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A Message from Administration

Welcome back to Quad 3

It has been a busy week for the community and we are certainly experiencing the chill of the winter season, and the on-going anxieties of the pandemic, but we are very happy to welcome students back to Face to Face learning.

As more staff and students returned to the building this week, we continue to reflect on the gifts that everyone brings to the community. We have students who continue to demonstrate resilience, flexibility and hope as we continue to navigate the on-going changes to our year. We have a staff that continue to be find creative ways to engage students in their learning. And finally, we have a community that provides support, and understanding. Thank you all!

Enjoy the Family Day weekend, take time to spend with your loved ones and take time to relax and breathe.

Screening Reminders:

As communicated, all secondary students are required to confirm that they have completed their daily COVID Self-Assessment each morning to their teacher during Face to Face instruction. If a student is experiencing symptoms and does not 'pass' the Self-Assessment they must stay home and follow the guidance of the screening tool before returning to school. Please continue to provide the attendance office with information regarding student absences.

Ash Wednesday: February 17, 2021

St. Benedict Catholic SS will be celebrating Ash Wednesday on Wednesday February 17 (cohort B) and Thursday February 18 (cohort A). Much like the Liturgy of the Word that we viewed together in December, teachers will show a video to the Face to Face classes on those days. The video will be introduced by our Chaplain Bob Rempel at the start of the day and will then be shared within each classroom. This will allow us to gather as a community, to celebrate the beginning of Lent, and to share our Faith together.



Student information verification

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Please find attached the instructions to verify your child's information in the Aspen student portal.

If your information is incorrect, please email: benedict.attendance@wcdsb.ca with your child's name and proper information (mailing address along with the postal code). As well, please contact us if you do not have an email address on file.

Thank you for your time, and attention to this matter.

[Instructions for Verifying Your Address Resend Nov 20 2.pdf](#)

Did you miss our Virtual Grade 8 Night?

Click the image below to be taken to our Future Saints page



Future Saints and Grade 8 Families

On Monday January 18th, you are invited to learn more about St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School by visiting our Future Saints website at:

stbenedict.wcdsb.ca

Take a virtual tour of the school, be introduced to staff & learn more about what you need to know as you enter Grade 9.

We can't wait to welcome the class of 2025!

School Schedule and Calendar

Quick Link to Our Calendar -

<https://stbenedict.wcdsb.ca/parents/current-students/school-year-calendar/>

Our calendar (with Cohort info and key dates) can be accessed through our school website - <https://stbenedict.wcdsb.ca/>.

You can then access the calendar by going to ABOUT US > School Year Calendar



New Store Hours

Tuesday: 10am – 6pm

Thursday: 10am – 6pm

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Key Dates for Quad 3 & 4

Quad 3: February 4 to April 21, 2021

Feb 10	BENN Newsletter Release
Feb 15	Family Day Holiday
Feb 16	Shrove Tuesday
Feb 17	Quad 2 Report Card Distribution Day (Mailed) & Ash Wednesday
Feb 22 - Feb 26	Gathered to Become – Butterfly Week
Feb 24	BENN Newsletter Release
Mar 9	Turn Around Date for Careers/Civics
Mar 10	BENN Newsletter Release
Mar 11	Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
Mar 14	Daylight Saving Time Begins
Mar 15 - 19	March Break
Mar 24	IEP Distribution & BENN Newsletter Release
Mar 28	Palm Sunday
Apr 1	Holy Thursday
Apr 2	Good Friday
Apr 3	Holy Saturday
Apr 4	Easter Sunday
Apr 5	Easter Monday
Apr 7	BENN Newsletter Release
Apr 19	Quad 3 Period 1 Evaluation Day
Apr 20	Quad 3 Period 2 Evaluation Day
Apr 21	BENN Newsletter Release

Quad 4: April 22 to June 25, 2021

Apr 22	Final Mark Deadline/Verification Due to Admin @ 9AM
Apr 28	Mandatory Special Education PD
May 5	Quad 3 Report Card Distribution Date & BENN Newsletter Release
May 9	Mother's Day
May 19	BENN Newsletter Release

May 20	Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
May 21	Turn Around Date for Careers/Civics
May 24	Victoria Day
June 2	BENN Newsletter Release
June 4	PA Day
June 9	Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
June 16	BENN Newsletter Release
June 20	Father's Day
June 24	Period 3 Evaluations
June 25	Period 4 Evaluations
June 28	Assessment and Evaluation/Credit Recovery
June 30	BENN Newsletter Release
July 12	Quad 4 Report Card Distribution Date (Mailed)

Quadmester 2 Report Cards

will be in the mail next week



Mental Health Awareness

Have you had a moment to check out the Board's update Mental Health and Wellbeing webpage?

