



Wednesday, March 21, 2018 - Volume 10, Issue 17

## Administrative

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### Graduation! Save the Date!

This year, St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School will be celebrating Graduation with a ceremony on **Wednesday, June 27, 2018**. The ceremony will be held at the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium Complex, in the Dom Cardillo Arena, and will begin at 7pm. In May, invitations will be sent home with four tickets for family members to attend. Additional tickets will be available for \$5 each on a first come, first served basis - while quantities last. We look forward to celebrating this important milestone in the lives of our students, as it will be one of their last memories of their time here at St. Benedict!



## News from Guidance

By Mrs. L. O'Neill

### EXPLORE YOUR FUTURE - April 11, 2018 6:00–8:30 p.m.

**BINGEMANS CONFERENCE CENTRE – 425 BINGEMANS CENTRE DRIVE, KITCHENER**

Learn about careers, community resources and education/training options to help you plan your career path! Check out exhibitors from: Business/industry, community organizations, education.

**Who should Attend?** Youth in grades 7 – 12 (and their parents!) who are making decisions about courses, careers and education pathways. For more information or to register to attend: [bus-edpartnership.org](http://bus-edpartnership.org) or [info@bus-edpartnership.org](mailto:info@bus-edpartnership.org)

### OECTA Waterloo Bursary

The main purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance to our graduating secondary students

who are continuing in their education. All students completing their students at any Catholic Secondary School in Waterloo Region may be eligible to submit an application. All awards will be made based on the expressed financial needs of the students and within the financial limitations of our Waterloo Unit. Applications are available in Guidance and are due by MAY 1st, 2018.

## Summer Employment Opportunity

McCarthy's is Canada's leading school uniform and specialty school Apparel Company. They are currently hiring Summer Retail Sales Associates for ALL LOCATIONS. Please visit the company website for more information on locations. If interested please visit [www.mccarthyuniforms.ca](http://www.mccarthyuniforms.ca) or send your resume and cover letter to [resumes@mccarthyuniforms.ca](mailto:resumes@mccarthyuniforms.ca)

ONroute is hiring for summer. Full-time and part-time summer positions available at your favourite food service brands! Apply in person – Saturday April 7, 2018 10am – 2pm at your local ONroute. Apply online [www.HMSHost.com/careers](http://www.HMSHost.com/careers). Get ONroute to a rewarding summer!

## 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 for current opportunities.  
[WWW.uwcambridge.on.ca](http://WWW.uwcambridge.on.ca)

## Heart Healthy Day 14

Heart Healthy day is taking place at St. Benedict on April 6 and 7. They are looking for volunteers to assist with setup, decorating, directing guests, distributing flyers and cleanup. On April 6th 3- 5pm and April 7th from 6:30am – 2pm. If you are interested please email Mrs. O'Neill ([laura.oneill@wcdsb.ca](mailto:laura.oneill@wcdsb.ca)) or stop by Guidance to see her.

## Great Big Theatre Company

Great Big Theatre Company is welcoming again this summer 2018, 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.

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)

## The Cambridge Rotary Ribfest 2018

Ribfest will be held August 10-12 at Riverside Park. Please register online and include St. Benedict in your registration. [www.cambridgeribfest.com/volunteers/](http://www.cambridgeribfest.com/volunteers/)

They are looking for about 300 volunteers over the weekend. If you have questions please email [volunteer@cambridgeribfest.com](mailto:volunteer@cambridgeribfest.com)

## 2018 St. John Ambulance Waterloo Marathon

Be an important part of our 20th Annual Marathon. It's a fun and easy way to make a difference in YOUR community. We need volunteers to assist runners from the start to the finish line. Sunday April 29, 2018.

Bechtel Park, Waterloo Please email [waterloomarathon@kwsja.com](mailto:waterloomarathon@kwsja.com)

## Canadian Cancer Society and Daffodil Month

Is yellow your colour? If yes you're in luck, if no then we are challenging you to get bright and bold in support of Canadians living with cancer.

