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Message from Administration

As you may already know, Premier Doug Ford announced today that students in Ontario would not be returning to school in June, 2021. We acknowledge that this news is disheartening for many, but the Ontario government has made this decision to protect the health and safety of all during the on-going COVID-19 outbreak.

Classroom teachers and school staff will continue in the remote learning schedule. Please reach out to teachers and other school supports to assist students during at home learning. All updates with respect to mental health resources, learning supports, transition to remote learning survey for the school year 2021-22 and other information can be found on the board website at <https://wcdsblearnathome.wcdsb.ca/>.

We will communicate additional information about picking up school photos and returning school item, continue to check the website for updated information. Grade 12 graduates, please see below for further information. We encourage you to continue to follow the direction of Public Health and stay safe during our time apart, as always please reach out to us if you need guidance or have any questions.

We miss you Saints! Be Kind to yourself and one another!

Convocation information for the Graduating Class of 2021



We have created a webpage that is dedicated to sharing updated information as we continue to plan to celebrate our graduates. The webpage may be accessed by going to our school website and adding “/grad2021” to the URL. The link is below as well.

[Grad 2021 Webpage](#)

The webpage will be updated with the most current information as it pertains to the celebrations, picking up of grad items, dropping off of school supplies and the Grad video. Please check the webpage whenever you are wondering about the process or the status of our planning. We are obviously deeply affected by the Covid reality and the resulting lockdowns. We will continue to plan around this and try to give our Graduating class the best possible experience.

Grad Pictures

Due to Public Health restrictions, Lifetouch (the company that takes and processes the grad photos) had to cancel previously booked appointments and is unable to take pictures on site or anywhere else at this time. It appears that formal photography will be allowed in the stage 2 category of reopening. At this time, Lifetouch is hoping to book grad photo appointments for the summer. We will communicate the process to you once it is in place. Again, this is dependent on the reopening allowances so please do not call Lifetouch until you are invited to do so!!!

Whatever the situation, we have a backup plan – Please see June Celebration on the webpage linked above. Additionally, please hold off on sending your earlier requested grad pictures to the school. The June 4th date will be extended and we are looking at making that option even better!



Get Vaccinated:

Priority Access for Youth Aged 12 to 17

The Waterloo Region Vaccine Task Force is working to make sure that our youth can be safe to learn for September 2021.

[Read more here](#)

Key Dates for Quadmester 4

June 4	PA Day
June 16	BENN Newsletter Release
June 20	Father's Day
June 24	Period 3 Final Evaluation, 8:00 am
June 25	Period 4 Final Evaluation, 8:00 am
June 28	Assessment and Evaluation/ Credit Recovery
June 30	BENN Newsletter Release
July 12	Quad 4 Report Card Distribution (Mailed)

Photo Pick Up

We are holding all photo distribution at this time, we will communicate a plan at a later date. Thank you for your patience.

A Message from the Director of Education

WCDSB Decision to fly the Rainbow Flag

Dear WCDSB Community,

We hope that you are well and finding reasons for hope as we journey into June. It has certainly been a most challenging school year. This letter brings an update on the WCDSB decision to fly the Rainbow flag at each of our schools and our Board buildings.

You may be aware of the controversy that unfolded last year when we planned to raise an alternative to the Rainbow Flag in June, which in Canada is known as "Pride Month". Since then, we have carefully considered and prayed about what our next step should be to move forward. As indicated above, the decision has been made that we will fly the Rainbow Flag at our Waterloo Catholic schools for the month of June and we wanted you to be aware in advance. We recognize that while this decision will make some people happy, for others it may be a cause for concern or disappointment or even anger.

In its document Male and Female He Created Them, the Congregation for Catholic Education states: "It is important . . . to educate children

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**

Transition to St. Isidore for 2021-2022 School Year

OPEN until June 3rd @ 4PM

[Click here to register for St. Isidore for the 2021-2022 school year](#)



and young people to respect every person in their particularity and difference, so that no one should suffer bullying, violence, insults or unjust discrimination based on their specific characteristics (such as special needs, race, religion, sexual tendencies, etc.)” Our main reason for flying the Rainbow Flag is to say to all who come to our Catholic Schools that they are coming to a place where they are loved unconditionally by God and will be respected and valued as children of God. It communicates to all our children, youth, staff, and families that the school is a safe, welcoming place to learn and grow.

Bill 13 (the Accepting Schools Act) states: “All students should feel safe at school and deserve a positive school climate that is inclusive and accepting regardless of race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, sex sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, marital status, family status or disability.”

Our hope and our goal in flying the Rainbow Flag is to create this safe and positive school climate for all our students.

