



Thursday, May 31, 2018 - Volume 10, Issue 18

Parent-Student-Teacher Conferencing

Thursday, April 5

Period 1: 8:00 - 9:00

Period 2: 9:05 - 10:05

Lunch: 10:05 - 10:55

Period 3: 10:55 - 11:55

Period 4: 12:00 - 1:00

Interviews: 1:30 - 8:00

Do you need to
contact a teacher to
book an appointment?

Go to **About Us > Staff List**
for email & contact information

***Need to replenish
your uniform collection?***

Used Uniform Sale

Thursday, April 5 1:30-3:30 and 5:30-7:00pm

All pieces \$10 each, limited sizes and quantities

All proceeds from used uniform sales go to our Saints Fund

Administrative

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

Tuesday, April 10

Schedule

7:55 am Warning Bell

8:10 am - 11:05 am Literacy Test Administration (for students writing ONLY)

- Booklet 1 (8:10-9:25)
- Scheduled Break (9:25-9:40)
- Booklet 2 plus student survey (9:40-11:05)

11:05 am - 11:30 am Lunch

11:25 am - Warning Bell

11:30 am - 12:45 pm Period 3 Class (**ALL students**, Grades 9 through 12, with a period 3 class)

12:50 pm - 2:05 pm Period 4 Class (**ALL students**, Grades 9 through 12, with a period 4 class)

Bus Schedules

WCDSB yellow school buses will run at **normal morning and after school times**.

For students not writing the test a bus run will occur to pick up students **approximately 3½ hours later than their regularly scheduled morning pick up time**. Buses will arrive at the school in time for a period 3 start of 11:30. classes.

On April 27 WE Walk for Water

By Ms. L. Varriano Lane

Bennies, are you interested in helping give someone clean water for life?! Join the St. Benedict WE Walk for Water Campaign! We are looking for people to raise \$25 in pledges and walk 5km in solidarity with those who have to walk many kilometres every day just to bring home clean, safe water for their families. Lots of information will be coming next week, but go check out: www.crowdrise.com/wewalkforwater2018, create your own fundraising page within the Bennies group, and let's get started! Any questions, email laura.varrianolane@wcdsb.ca

WE Walk for Water



WE | **WE**walk
for water

St. Benedict has a fundraising page set up,
and all pledges can be raised and tracked online!
It's super easy!

Start your own fundraising
on the Bennies' page!
[Join the team here!](#)

If you have any questions
or would like a paper pledge form
please see Ms. K.
or **see** or **email** Ms. Varriano Lane.

Kenya Service Learning Program 2018-2019

By Ms. E. Riley

St. Benedict is very excited to share the opportunity for grade 11 and 12 students to partake in a service learning program for the upcoming school year. This 3 credit package will combine academic and experiential components which we believe is an unparalleled opportunity to live out the WCDSB's mission statement "As disciples of Christ, we educate and nurture hope in all learners to realize their full potential to transform God's world".

In addition to experiential learning opportunities within our own communities in Cambridge, the Kenya Leadership Program provides a once in a lifetime opportunity to partake in service learning, volunteerism, and educational programs as the class will travel to Kenya and connect with the schools, missions, and parishes of the community. Students will spend the vast majority of their time volunteering at local schools, teaching, building classrooms, and helping in concrete ways to improve the local community, while having the opportunity to interact intensively with the local people. This program will provide hands on learning about development, world issues, leadership, environmental conservation and biodiversity.

Affiliation

The delivery of this program is in conjunction with Waterloo Catholic District School Board, EF Tours, Free The Children and Me-to-We--co-founded by Marc and Craig Kielburger.

Please join us for a parent and student info session, April 12th at 6:30pm in the Lecture Hall at Monsignor Doyle Catholic Secondary School. We are continuing to accept student applications and are excited to share this program with you. Please speak to Mrs. Rocha, Ms. Riley or one of the guidance counsellors for more information.



St. Benedict C.S.S Service Learning Program 2018-2019



PARENT
INFORMATION NIGHT
April 12 2018, 6:30pm
Monsignor Doyle CSS
Lecture Hall

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 or info@bus-edpartnership.org

***Youth & Educators:
Learn about
Career Options!***

Visit our website for
registration info:
Bus-edpartnership.org



Explore Your Future

Learn about careers, community resources, and education/
training options to help you plan your career path!



**April 11
2018**

6:00PM - 8:30PM

**The Ballroom
at Bingemans Conference Centre**
(425 Bingemans Centre Drive, Kitchener)
FREE PARKING!

For more information or to register to attend:
519-576-6610 - bus-edpartnership.org - info@bus-edpartnership.org - [@BEP_WR](https://twitter.com/BEP_WR)

OECA 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 or send your resume and cover letter to 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. 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. 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

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) 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

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/

They are looking for about 300 volunteers over the weekend. If you have questions please email 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

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.

Idea Exchange volunteer opportunities

As most St. Bennie's students and staff know, our school library/Clemens Mill library will be undergoing a significant renovation this summer and therefore will be closed July and August. However, for those students interested in volunteering with Idea Exchange over the summer, there will be plenty of opportunities at our other Idea Exchange locations.

If you are interested, you can [apply online](#) at our Idea Exchange website.

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!



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 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

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 AND CLICK UNDER LINKS TO GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR ESSAY AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

DUE TO Michelle.Crowell@wcdsb.ca by Friday April 27, 2018

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Seeking Student Trustee Applications

If you are a Grade 10 or Grade 11 student interested in a leadership role at our school board, you should consider applying for one of two student trustee positions. If you're interested, please see Mr. Curtis in the SAC Office to get an application package. Completed applications are due on Wednesday, April 11th in the Main Office by 2:15pm.

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

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](#).

HOSA Students take first place!

