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WATERLOO REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

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March 7, 2019

To whom it may concern,

As you are aware, March 17th is St. Patrick's Day, a day that sees many University-aged students participate in an annual, although unlicensed, street gathering in Waterloo.

Last year saw more than 22,000 people descend on Ezra Avenue and surrounding areas in Waterloo, resulting in safety concerns for all, including students, residents and emergency service workers. Several alcohol-related incidents were dealt with throughout the day.

In order to maintain the safety of the community, and to ensure proper enforcement, Waterloo Regional Police will have an increased presence in the area again this year, including assistance from members of the Peel Regional Police Service.

We want to be clear, the Waterloo Regional Police Service does NOT encourage or condone this unlicensed gathering. We will be working closely with our community partners, including Wilfrid Laurier University, University of Waterloo, Waterloo Fire Rescue, Region of Waterloo Paramedics and City of Waterloo Municipal Enforcement, to ensure the safety of those in attendance, as well as neighbours and the community in general.

Officers patrolling on foot, in cruisers and on bicycles, will also be out ensuring appropriate infractions are given to those who decide to break the law. This includes substantial fines for underage drinking, public intoxication and the consumption of alcohol in public.

We want to take this opportunity to strongly encourage parents to talk to their children and school staff to talk to students on the dangers of alcohol consumption and on the importance of NOT attending this unlicensed gathering. Underage drinking can result in a \$125 fine, as well as many health and safety concerns. The best way to avoid this, is to avoid the area.

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like more information, please do not hesitate to call the Waterloo Regional Police Service at 519-570-9777.

Respectfully,
The Waterloo Regional Police Service

Literacy Test March 27

Modified Schedule

As you are aware, the grade 10 OSSLT will be held the morning of Wednesday, March 27. For the rest of the day, we will be on a modified schedule.

There will be no grade 11 or 12 classes on Wednesday, March 27.

Teachers have been asked to give grade 11 and 12 students advanced assignments and/or instructions and to work with students virtually. The expectations will be clearly communicated by teachers to students in the days prior to the Literacy Test.

Students in grade 11 and 12 who wish to come to school for the day will be provided with a supervised Study Hall space in the cafeteria and lecture hall if needed, with chromebooks made available, as well as teacher support.

Grades 9s and 10s will have period 3 and 4 classes in the afternoon:

Period 3 – 11:55 to 12:55

Period 4 – 1:00 to 2:00

Buses will depart the school at the end of day at normal time.

Progress Reports out March 28

Be prepared to book teacher conferences online only

After a successful pilot run in the fall, the decision has been made to go fully online for interview booking for the April 4 conferencing day.

The pilot project--in which approximately a quarter of the teaching staff participated--was met with favourable results by parents who used the online booking system and completed the survey.

The only complaint was that "not all teachers are using the system". As it was only a pilot, it was not the intention to have the whole staff use it. "Our intention was to test it out, work out the kinks, and then based on feedback decide how to proceed", says Mr. Milardovic, the initiator of the project. "As a result of some of the feedback, part of the booking process has been modified, and we will be ready to go live the day interim reports go out."

Over sixty different online booking systems were tested before finally deciding to go with *Outlook Bookings*, which is integrated with our Board's email and calendar system.

Look for interview booking information in the March 20th issue of the BENN, as well as follow-up tweets and Facebook posts in the days leading to the opening of the interview booking process.



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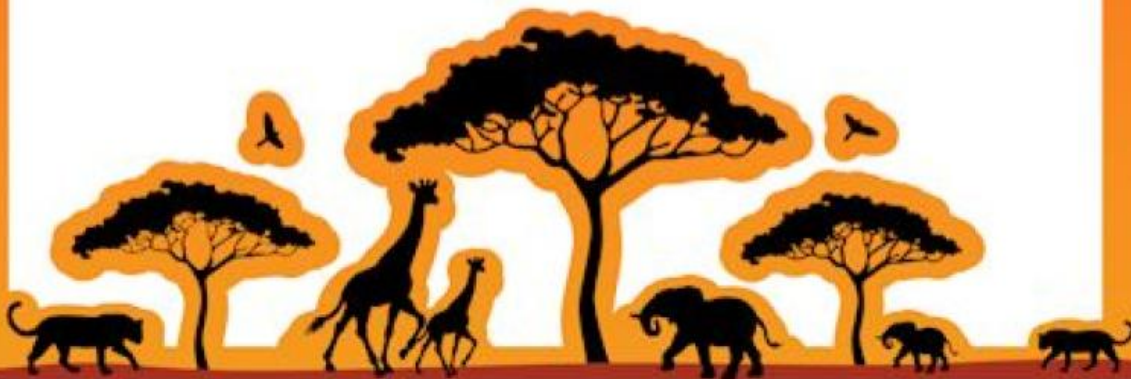
DREAMS TAKE FLIGHT

