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#### **Materials and Methods**

- The MYSP survey is electronic and can be accessed using any device.
- To access the survey, please use either the URL, <u>bit.ly/wcdsb\_mysp2018</u> or the QR code.
- The survey will be open on Monday April
   9th and remain open until Friday April 27th.



# **Administrative**

# **Link Crew still accepting applications**

#### By Mrs. K. Arkell

Be a part of next year's Link crew! Grade 10 and 11's are invited to pick up an application in Guidance today! Signed and completed application forms are due this Friday, April 20th at 2:15 in guidance!

# Attention ALL Grade 10s and 11s!

Do **YOU** want to be a part of the most fantastic team at St.Benedict's? Do **YOU** want to help make a difference in a grade 9's life this September?

# Apply to be a Link Crew Leader for 2018-2019!

Application forms are located in the Guidance Office.

Completed forms are due in Guidance **Friday, April 20**<sup>th</sup> **by 2:15pm**. **NO** late forms will be accepted!



See Ms. Arkell, Mr. Borba, Ms. Charron, Ms. Healy, Ms. Reis, Mr. Reitzel, Mr. Riso or Ms. Spitzig!

# 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: <a href="www.crowdrise.com/wewalkforwater2018">www.crowdrise.com/wewalkforwater2018</a>, 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



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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.

# **News from Guidance**

By Mrs. L. O'Neill

# **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 or send your resume and cover letter to resumes@mccarthyuniforms.ca

# **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

# **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/voluInteers/

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

# 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 <a href="Ontario.ca/OSAP">Ontario.ca/OSAP</a> 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



**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 <a href="mailto:Enrichment@St.Benedict">Enrichment@St.Benedict</a>.

## **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 <u>Advanced Placement blog</u>.

# CANADA'S FIRST 24-HOUR HIGH SCHOOL CASE STUDY COMPETITION

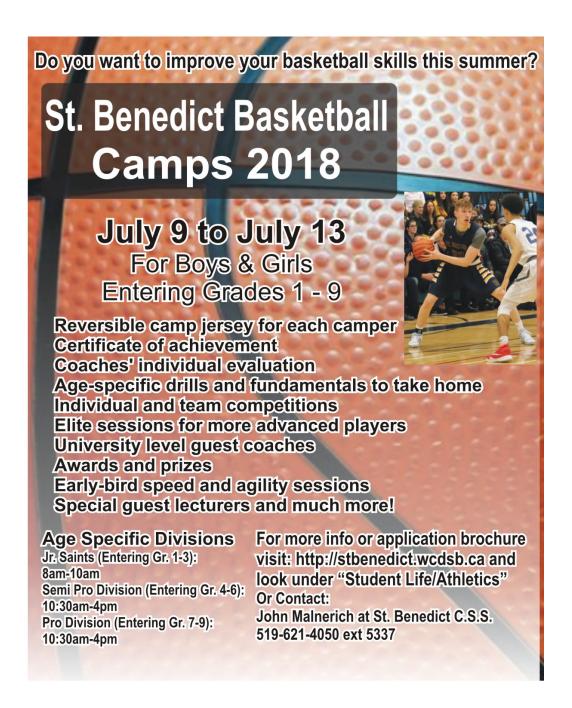




Information meeting Tuesday, April 24 in room 216 at the beginning of lunch

# **Boys softball**

Attention all boys trying out for the softball team. Due to the inclement weather over the weekend, tryouts are postponed until next Monday. Please keep an eye on Twitter as well as an ear out on announcements for further information. See Mr. Reitzel or Ms. Edwards if you have any other questions.



# **Student Activities**

Seeking co-presidents for next year



SAC is currently looking for co-president candidates for the 2018-2019 school year. If you have previous experience on student council or as a Link Crew leader, you are eligible to run for co-president. If you're interested, see Mr. Curtis in the SAC Office for an application package. Completed applications are due to the Main Office by Friday, April 27th at 2:15pm.

