesday 7-10PM at the Cambridge Satellite; 115 Christopher Dr.

**CONTACT JOSIAH:** josiah.v@yfccambridge.com



**IMPRINT STUDIO:** An awesome program focused on the process of screen printing to develop young artists! Join us every Thursday from 3-5PM at the Cambridge Satellite; 115 Christopher Dr.

**CONTACT RENEE:** renee.b@yfccambridge.com

1-1-five

**1-1-FIVE DROP-IN:** Held twice weekly at the Cambridge Satellite; 115 Christopher Dr. Drop-in includes games, sports, and friendship. Every Thursday and Friday 7-10PM.

**CONTACT JEFF:** jeff.syfc@gmail.com



**BRIERDALE RECORDING & PRODUCTION:** Open recording studio for any youth who want a space to record music, and learn about production. Every Thursday 7-10PM at the Cambridge Satellite; 115 Christopher Dr.

**CONTACT JEFF:** jeff.syfc@gmail.com



**COMMUNITY BBQ:** A place for tasty food, good friends and fun at the Cambridge Satellite; 115 Christopher Dr. Last Friday of every month from 7-8:30PM

**CONTACT ROY:** roy.v@yfccambridge.com



**WORLD CHANGERS:** A monthly meeting to teach, inspire and encourage you to change your world! Includes live music and games! Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month 7-9PM at the Kitchener Satellite; 223 Hartwood Ave.

**CONTACT JOSIAH:** josiah.v@yfccambridge.com



**CATALYTIC CONVERTERS:** Car repair training and mentorship program for ages 16-24. Meets Monday, Wednesday & Friday 7-9PM and Saturdays 10AM-12PM at 333 Elgin Street North in Cambridge.

**YOUTH REFERRALS CONTACT JOSIAH:** josiah.v@yfccambridge.com

**ALL OTHER INQUIRES CONTACT GREG:** greg.w@swoyfc.com



**MONSIGNOR DOYLE CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10:30AM-12:30PM Hang out with Roy, get to know friends, play sports in the gym. \*For Doyle students only\*

**CONTACT ROY:** roy.v@yfccambridge.com

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## Calendar of Events

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

### Wednesday, January 10

**2:15pm:** Yearbook Team

**2:15pm:** Concert Band

**3:00pm:** Sr. Girls Volleyball vs Woodland

Christian HS

**3:00pm:** Sr. Boys Basketball @ Resurrection CSS

### Tuesday, January 23

EQAO Gr. 9 Math assessment for all grade 9 math students

**10:40am:** Reach for the Top

**10:40am:** DECA Business Club

**3:00pm:** Jr. Girls Volleyball vs Woodland Christian HS

**4:30pm:** Jr. Boys Basketball @ Resurrection CSS

#### **Thursday, January 11**

Graduation Photos

**10:40am:** Anime Club

**10:40am:** Robotics & Engineering Club

**10:40am:** Champions of Change

**10:40am:** Accepting Differences Club

**10:40am:** Praise & Worship Music Team practice

**10:40am:** MarioKart club

**10:40am:** DECA Business Club

**10:40am:** Lost Club

**2:15pm:** Math Club

**2:15pm:** Games Club

**2:15pm:** Jazz Band

**2:30pm:** Boys Hockey @ Resurrection CSS

**3:30pm:** Midget Girls Volleyball vs St. David 1

**4:00pm:** Midget Boys Basketball vs St. Mary's HS

**4:10pm:** Midget Girls Volleyball vs Pere-Rene

**4:50pm:** Midget Girls Volleyball vs St. Mary's

**5:00pm:** Midget Boys Basketball @ Resurrection CSS

#### **Friday, January 12**

Graduation Photos

Saints Invitational Basketball Tournament

**10:40am:** Programmers Club

**10:40am:** Star Trek Club

**10:40am:** Finance Club

**10:40am:** Lost Club

**2:15pm:** Doctor Who Video Club

#### **Saturday, January 13**

Saints Invitational Basketball Tournament

#### **Monday, January 15**

Graduation Photos

**10:40am:** Programmers Club

**10:40am:** Arts Council

**10:40am:** Finance Club

**3:00pm:** Sr. Boys Basketball @ ES Père-René-de-Galinée

**3:00pm:** Sr. Girls Volleyball vs ES Père-René-de-Galinée

**3:00pm:** Jr. Girls Volleyball vs ES Père-René-de-Galinée

#### **Wednesday, January 24**

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EQAO Gr. 9 Math assessment for all grade 9 math students