By Mr. J. Bailey

The St. Benedict HOSA team competed this week against teams from across Ontario in various health care events. All of our team members did a great job and represented our school well, topped off by 1st place finishes by Nana-Afia Agyeipah for Clinical Nursing and Leanne Trepanier and Samantha Kerry for CPR. These ladies have earned a place in the International competition in Texas this summer!

Saints Robotics successful in debut

By Mr. A. Chaves

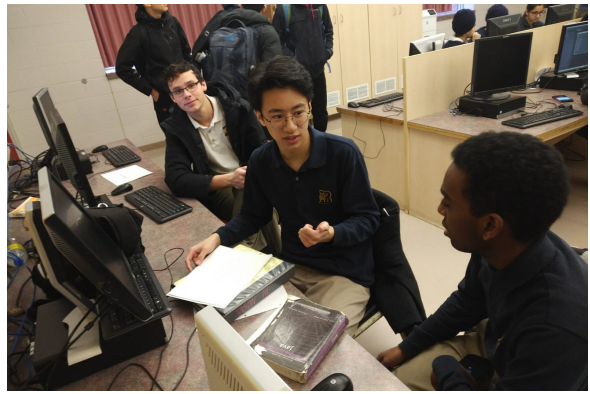
Congratulations to the Saint Benedict's Robotics Team, HAL-9000! They entered their very first robotics competition this weekend at the University of Waterloo, as 1 of only 2 rookie teams, out of 32 teams. They had a rough start to the tournament, but showing a lot of grit, determination, and teamwork they were able to alter their robot and come back with a strong finish to the tournament. They now have their eyes set on the London competition next week.

Check out the video with some of our students aired on CKCO TV: <https://kitchener.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=1355650>

ECOO Programmers advance to Regionals

By Mr. A. Milardovic

Last Tuesday some of our top computer programmers were involved in the ECOO programming contest at Monsignor Doyle. The annual contest gives teams an opportunity to show their problem solving abilities trying to solve computer problems of varying levels of difficulty. Teams can have up to four members. There are four problems, you get three hours, and *only one computer*. This forces teams to discuss and decide on which program to type in while other team members work on developing algorithms for the problems or sample data on paper. After 3 hours of fierce coding, problem solving, testing and debugging, the team of Jonathan Befekadu, Jason He and Andrew Linington finished in 3rd place out of ten teams. Congratulations to the boys, and good luck in London at the Regionals on April 28. Honourable mention goes out to the team of Michael Dombrovsky, Tye Herald, Victor Malinowski and Rafael Wiska-Ilnicki, and our all-girls team of Madhurbain Kaur, Mehtab Kaur, and Aariana Singh for their hard work during the competition.



Hairstyling student advances to Provincial Skills

By Ms. L. McKellar

Congratulating Andy Le for placing first in the Skills Competition last week at Artline Salon! He now moves on to the Provincials competition in May. Here is Andy in action, and some of his work.



Sports

Girls Softball

The first tryout will be in the gym on Wednesday April 11th at 2:30pm sharp. Come dressed to play softball. Permission forms need to be picked up ahead of time in Guidance with Mrs. O'Neill or Phys Ed. With Mr. Jankura. Outdoor tryouts will continue the week of April 16-20th at the Sports Park. Specific dates will be announced.

Student Activities

Bennies online spirit wear store open!

The Bennies online spirit wear store is open for one month only! During the month of April, you can order your favourite Bennies spirit wear, just in time for the Spirit Week. This is your last chance to order spirit wear this year, so check out the SAC Twitter for the link to our online store or pick up a brochure in the SAC Office.

Clubs

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

Other News

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
A charitable receipt will be issued for a portion of the ticket price.



YOUTH Cambridge

Volunteers Needed (03.20.18)



Walk-athon Helpers

[14+] Taking place May 6th at the Preston Memorial Complex. Helpers needed for registration, handing out water & more.

Sandra sandra.clarke@mssociety.ca



Spring Food Drive Helpers

[13+] Give back to the community by helping out others get back on their feet. Donate well needed food items or volunteer in one of their programs. Lindsay Lindsayl@thefoodbank.ca



Help out at the Hospital

[16+] Greet patients and guests, help with directions and make sure wheelchairs are at every entrance—and more!

Jamie jhastings@cmh.org



Lead or Side Walk Horses

[15+] Become a leader or side walker along with the horses and help out beginner riders. No experience with horses required. Lindsay volunteering@pridestables.com



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**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>

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, April 4

2:15pm: Concert Jam

2:15pm: Yearbook Team

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

Friday, April 13

Professional Development Day

Monday, April 16

10:40am: Programmers Club

10:40am: Arts Council

10:40am: Finance Club

Wednesday, April 18

SHSM Event: Arduino Workshop

BENN Newsletter release

10:40am: Ultimate Frisbee Club

10:40am: Accepting Differences Club

10:40am: Guitar Club

10:40am: Cosmo Club

1:30pm: Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
2:15pm: Jazz Band
2:15pm: Seams Sew Easy Club
2:15pm: Math Club
2:15pm: Games Club

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

Wednesday, April 11

Math Contest - Euclid
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: Concert Jam
2:15pm: Yearbook Team
2:30pm: Girls Softball tryouts

Thursday, April 12

Math Contest - Fryer, Galois, Hypatia
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: Jazz Band
2:15pm: Seams Sew Easy Club
2:15pm: Math Club
2:15pm: Games Club

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

Thursday, April 19

SHSM Event: Standard First Aid & CPR-C
Certification (2 Days: Apr. 19 & 26)
Term 2 starts, Career/Civics turnaround day
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: Jazz Band
2:15pm: Seams Sew Easy Club
2:15pm: Math Club
2:15pm: Games Club

Friday, April 20

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

7:00pm: School Council meeting

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