We are not making a statement about our divergence from the teaching of the Catholic Church with regards to sexual morality. Sexual morality is not the issue. What is at issue is that LGBTQ+ youth are much more likely to do self-harm or take their life than their heterosexual counterparts. Every instance of bullying and abuse towards a LGBTQ+ youth increases the likelihood for serious and/or tragic consequences that were certainly avoidable.

Harvey Milk (the first openly gay man to be elected to public office in the US) commissioned artist Gilbert Baker to design the Pride flag. Milk said this about the Rainbow Flag: “It’s not about personal gain; it’s not about ego; it’s not about power; it’s about giving those young people out there hope.” We are a people of hope and for this reason we will be flying the Rainbow Flag. Our students who identify as part of the 2SLGBTQ+ community



From the St. Benedict CSS social media:

As Catholics, we believe that we are wonderfully made in the image and likeness of a God who created us and loves us unconditionally – just as we are.

We are called to love and celebrate one another, just as God loves and celebrates each one of us. We honour the inherent dignity in each other by treating one another with care, compassion, and respect.

The month of June is designated as PRIDE month in the Waterloo region and in many communities across Ontario. This month, and each and every month, our Catholic schools are committed to nurturing safe and inclusive learning environments where every student and every member of the community is welcomed, valued, and respected.

On June 1 at the Waterloo Catholic District School Board, the rainbow flag was raised at each school and board building for the first time where it will remain for the month of June. This act of flying the Pride Flag in June affirms publicly our Catholic faith and gospel values of love, inclusion and a

desire and deserve to be treated with dignity
and respect without fear of bullying,
discrimination, and violence. It is that simple.

belief in the dignity of each person.

Brian Wenke, Executive Director of the “It Gets Better Project”, believes that the Rainbow Flag’s meaning rests not in its individual colours but in the symbolism of the entire spectrum. He describes the rainbow’s universal, all-embracing resonance best: “The rainbow came from earliest recorded history as a symbol of hope. In the Book of Genesis, it appeared as proof of a covenant between God and all living creatures.” It is in this spirit of God’s covenantal love for all creatures, that all creation is worthwhile and valuable, that we will fly the Rainbow Flag.

As important partners in Catholic Education, we want to assure you of our deep commitment to authentically living the Catholic faith — which calls us to create welcoming and inviting communities where, as our WCDSB pastoral plan reminds, all are “Called to Belong, Gathered to Become and Sent to Build”.

Sincerely,

Loretta Notten
Director of Education



A MESSAGE FROM WCDSB

"We are lowering our flags to half mast to signify that we do stand in solidarity with our Indigenous brothers and sisters. It is how we acknowledge and remember how 215 students did not have someone who stood up for them. It is about acknowledging that an injustice was allowed to unfold and how we must acknowledge that truth before we can move on to true reconciliation. Today – we stand with ALL in our community and we remember...and we commit to do better."

The flags on the school flag poles have been lowered to half-mast and will remain lowered for a total of 215 hours –they will be raised back to full height at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 9th.

This action is to signify that we do stand in solidarity with our Indigenous brothers and sisters. The Pride flag raising was about inclusion and engaging in a deliberate action intended to support some of the most vulnerable amongst us. Therefore the lowering the flags is very much in keeping with this theme. It is how we acknowledge and remember how 215 students did not have someone who stood up for them. It is about acknowledging that an injustice was allowed to unfold and how we must acknowledge that truth before we can move on to true reconciliation. Today – we stand with ALL in our community and we remember...and we commit to do better.



Did you know our school has a custom e-store with call-center and web chat support? Avoid long lines and take advantage of easy installment payment options by visiting mccarthyuniforms.ca to shop for your 2021 school uniform!

Updating Contact Information

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

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

Thank you for your time, and attention to this matter as we prepare to mail Quad 3 report cards..

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

REMOTE LEARNING SURVIVAL GUIDE



KEEP A CONSISTENT SLEEP SCHEDULE
STICK TO THE SAME SCHEDULE YOU HAD WHEN YOU WERE
ATTENDING IN-PERSON CLASSES.
BE SURE TO GET ENOUGH SLEEP!



CREATE AN EFFECTIVE WORKSPACE
LIMIT DISTRACTIONS. USE HEADPHONES.
TRY DIFFERENT SPACES IN YOUR HOME TO SEE
WHICH WORKS BEST FOR YOU.



GET OUT OF YOUR PAJAMAS!
CHANGE INTO CLOTHING YOU WOULD WEAR IN PUBLIC.



EAT MEALS & STAY HYDRATED
DON'T SKIP OUT ON BREAKFAST.
YOUR BRAIN/BODY NEEDS FUEL TO LEARN.