This is a "one stop shop" where you can find links to targeted resources to promote wellbeing during COVID, examples of meditations/calming strategies to share with students, resources specific to various roles (i.e. leadership, educators, students, families), links to services in our community, and general mental health information. Please help raise awareness about this resource! <https://www.wcdsb.ca/programs-and-services/mental-health-and-well-being-at-wcdsb/> A short intro video is here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TmJI_QXT8xk

Please talk with Guidance, Vice Principals and/or our Principal if you feel you need School Social Work support.

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The Business & Education Partnership of Waterloo Region is excited to present

Explore Your Future 2021 for grade 7-12 students and their parents/guardians in Waterloo Region!

Interactive sessions will run every other week from **6:30 - 7:30 PM** beginning **February 10**.

Thanks to our sponsors and partners, this learning experience is **FREE** to attend.

February 10: Post-secondary Pathways in a Pandemic

Wondering about your next steps? Learn how young people like you chose their direction after high school and how they've coped with this transition during the covid-19 pandemic. Q & A will be available with the students and post-secondary representatives from Conestoga College, Wilfrid Laurier University and the University of Waterloo.

Confirmed Panelists:

- Marvi Shaikh (WLU)
- Nathania Chan (UW)

February 24: Builders, Makers and Designers - Careers in Tech and Trades

Want to create? Learn how people like you use their head, hands and heart to create, fix and design the things we need and use everyday. **Session Sponsor: Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program at the Waterloo Region and Waterloo Catholic District School Boards.**

March 10: Entrepreneurs - Careers Starting and Leading Companies

Want to lead? Learn how people like you use their talents to create, build and lead companies across a range of industries.

March 24: Helping Professionals - Careers Making a Difference for Others

Want to help others? Learn how people like you use their skills to support and heal people and communities.

1 ticket gets you access to all 4 sessions!

Click on the image above to register.

Cambridge High School Students

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- Complete the online consent form by June 1, 2021

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GRAND RIVER TRANSIT



Frequently Asked Question

Is there a cohort-specific schedule?

YES THERE IS!

Cohort A Cohort B



COVID Test/Screening and Outbreak Protocol

All students (or guardians on their behalf) will be asked to engage in a daily self-assessment before reporting to school and anyone feeling unwell or identifying a concern based on their self-assessment should not report to school. [COVID-19 School Screening](#)

Once at the school, all students will be required to wear mask at all times. Students are to sanitize their hands upon entering and leaving the classroom.

[Operational guidance: COVID-19 management in schools \(Ontario.ca\)](#)

What to do when my child isn't feeling well?

[Click here to view the memo for Parent/Guardians from the Region of Waterloo Public Health Unit.](#) The document provides direction for parents and caregivers regarding the role of families, Public Health and schools.

Message from Guidance

Course Selection for 2021-2022

Course selection for next year has begun and as we move into Quad 3. Now is the time to begin, or continue to research your course choices for next year and beyond. Many students have started the process and we thank- you for that.

The decisions that students make now regarding their choices for next year are what drive the scheduling decisions that are made with regard to both the courses and the numbers of sections of each course that we offer at the school next year. The importance of making the right choices should not be underestimated as inappropriate course selections are not always easily corrected once the school year is underway.

As has been the practice for the past number of years, students will be choosing their courses on-line. The site can be accessed as follows:

1. Go to www.myBlueprint.ca/waterloocatholic
2. Login using your school login or GAFE account login

New for this year is the online parent approval which must be indicated before course selection submission.

The following resources have been included in the links below to help support choosing courses for next year:

- 1- *Course Calendar* of all the courses being offered at Bennie's
 - 2- *Course Selection* slideshow - lots of important information here specifically catered to current grade 11 & 12 students. Please take time to review. This includes information about summer school and postsecondary planning.
 - 3- *Helpsheet* to navigate getting parent approval electronically in myBlueprint - NEW this year!
- *** Course selections must be approved online by a parent before submission – see the instruction guide within each grade link**

Course Selection Parent Approval – video:

<https://myblueprint.ca/support/videos/course-selection/3C35KN0sXrkAW1UCXDtto4>

Course selection is due Friday, February 26th. If you have any questions, please reach out to your guidance counselor.

Grade 9 Course Selection

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1DgcgpJ0N_TLQ5mEU6fKs0HUAXG1arxMr?usp=sharing

Grade 10 Course Selection

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/13V9ikBpQCAeyDV1rbVMYs2HIR4zbhJjX>

Grade 11 Course Selection

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Gd6jL8Ox464tE9YtHTOhCrew4vHUydtN>

Grade 12's Planning to Return for a 5th year

If you have applied to College and/or University you cannot choose courses at Bennie's for 2021/2022.

