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Is it September already?!

Almost!

Here is a small look at what we have to offer this year. More in next Wednesday's BENN.

Administrative

News from Guidance

Ontario Universities' Fair

The Ontario Universities' Fair (OUF) takes place September 28-30, 2018, at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Don't let your students miss it!

The OUF is the only event where you can see all 21 Ontario universities in one place. It's a once-a-year, free event where attendees can talk directly with senior university faculty and representatives.

OUF Passport

By registering for an OUF Passport at www.ouf.ca/passport, students receive a barcode that they take to the OUF and get scanned at university booths and presentation rooms of their choice. It's the easiest way for them to share their contact information to receive more info about the universities they are interested in. Without an OUF Passport, students must manually enter their contact details at each individual university booth where they request further information. Encourage students to register for their OUF Passport in advance for a chance to win 1 of 3 prizes of a \$500 prepaid credit card.

OUF Passport Guidance Counsellor Tool Kit

As you may recall, we've compiled a tool kit to assist you with promoting the OUF Passport to your students. It includes key messages, sample school announcements, social media posts and ways to follow the OUF on social media. Click Tools to Promote the OUF and OUF Passport on the Guidance website at www.ouac.on.ca/guidance.

Visit: www.ouf.ca

Follow the OUF on Twitter: @OntarioUniFair, #OUF2018

Like the OUF on Facebook: OntarioUFair

Follow the OUF on Instagram: @ontariounifair

University Information Program (UIP)

After the OUF, Ontario's universities are visiting a school near you! Check out the UIP schedule:

<http://www.ouf.ca/uiip>.



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FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

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** APPLY BY SEPTEMBER 9: [HTTP://BIT.LY/VAT2019](http://bit.ly/vat2019) **

We all have something to contribute!

Spirit wear sale

Don't own any, or want new Bennie's spirit wear for Wednesdays? Now is your chance!!! New St. Benedict Spirit wear items are available for sale through the following website: <https://sbcss.itemorder.com/sale> BUT only until September 16th. Check out the online store and get your orders in!

St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School - Spirit Wear 2018

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Go to the online store at <https://sbcss.itemorder.com>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Online Store Deadline: **Sunday September 16th, 2018 (11:59pm EDT)**

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Questions?
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Transportation Changes for 2018-2019 School Year

Transportation details for the 2018 - 2019 school year will be available on Monday August 20, 2018. Parents can login and view your child's transportation details by going to www.stswr.ca and following these easy steps:

- Click on “Student Login”
- Enter your child’s Ontario Education Number (OEN) The OEN can be found on your child’s report card—Numbers only, no spaces, no dashes
- Enter your child’s birth date—dd/mm/yyyy
- Enter your house number only
- Select the school your child is attending from the drop down menu



Please note: any address changes need to be done through your school. If you are moving this summer or change caregiver arrangements for the fall, you should communicate the change of address to your child’s school as soon as possible.

You can also visit www.stswr.ca to see bus delays and cancellations, subscribe to receive e-mail notifications for late buses and closures and follow us on Twitter.

Drug Free Kids Canada Resource

This is an excellent resource for all families. There is a link below for you to sign up to receive the kit which will be emailed to you in segments, 1 a week for 4 weeks beginning in September.

<https://www.drugfreekidsCanada.org/parents-back-to-school-tool-kit/>

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 at St. Benedict

By Mrs. D. Wittmann

Advanced Placement (AP) is an internationally recognized program that allows students to enrich the Ontario Curriculum with the goal of achieving university accreditation.

What does the research say about AP students?

Research shows that the best predictor of whether or not a student completes a university degree is not their high school grades or standardized tests. Rather, the best predictor is how many challenging courses a student has taken in high school. Students who challenge themselves with AP courses and exams are much more likely to complete a university degree in four years or less.

Visit the Enrichment blog and Advanced Placement blog:

<https://enrichmentatstbenedict.wordpress.com/>

Math Club

Math club starting Thursday, September 13. The "club" is open to grade 9, 10, 11, 12 students who want to:

- * be able to answer those tough questions from class
- * preview up-coming math contests
- * prepare for tests, assignments or final exams
- * have all your questions answered
- * get ready for college or university

Meet with Dr. Chernysh Thursdays after school in room 309... See you there!!!!



Sports

Senior Girls Basketball

A mandatory preseason for Senior Girls Basketball meeting will be on Wednesday, September 5 in Room 301 at the beginning of lunch. See coaches Mr. Mascarenhas and Miss Buhlman for details.