**10:40am:** Ultimate Frisbee Club

**10:40am:** Accepting Differences Club

**10:40am:** Guitar Club

**10:40am:** Cosmo Club

**10:40am:** Programmers Club

**10:40am:** Lost Club

**10:40am:** Model United Nations

**2:15pm:** Yearbook Team

**2:15pm:** Concert Band

#### **Thursday, January 25**

**10:40am:** Anime Club

**10:40am:** Robotics & Engineering Club

**10:40am:** Champions of Change

**10:40am:** Accepting Differences Club

**10:40am:** Praise & Worship Music Team practice

**10:40am:** MarioKart club

**10:40am:** DECA Business Club

**10:40am:** Lost Club

**2:15pm:** Math Club

**2:15pm:** Games Club

**2:15pm:** Jazz Band

**7:00pm:** School Council meeting

#### **Friday, January 26**

Final Evaluation days (mandatory attendance)

#### **Monday, January 29**

Final Evaluation days (mandatory attendance)

#### **Tuesday, January 30**

Final Evaluation days (mandatory attendance)

#### **Wednesday, January 31**

Final Evaluation days (mandatory attendance)

#### **Thursday, February 1**

Final Evaluation days (mandatory attendance)

#### **Friday, February 2**

Professional Development Day

Groundhog Day

#### **Monday, February 5**

Semester 2 starts

**Tuesday, January 16**

Graduation Photos

**10:40am:** Reach for the Top**10:40am:** DECA Business Club**2:30pm:** Boys Hockey vs St. David CSS**Wednesday, January 17**

Graduation Photos

**8:00am:** Wrestling: Bluevale Tournament**10:40am:** Ultimate Frisbee Club**10:40am:** Accepting Differences Club**10:40am:** Guitar Club**10:40am:** Cosmo Club**10:40am:** Programmers Club**10:40am:** Lost Club**10:40am:** Model United Nations**2:15pm:** Yearbook Team**2:15pm:** Concert Band**3:30pm:** Sr. Boys Basketball @ St. Mary's HS**5:00pm:** Jr. Boys Basketball @ St. Mary's HS**Thursday, January 18**

Graduation Photos

**10:40am:** Anime Club**10:40am:** Robotics & Engineering Club**10:40am:** Champions of Change**10:40am:** Accepting Differences Club**10:40am:** Praise & Worship Music Team practice**10:40am:** MarioKart club**10:40am:** DECA Business Club**10:40am:** Lost Club**2:15pm:** Math Club**2:15pm:** Games Club**2:15pm:** Jazz Band**3:00pm:** Midget Boys Basketball vs St. David CSS**5:00pm:** Midget Boys Basketball vs St. Mary's HS**6:30pm:** Grade 8 Parent Night**6:30pm:** Cookies 'n' Cram (LINK crew event Grade 9)**Friday, January 19**

Graduation Photos

**10:40am:** Programmers Club**10:40am:** Star Trek Club**10:40am:** Finance Club**10:40am:** Lost Club**2:15pm:** Doctor Who Video Club**10:40am:** Programmers Club**10:40am:** Arts Council**10:40am:** Finance Club**3:00pm:** Jr. Girls Volleyball @ Msgr. Doyle CSS**3:00pm:** Jr. Boys Basketball vs St. David CSS**3:00pm:** Sr. Girls Volleyball @ Msgr. Doyle CSS**4:30pm:** Sr. Boys Basketball vs St. David CSS**Tuesday, February 6****10:40am:** Reach for the Top**10:40am:** DECA Business Club**2:00pm:** Boys Hockey vs Resurrection CSS**Wednesday, February 7**

BENN Newsletter release

**10:40am:** Ultimate Frisbee Club**10:40am:** Accepting Differences Club**10:40am:** Guitar Club**10:40am:** Cosmo Club**10:40am:** Programmers Club**10:40am:** Lost Club**10:40am:** Model United Nations**2:15pm:** Yearbook Team**2:15pm:** Concert Band**Thursday, February 8****8:00am:** Wrestling: Waterloo Oxford Tournament**10:40am:** Anime Club**10:40am:** Robotics & Engineering Club**10:40am:** Champions of Change**10:40am:** Accepting Differences Club**10:40am:** Praise & Worship Music Team practice**10:40am:** MarioKart club**10:40am:** DECA Business Club**10:40am:** Lost Club**1:45pm:** Boys Hockey @ St. Mary's HS**2:15pm:** Math Club**2:15pm:** Games Club**2:15pm:** Jazz Band

Follow the Saints  
Invitational during the  
January 12-13 weekend

**Monday, January 22**

**10:40am:** Programmers Club

**10:40am:** Arts Council

**10:40am:** Finance Club

**3:00pm:** Sr. Boys Basketball @ Our Lady of Mount Carmel

**3:00pm:** Sr. Girls Volleyball vs St. Mary's HS

**3:00pm:** Jr. Girls Volleyball vs St. Mary's HS

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