If you change your mind after applying to postsecondary and want to return to Bennie's in September instead, please contact your Guidance Counselor.

If you would like to return next year, please select courses in myBlueprint and submit by Friday, February 26th. Course selection must further your post-secondary pathway. **The ability to return is dependent on your post-secondary plan and ultimately admin approval. Contact Guidance if you have questions.**

For those Grade 12s that are not returning to St Benedict's next year, please go into myBlueprint - high school plan- and click Not Returning Next Year? (top right-hand corner), please indicate your plans and submit them.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1qqHWU3kZZ7VIPCINyxiQZScpLStnSrOG>



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WELCOME NEW KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

CHILDREN BORN IN 2017 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR YEAR 1 KINDERGARTEN AND
CHILDREN BORN IN 2016 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR YEAR 2 KINDERGARTEN

REGISTRATION IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 1-28, 2021

Pre-register NOW: www.wcdsb.ca/register



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Your Neighbourhood Catholic Elementary School -- or
the Waterloo Catholic District School Board

Ask about our French Immersion Programs in Cambridge, Kitchener & Waterloo

Email questions about our Extended Day Programs:
extended.day@wcdsb.ca

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Online Pre-registration for Kindergarten is Open: It's Time to Sign Up for School!!

It's time to sign up for the 2021-22 school year – and registering to attend one of Waterloo Region's 43 Catholic elementary schools has never been easier.

- Children born in **2017** are eligible for **Year 1 Kindergarten (JK)**.
- Children born in **2016** are eligible for **Year 2 Kindergarten (SK)**.

Parents can access the Online Pre-Registration form by clicking on the [Register for School](#) link on the [WCDSB Homepage](#) and then choosing [Kindergarten Registration](#).

To finalize your child's registration, please contact your local Catholic school directly, for individual registration dates and times.



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Paint a bright future with us!

- Provide before- and after-school learning for children in JK to Grade 6 on a Full/Part-time recurring weekly schedule
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- Offer parents a convenient school location allowing for a consistent and secure environment for young children with No Waiting Lists
- Are run by the same knowledgeable Registered Early Childhood Educators from the school day
- Are available at an affordable fee offering a variety of payment methods
- Are eligible for Region of Waterloo Child Care Subsidy
- For more information please email beforeandafter@wcdsb.ca



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Register online for Extended Day Programs at www.wcdsb.ca
Questions can be emailed to extended.day@wcdsb.ca

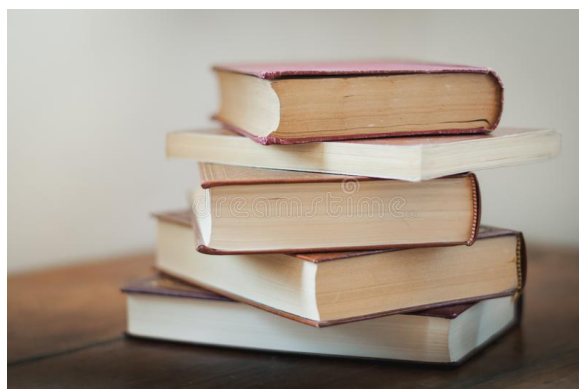
Extended Day Programs will operate only at sites with sufficient parent demand

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Academics

Do you have textbooks from Quadmester 1 or 2 to return?

Please bring borrowed textbooks to the atrium before Friday, February 12, 2021. Tables and sign-in sheets will be available for textbook returns.



Join us for **Homework Club**

Wednesdays - 1:45 - 3:00pm **ONLINE**

Google Classroom Code: [ojocdyl](#)

Meet with Mrs. Borba for all your **LITERACY** needs:

[Click here for: Borba Literacy Meet](#)



Meet with Mr. Chaves for all your **NUMERACY** needs:

[Click here for: Chaves Numeracy Meet](#)



We got your learning needs covered :)

Every Wednesday, join Mrs. Borba (Literacy) or Mr. Chaves
(Numeracy) **ONLINE** from 1:45-3:00pm!

JOIN the Google Classroom <https://classroom.google.com/c/MjM2MzY1NjE0NDI5?cjc=ojocdyl>
or simply **CLICK** on the Teams Links!!

[Click here for: Borba Literacy Meet](#)

[Click here for: Chaves Numeracy Meet](#)

Can't WAIT to see you **SAINTS** online!