DINNER and AUCTION

Thursday, March 28th, 2019

\$35 per person
Portuguese Club of Cambridge
870 Townline Road

3 Course Dinner - 6:30
Cash Bar opens - 5:30
Silent Auction begins - 5:30



Spring Vendor Market

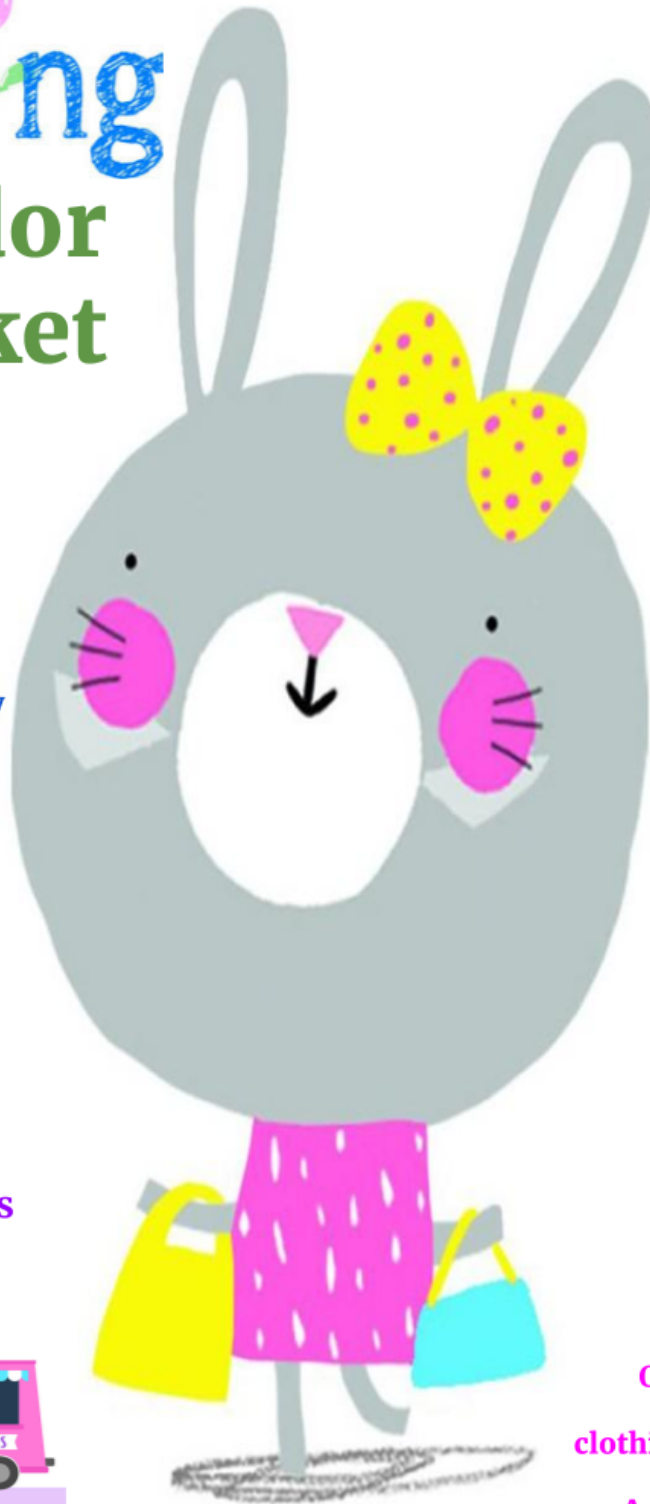
**Saturday,
April 6th**
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

St. Benedict CSS
50 Saginaw Pkwy
Cambridge

**Supervised
KIDS' ZONE!**

**Face Painting
from 11 - 1!**

Food Trucks



Supporting
the Service
Learning
Program
which is
sending
St. Benedict
students to
Kenya with
WE Charity!

**First 50
customers
receive a
raffle ticket
to win a
DOOR PRIZE!**

Local artisans
and businesses.

Unique and
handcrafted
home decor
and gifts.

Organic home and
beauty products,
clothing and jewellery.

And so much more!

School Council looking for help with Bingo

We are looking for parents, or anyone over the age of 18, to help support us in our fundraising efforts. Our Parent Council is looking to secure us a spot on Tuesday evenings to run a Bingo in Cambridge. We could earn \$800 to \$1000 for one event. INCREDIBLE!!! The money would support initiatives at the school that we would otherwise not have funds for.