# 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

## **Robotics Team rallies and recovers**

#### By Mr. A. Chaves

Congratulations to St.Benedict's Robotics team for an excellent season! In London last weekend due to a damaged computer on the robot they missed the first three matches. After fixing the problem they made an amazing come back winning 6 straight matches to help them get into the quarter finals. Please congratulate the team on their amazing efforts!

If you are interested in joining the Robotics team please talk to Mr. Chaves.

## **Ultimate Frisbee Club**

The Ultimate Frisbee Club continues to meet every Wednesday at lunch in the gym. Come on out for some fun and exercise. Newcomers from all grades are encouraged!!

# The Arts

# **Other News**

# Cambridge Community Clean Up Day



# Saturday, April 21 9am - noon

Individuals and families pick up your clean up supplies at:

- Tim Hortons on Holiday Inn Drive
- · Galt Arena Gardens (parking lot)
- St. Benedicts Catholic Secondary School / Clemens Mill Library (Saginaw Pkwy)
- Victoria Park (West Galt, Salisbury Ave., across from Highland Public School)
- Monsignor Doyle Catholic Secondary School (185 Myers Rd.)
- Riverside Park (King St. entrance)

Pick up your bags and gloves, and begin your clean up!



Contact us at least 3 days before your planned event to arrange your clean up supplies for your group. Bags and gloves will be provided.

www.CambridgeCityGreen.ca









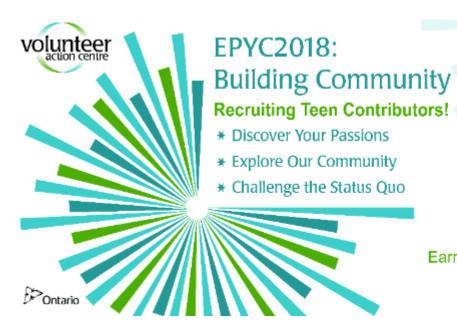












#### KITCHENER

April 21 | 11-4

#### WATERLOO

April 22 | 11-4

#### CAMBRIDGE

May 12 | 11- 4

Earn Volunteer Hours! Register today at bit.lv/EPYC2018



# Many hands make for light work (04.12.18)



#### Road Impact Survey Volunteer

[16+] Looking for biological survey experience? We are looking for a team of volunteers to conduct weekly road impact surveys from April to October. Laura laura.klein@raresites.org



#### Walking Bus School Leader

[16+] Leaders walk groups of elementary kids from a homes to a school. 2 leaders per route. Training, support, traffic vest provided. Colleen colleen.cooper@ontario.cancer.ca



#### In Community Event Volunteer

[17+] Participate in local events, promote community awareness regarding Canadian Blood Services projects, and assist with donor recruitment. Mattea mattea.duprey@blood.ca



#### Rotary Ribfest Hat Volunteer - AUGUST

[14+] Welcome guests to Ribfest, share information about the 2nd Annual Hat Walk, register walkers and collect donations. Sally sally.sarachman@childwitness.com



Youth newsletter:

http://eepurl.com/bPwOKH



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# **Community Tidbits**

Cambridge LEAD Program - Expand your leadership skills, make new friends, have fun AND earn your LEAD certification (require to volunteer with many organization in Cambridge)! The LEAD program provides an opportunity to start earning your Community Service hours while learning important skills that will help in future job searches. May 26 & 27 from 9:00-5:00 at the Chaplin Family YMCA. \$45. Call 519-623-9622 to register.

The **Waterloo Region Small Business Centre** runs the "Summer Company" program. Summer Company offers up to a \$3000 grant and provides valuable training, mentoring, and coaching. To qualify for the program, you must be between the ages of 15-29 and attending school next year. **The deadline to apply is May 6th!** Interested? Click here to apply! OR Learn more about the program requirements, application process and eligibility.

**Kitchener Youth Drop-in** Summer starts July 3. They provide safe places for youth to have fun and learn new skills is an important element of every healthy community.

The drop-in programs are:

- open to youth, ages 12 to 17 (\*exceptions: KCI, 18+ basketball, and Jean Steckle Public School programs)
- · free to attend
- · fully supervised

The programs give youth in every part of our city a chance to play sports, games and music, make art and crafts, learn to cook, and more. Here is a <u>list of drop-in centre locations and details</u>.