Help decorate Hespeler Village yellow! Tuesday April 3rd 3pm – 5pm. To sign up please email [Kaitlynn.Barrett@ontario.cancer.ca](mailto:Kaitlynn.Barrett@ontario.cancer.ca)

Help with Daffodil sales. April 5th – April 8th 3 hour shifts. Go to [cancer.ca/daffodil](http://cancer.ca/daffodil) to volunteer.

Join the Fight! Give a little time. Make a big difference.

## Valens Lake Conservation Area – Spring Clean-up

Please meet Saturday April 7th at noon at the Boathouse parking lot to join us to clean-up around the lake and shoreline. All clean-up materials provided.



## College or University Financial Assistance

**Financial help for students attending  
university and college in 2018-19**

Is your child making plans to attend college or university next fall? Visit [Ontario.ca/OSAP](http://Ontario.ca/OSAP) to see what financial aid is available to help pay for tuition and other expenses. Apply early and use the OSAP comparison tool to help your child make the best choice for their future.

Find out more and apply at [Ontario.ca/OSAP](http://Ontario.ca/OSAP)

## Looking for Volunteer Hours?

Fiddlesticks Community Centre will have representatives here at Bennie's on Monday, March 26 during the lunch hour. Come to the atrium and learn about the different volunteer opportunities being offered through Fiddlesticks.

# Attention SHSM Grads!

## Specialist High Skills Major Excellence Awards

Waterloo Catholic District School Board - 2017-2018

One award will be presented to the deserving student from each Secondary School who has demonstrated motivation and change and has grown both personally and academically as a result of their involvement in the

Specialist High Skills Major programs.

Award

- The recipient will receive a framed certificate and monetary award.
- Total award value is \$250, donated by Hotzone Training Consultants.
- The school will receive a plaque recognizing the student.



Please GO TO [HIGHSKILLS.CA](http://HIGHSKILLS.CA) AND CLICK UNDER LINKS TO GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR ESSAY AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

**DUE TO [Michelle.Crowell@wcdsb.ca](mailto:Michelle.Crowell@wcdsb.ca) by Friday April 27, 2018**

## Support Catholic Education



The number of Catholic ratepayers in Waterloo Region has fallen in the last number of years to below 100,000. This has happened at the same time Waterloo Region's population has grown significantly. To help counter this downward trend, in conjunction with our annual Kindergarten sign-up campaign, we are also launching a campaign to increase the number of "official" Catholic school supporters in Waterloo Region.

[Learn More Here](#)

## Academic

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### Enriching the Lives of Students

**By Mrs. D. Wittmann**

There 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](#).

### 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.

### Advanced Placement (AP) Blog

**By Mrs. D. Wittmann**

You'll see the benefits of taking an AP class right away. In AP classes, just like in university, you'll face new challenges and learn new skills in the subjects you care about. All with the support of your classmates and teachers. Visit the [Advanced Placement blog](#).



# Sports

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## Girls Softball

Girls' Softball will have tryouts starting mid-April.

If you are interested in playing and did not attend the first meeting, please see Mr. Jankura or Mrs. O'Neill.

## St. Benedict C.S.S.

is proudly hosting the



**March 21-23, 2018**

**Games played at the**

**Hespeler Memorial Arena and Cambridge Sports Park**

**For more information visit**

<http://www.ofsaa.on.ca/girls-aaa-hockey>

and follow on Twitter

[@OFSAAGirlHockey](https://twitter.com/OFSAAGirlHockey)

## Student Activities

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### Clubs

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#### Giving Back Club

There will be a meeting for the Giving Back Club Thursday in room 304. New volunteer opportunities will be announced and possible initiatives will be discussed. Bring your lunch and your enthusiasm.

#### Magic the Gathering Tournament

The Games Club will be hosting the “Magic the Gathering Masters 25 Draft Tournament” on Thursday, April 5, 2018. Calling on all Magic the Gathering players or aspiring players to join in on the tournament.

There will be prizes awarded to all who join the tournament.

Please see Mr. Riso in room 227 any time to sign up for the tournament.