Thanks for considering. If we get enough volunteers, it may only mean volunteering 1 or 2 nights for the year.

If you are interested, please email Mrs. Temple at lorrie.temple@wcdsb.ca.

Let's rock the bingos and make some money for our St. Benedict School Community.

Cambridge high school students

Tap & Ride

with the EasyGO fare card



Get your card by
December 31, 2019
and get **\$24*** pre-loaded

Pick up your card at Ainslie or
Charles Terminal

Bring with you:

- A printed, signed GRT consent form
- Your Cambridge high school student ID or student timetable with your name

**Free
\$24*
pre-load**

*New customers only. Part of the Transit Supportive Strategy for the City of Cambridge.

GRT
GRAND RIVER TRANSIT

grt.ca 519-585-7555 TTY: 519-575-4608 (Deaf and Hard of Hearing)

Looking for OSSLT HELP?



LUNCH n LEARN Every

Wednesday in Rm. 207 - pizza supplied on first come, first served.

Homework Club

Wednesday & Thursday

2:15 - 3:30 pm in Room 212

OSSLT is

the *FOCUS*, SUCCESS

is the KEY!



The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

Date: Wednesday, March 27

Semester 2 marks the beginning of PHASE 2 in St. Benedict's OSSLT preparation for all Gr. 10 and Previously Eligible students. In Semester 1, all Gr. 10 students were invited to participate in a Mini-Mock and Mock Literacy Test to help guide them through the process of practicing writing sections of the OSSLT. Results were shared with students and parents/legal guardians through letters delivered to Period 2 classes.

What's Up Next?

Students have many opportunities to find extra support to help prepare them for a successful test:

- **Lunch 'n' Learn** in Room 207 every Wednesday
- **After school Literacy Lab homework club** in Room 212 every Wednesday and Thursday 2:15-3:30 *Bus tickets available if needed*

Good resource websites

www.eqao.com *Test information, Practice Booklets with Answers in Student & Parent Resource Sections*
[St. Benedict Literacy Test Prep Page](#)
[D2L OSSLT Page \(need student D2L login\)](#) - Literacy Announcements, Mini Lessons & Practice Quizzes!

Questions?

Email Amy.Healy@wcdsb.ca

In the next regular edition of the BENN

Wednesday, March 20

- St. Benedict C.S.S. has 10,000 more reasons to smile as we strive to continue building on our **Healthy Schools** initiatives
- Swimming success at CWOSSA
- The WCDSB is *on the move*

Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, March 7**2:00pm:** Math Club**2:15pm:** Literacy Lab homework club**2:15pm:** OSSLT Literacy Test Prep**2:15pm:** Homework Club**Friday, March 8****10:35am:** Hobbit and Lord of the Rings Club**10:35am:** Star Trek Club**2:00pm:** Doctor Who Club**Monday, March 11**

March Break week begins

Tuesday, March 19**9:30am:** SHSM Event: Nutrition and Dietary Considerations**10:35am:** Hobbit and Lord of the Rings Club**10:35am:** Arts Council**10:35am:** E-car meeting**10:35am:** Reach for the Top club**10:35am:** Champions for Change club**Wednesday, March 20**

Paid Civvies Day - \$2 min.

Spring Equinox

9:30am: SHSM Event: Electrical Safety and Confined Space Awareness Training**10:35am:** OSSLT Lunch 'n' Learn**10:35am:** Guitar Club**10:35am:** E-car meeting**10:35am:** Model UN Club**10:35am:** Anime Club**2:00pm:** Rock Orchestra practice**2:00pm:** Games Club**2:15pm:** Literacy Lab homework club**2:15pm:** OSSLT Literacy Test Prep**2:15pm:** Homework Club**Thursday, March 21****10:35am:** E-car meeting**10:35am:** Giving Back Club**10:35am:** Mario Kart club**10:35am:** Praise Choir**2:00pm:** Math Club**2:15pm:** Literacy Lab homework club**2:15pm:** OSSLT Literacy Test Prep**2:15pm:** Homework Club**Friday, March 22**

Overnight Fast

10:35am: Hobbit and Lord of the Rings Club**10:35am:** Star Trek Club**2:00pm:** Doctor Who Club**Monday, March 25****10:35am:** Eco Club**10:35am:** E-car meeting**10:35am:** Finance Club**Tuesday, March 26****9:00am:** SHSM Event: Conflict Resolution & Lifting Techniques Training**10:35am:** Hobbit and Lord of the Rings Club**10:35am:** Arts Council**10:35am:** E-car meeting**10:35am:** Reach for the Top club**10:35am:** Champions for Change club**Wednesday, March 27**

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