#### **Summer Jobs!**

Summer Camp Supervisor (G License required) - Evolve Camps (Waterloo)

Summer Youth Program Assistant (May 4 Deadline) - Idea Exchange (Cambridge)

Summer Reading Program Assistant (May 4 Deadline) - Idea Exchange (Cambridge)

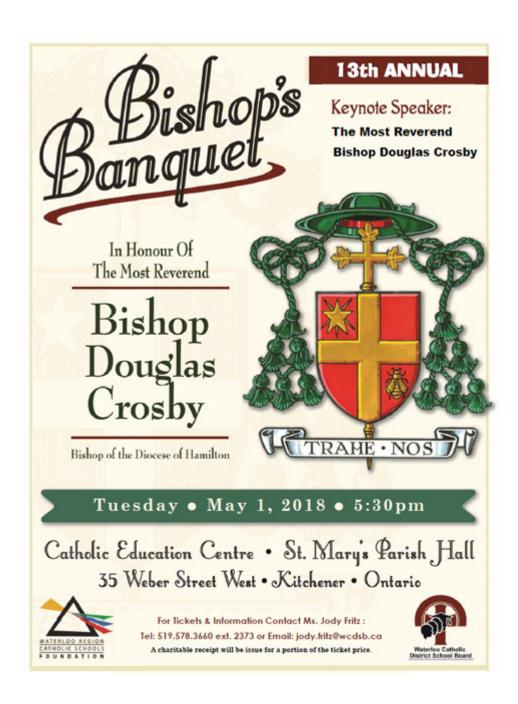
<u>Summer Camp Worker</u> (G License require) - Family & Children's Services (KW)

Animal Care Attendant - Chicopee Hills Animal Hospital (Kitchener)

<u>Camp Counsellor</u> - STEM Camp (Cambridge)

#### **Youth Job Connection Program**

This program includes PAID workshops and activities designed to help participants get ready for work. Individuals will be paid the provincial hourly minimum wage for the time they participate in the mandatory pre-employment training component of the program (60 – 90 hours). Read more here



# **Calendar of Events**

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

Thursday, April 19

2:15pm: Jazz Band

2:15pm: Seams Sew Easy Club

2:15pm: Math Club 2:15pm: Games Club

Friday, April 20

Term 2 starts, Career/Civics turnaround day

10:40am: Programmers Club

Friday, April 27

10:40am: Programmers Club 10:40am: Star Trek Club 10:40am: Finance Club

10:40am: Lost Club

11:30am: WE Walk for Water charity event2:15pm: SAC Co-President applications due

2:15pm: Doctor Who Video Club

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Monday, April 23

SAC Spirit Week

10:40am: Programmers Club

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

Tuesday, April 24

SHSM Event: Scissor Lift Operator Certificate
SHSM Event: Infection Control Training (1/2 Day

Morning)

Wednesday, April 25

**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

2:00pm: Sr. Boys Soccer @ Woodland Christian

HS

2:15pm: Concert Jam 2:15pm: Yearbook Team

3:45pm: Girls Soccer @ Woodland Christian HS

Thursday, April 26

SHSM Event: Standard First Aid & CPR-C

Certification (2 Days: Apr. 19 & 26)

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 พเอทฉลy, Aprii งบ

Mental Health Week

10:40am: Programmers Club

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

2:00pm: Sr. Boys Soccer vs ES Père-René-de-

Galinée

2:00pm: Girls Soccer @ ES Père-René-de-

Galinée

Wednesday, May 2

**BENN Newsletter release** 

Mid-Term Report Cards Distributed

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**3:00pm:** Girls Soccer vs St. Mary's HS **3:30pm:** Sr. Boys Soccer @ St. Mary's HS

Thursday, May 3

8:00am: Badminton OFSAA Championships

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Friday, May 4

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2:15pm: Doctor Who Video Club

Saturday, May 5

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