### The Arts

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### Other News

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# Bishop's Banquet

**13th ANNUAL**

**Keynote Speaker:**  
**The Most Reverend**  
**Bishop Douglas Crosby**

In Honour Of  
The Most Reverend

**Bishop  
Douglas  
Crosby**

Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton



**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.



**Saint Anne School Council is hosting a**  
**Social Media/Digital Literacy Awareness Night**  
**with guest speaker Sandra Muir**  
**&**  
**Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age**  
**Documentary**

Join us for an informative evening with guest speaker **Sandra Muir**, Social Media Strategist, Communications & Public Affairs, from Wilfrid Laurier University.

In her presentation, parents will learn about the tools, how kids are using them, and best practices on how to keep their kids safe in this digital age.

Followed by Sandra's presentation, we will be showing the documentary Screenagers.

### **Screenager: Growing Up in the Digital Age**

[SCREENAGERS \(Official Trailer\) - YouTube](#)

*Screenagers* dives deep into how technology impacts kid's development and the challenges of parenting in the digital world where parents must compete with video games, texting addiction, and social media.

### **Event Details**

**Where:** St. Anne School Kitchener (school gym)

**When:** Thursday April 19th

**Time:** 6:30pm-9:00pm

**RSVP:** If you would like to attend this free event, please RSVP by Tuesday April 17th using the Eventbrite link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/screenagers-documentary-guest-speaker-sandra-muir-social-mediadigital-literacy-awareness-night-tickets-43988074515?aff=affiliate1>

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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, March 21**

**2:15pm:** Yearbook Team

**2:15pm:** Concert Band

### **Thursday, March 22**

SHSM Event: Self Defense Training

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

**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:** Lost Club

**2:15pm:** Seams Sew Easy Club

**2:15pm:** Math Club

**2:15pm:** Games Club

**2:15pm:** Jazz Band

### **Friday, March 23**

**10:40am:** Programmers Club

### **Friday, March 30**

Good Friday

### **Saturday, March 31**

Holy Saturday

### **Sunday, April 1**

Easter Sunday

### **Monday, April 2**

Easter Monday

### **Wednesday, April 4**

SHSM Event: Designing a Sport Program & Coaching Training

SHSM Event: Song Writing Workshop

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

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

**10:40am:** Guitar Club

**10:40am:** Cosmo Club

**10:40am:** Star Trek Club  
**10:40am:** Finance Club  
**10:40am:** Lost Club  
**2:15pm:** Doctor Who Video Club

**Sunday, March 25**

Palm Sunday

**Monday, March 26**

**10:40am:** Programmers Club  
**10:40am:** Arts Council  
**10:40am:** Finance Club

**Tuesday, March 27**

SHSM Event: Intro to Cake Decorating

**Wednesday, March 28**

SHSM Event: Cash Handling, Counterfeit  
Detection & Fraud  
SHSM Event: Rec & Leisure: Healthy Child  
Development  
Progress Report Distributed  
**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, March 29**

Holy Thursday  
**10:40am:** Reach for the Top  
**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:** Lost Club  
**2:15pm:** Seams Sew Easy Club  
**2:15pm:** Math Club  
**2:15pm:** Games Club  
**2:15pm:** Jazz Band

**10:40am:** Programmers Club  
**10:40am:** Lost Club  
**10:40am:** Model United Nations  
**2:15pm:** Yearbook Team  
**2:15pm:** Concert Band

**Thursday, April 5**

SHSM Event: SafeTalk (Suicide Prevention)  
Certification  
**10:40am:** Reach for the Top  
**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:** Lost Club  
**1:30pm:** Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences  
**2:15pm:** Seams Sew Easy Club  
**2:15pm:** Math Club  
**2:15pm:** Games Club  
**2:15pm:** Jazz Band

**Friday, April 6**

Math Contest - Canadian Team  
**10:40am:** Programmers Club  
**10:40am:** Star Trek Club  
**10:40am:** Finance Club  
**10:40am:** Lost Club  
**2:15pm:** Doctor Who Video Club

**Monday, April 9**

**10:40am:** Programmers Club  
**10:40am:** Arts Council  
**10:40am:** Finance Club

**Tuesday, April 10**

OSSLT Literacy Test

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