Clubs

Student Activities

Other News

News from the Library

Clemens Mill
IDEA|EXCHANGE

Welcome back to St. Bennies students! We miss you in the school Library Learning Commons!!

Don't forget! Your school library has all the resources you need to complete your assignments and research.

Use the [Online Resources](#) page to find the databases, eBooks and other online resources you need.

Use the [library catalogue](#) to find books for your own reading or for school. Idea Exchange has lots of great reads including a special [Black History Month](#) [booklist](#).

The [Bennies Bookshelf](#) page has booklists to help you find books on a specific theme as well as links to download Library and the Sora app.

Currently, Clemens Mill library is offering contact-free pick-up service only. However, as the situation changes frequently, please check our [Current Services webpage](#) to see any updates.





Check out Grade 10 Family Night

Parents and students welcome

Learn about

- applying to university
- studying what you love
- financing your education, and
- tips from current Waterloo students

WHERE

Virtually, MS Teams Live
Link will be sent with
registration
(no download required)

WHEN

Thursday, February 18
Time: 6 to 7:30 p.m. EST

REGISTER TODAY

uwaterloo.ca/future/grade-10





Tolerance for Uncertainty

Thursday 1:30-3:00pm

Feb 18-April 8

Using the practices of emotion-focused therapy, compassion and mindfulness interventions, this 8 session virtual program will guide people to accept their feelings, tolerate distress and thrive.



To register please contact Julie at juliew@langs.org OR 519-653-1470 ext 348

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GRADES 9-12

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Exposure to the opportunities and possibilities for career pathways through virtual workshops.

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- Dreamcatchers
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TOM PORTER



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FEBRUARY
25 -27, 2021

**VIRTUAL EVENT
ON ZOOM**

CONTACT Both: MC: SKINNI BUCK

PRESENTERS

Presentation on Trades and Apprenticeship with foundation of Cultural component.

Elders

- Tom Porter
- Grandmother Renee

Olympian

- Korey Jarvis

And many more...



KOREY JARVIS

February 25th - 5PM-10PM - February 26th - 5PM-10PM - February 27th - 6:30AM-3:30PM



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training program for youth ages 15-29

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February 8-19, 2021

**Youth Engaged in Learning about Leadership
"Y.E.L.L."**
March Break: March 15-19, 2021

LEARN MORE...



Call/Text 226-789-0461

youthforcecommunity@gmail.com

THE CAMBRIDGE POPPY PROJECT

www.CambridgePoppyProject.ca



The Cambridge Poppy Project is a community art project of Remembrance that will be created using hand-made poppies to honour our Veterans. In the fall of 2021, knitted and crocheted poppies will be displayed at our three Idea Exchanges: Hespeler, Preston and the Queen's Square Branch in Galt.

If you and your family enjoy knitting or crocheting OR if you want to learn, please take a look at the website.

This is a great at-home learning opportunity and a chance to be part of something wonderful in our larger community.

Calendar of Events

Thursday, February 11

8:00am: Period 1 Cohort B Face to Face

11:15am: DECA meeting

12:25pm: Period 2 All students Distance learning

Friday, February 12

8:00am: Period 1 Cohort B Face to Face

12:25pm: Period 2 All students Distance learning

Sunday, February 14

Valentine's Day

Monday, February 15

Family Day

Tuesday, February 16

Shrove Tuesday

8:00am: Period 1 Cohort B Face to Face

12:25pm: Period 2 All students Distance learning

Wednesday, February 17

Civvies Day - Cohort B

Report Card Distribution

Ash Wednesday

8:00am: Period 1 Cohort B Face to Face

12:25pm: Period 2 All students Distance learning

Thursday, February 18

8:00am: Period 2 Cohort A Face to Face

12:25pm: Period 1 All students Distance learning

Friday, February 19

8:00am: Period 2 Cohort A Face to Face

12:25pm: Period 1 All students Distance learning

Monday, February 22

8:00am: Period 2 Cohort A Face to Face

12:25pm: Period 1 All students Distance learning

Tuesday, February 23

8:00am: Period 2 Cohort A Face to Face

12:25pm: Period 1 All students Distance learning

Wednesday, February 24

Civvies Day - Cohort A

BENN Newsletter release

8:00am: Period 2 Cohort A Face to Face

12:25pm: Period 1 All students Distance learning

Thursday, February 25

8:00am: Period 2 Cohort B Face to Face

12:25pm: Period 1 All students Distance learning

Friday, February 26

Pink Shirt Day (SAC)

8:00am: Period 2 Cohort B Face to Face

12:25pm: Period 1 All students Distance learning

**Be sure to check out
the calendar on the
school website for
updates and changes!**

The BENN Newsletter

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