Junior and Senior Boys Football

Attention All Returning and New Football Players!!

The road to another Championship begins tomorrow, Wednesday September 5th immediately after school on the front field for all Junior and Senior players!

If you were fitted for equipment in June, get suited up in the football change rooms. If not, come prepared with athletic wear, cleats, mouth guard and water.

Bring the energy Saints...it's going to be another memorable season!!

Girls Golf Team

Any girls interested in joining the Bennie's Ladies Golf team are asked to come to a lunch time meeting on Wednesday September 5th in room 314. The team is now considered a minor sport and is open to any girls gr. 9-12. Our first tournament is Monday September 10th, see Mrs. Stefan if you are interested and unable

to attend the meeting.

Boys Golf Team

FORE!! Calling all boys who are interested in joining the varsity (any grade level) boys golf team. There will be a meeting Wednesday September 5 in room 306 during the first half of lunch to discuss important details of the upcoming season and tryouts. Golf has changed from a major to a minor sport which means students have the option of playing golf and other sports at the same time. The season begins promptly (Sept. 10) therefore tryouts will be held the first week of school on Friday September 7 at Cambridge Golf Club. Please see Mr. Krzysztofik in the math office or room 306 for more details.

Clubs

E-Car Racing Team

The E-car racing team will have a short but important meeting on September 10 at lunch in room A4. Please see Mr. Castela for any information.

Model UN Club

The first meeting of the year for the St. Benedict Model UN Club will be Wednesday, September 12. New members are welcome. Please meet in Room 225 at the beginning of lunch.

HOSA Club (Health Occupations Students of Canada)

Meeting Dates: Once a week at lunch time

Meeting Location: Room 315

Start Date: TBA - look for more information at the end of September

End Date: the HOSA conference and competition at the end of March

HOSA is a club for those interested in gaining knowledge and skills in healthcare related occupations.

Students are provided with opportunities to prepare for and compete in one of 30 competitive events. Some events focus on core technical procedures unique to a particular profession while others are more generalized and develop teamwork, communication and leadership skills. The club meets once a week to practice skills and students participate in a competition in Toronto in March.

DOCTOR WHO CLUB RETURNS!

Join us after school in room 226 on Friday, September 7th as we resume adventuring through time and space with the longest running sci-fi/fantasy series in history. We're also preparing for a monumental event: the arrival of the 13 Doctor. As played by Jodie Whittaker, she is the first female Doctor since the show began in 1963. Everyone is welcome weekly to enjoy pizza as we watch classic episodes and hold monthly

prize raffles. Our corner of the school website will be updated soon...visit our page to keep up to date on our viewing schedule.

Student Activities

Your Student Activities Council for 2018-2019

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Congratulations to those who have been selected, and a heartfelt thank you to all students who applied.

The Arts

ARTS EXTRACURRICULAR INFO MEETING

Are you interested in auditioning for plays? Joining bands or choir? Being a part of tech crew? Getting involved in arts battles? Performing at coffee house? Promoting arts at Bennie's? There will be an information meeting at the beginning of lunch on Thursday, Sept 6 in room 104. See Mr. Renner for more details.

Other News

Calendar of Events

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

Monday, September 3

Labour Day

Tuesday, September 4

8:00am: First day of school

Wednesday, September 5

8:00am: First day of classes

10:30am: Boys Golf meeting

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10:30am: Sr. Girls Basketball meeting

2:00pm: Jr. Boys Football practice

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Thursday, September 6

10:30am: Arts Council information meeting

Friday, September 7

2:00pm: Doctor Who Club

Monday, September 10

10:35am: E-Car racing team meeting

Tuesday, September 11

2:00pm: Course Change Deadline for Semester 1

Wednesday, September 12

10:35am: Model UN Club meeting

Thursday, September 13

Grade 9 Link Crew Mass

2:00pm: Math Club

Friday, September 14

2:00pm: Doctor Who Club

Thursday, September 20

SHSM Event - Design Thinking Workshop

Opening Assembly

Photo Day

2:00pm: Math Club

2:00pm: Doctor Who Club

7:00pm: Grade 9 LINK Dance

7:00pm: Gr. 9 Meet the Teacher Night

Friday, September 21

Professional Activity Day

Thursday, September 27

Opening School Mass

2:00pm: Math Club

7:00pm: School Council Meeting

Friday, September 28

2:00pm: Doctor Who Club

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