TAKE BREAKS
GET UP AND STRETCH DURING CLASS BREAKS.



CONNECT WITH OTHERS
STAY CONNECTED WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS.
REACH OUT TO SCHOOL STAFF IF YOU ARE STRUGGLING.



GET OUTSIDE & EXERCISE
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & BEING IN NATURE CAN
IMPROVE YOUR MOOD & FOCUS.



SET TIME FOR PREFERRED ACTIVITIES
ENGAGE IN HEALTHY ACTIVITIES THAT MAKE YOU FEEL
GOOD & BRING YOU JOY.

Mental Health Corner

June is PRIDE month

SAINTS GSA

If you are interested in being part of the SAINTS GSA – a social club for LGBTQ+ students and allies, please email Mrs. Varriano Lane at laura.varrianolane@wcdsb.ca

Community Resources

LGBT Youth Line

Confidential, non-judgmental and informed LGBTQQ2SI Peer Support

<https://www.youthline.ca/>

Call 647-694-4275

OK2BME

OK2BME is a set of free, supportive services for [LGBTQ2+](#) identified children, teens and their families in Waterloo Region. The OK2BME program consists of three unique areas including confidential counselling services (in person, or online), OK2BME Youth Groups for individuals 12-18, as well as public education, consulting and training around LGBTQ2+ issues. <https://ok2bme.ca/>
Call 519.884.0000 or e-mail ok2bme@kwcounselling.com

Mental Health and Well Being

As we continue in remote learning it is important to keep tabs on how we are all coping. Take a look at the Board's 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

HERE24/7 is a telephone crisis service that can assist students and adults in need: 1-844-437-3247 (Press the #1 option so that it can be answered by a live person).

Leadership Development

KIND MINDS FAMILY WELLNESS

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



KMFW is partnering with Greenway-Chaplin Community Centre to provide Black-identifying youth who live in Cambridge the opportunity to partake in a 4-week leadership development program.

Youth will be given the opportunity engage with new ideas and knowledge while building meaningful relationships.



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info@kindmindsfamilywellness.org



www.kindmindsfamilywellness.org

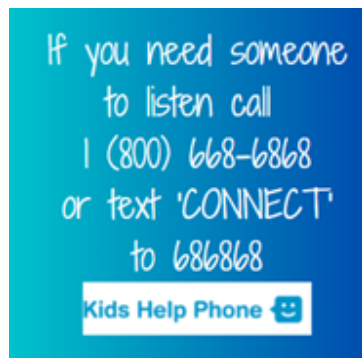




The Counselling Collaborative of Waterloo Region (<https://counsellingwr.ca>) is a partnership of 6 local counselling agencies working together to make counselling services more accessible to individuals with a limited income. Fees may be fully or partially subsidized depending on individual circumstances and the service requested. Visit their website or call (519) 804-1097 to book a phone/video appt.

June Mental Health Tip

As we wrap up the school year it's a good time to be thinking about the wide range of supports that are available throughout the summer months. There is a wider range of supports listed on our WCDSB Mental Health and Wellbeing page (<https://www.wcdsb.ca/programs-and-services/mental-health-and-well-being-at-wcdsb/>), but here are a few:



June Study Hacks

STUDY HACK #1

Write out a to-do list, and prioritize what needs to be today vs. what can wait.

Consider the time you can afford to spend on each item, and schedule when you will work on it.

STUDY HACK #2

Do you fall into the post-lunch slump?
Don't crawl back into bed!

Rev back up: If you're tired -- move!
Do something short for a few minutes that gets your heart pumping.
Now back to work!

STUDY HACK #3

Make a goal to work really hard for at least a good solid 15 minutes.
Set a timer and if you're still on task after 15 minutes, AWESOME!
Can you do another solid 15 minutes before you have a short stretch break?

STUDY HACK #4

"If-Then"

Think about all the little distractions that get in the way of completing work, and plan for how you'll respond to them.
(i.e. IF my friend texts me about playing Among Us, THEN I will make plans to do it as a reward on a break later.)

STUDY HACK #5

Trouble getting started?
What's the very first step you need to take to get started on it?
Write down each little step until the task is done.

Can you at least get the 1st step done?

STUDY HACK #6

"When-Then"

Do you grab a snack when you get home + start playing video games instead of schoolwork -- losing track of time and falling behind in school?
Switch it up a bit!
Attach the new routine to one you know you'll automatically do.
Make a commitment that
WHEN you grab the snack
THEN you will eat it at your desk while your computer boots up.

YOUTH JOB CONNECTION PROGRAM

WHERE
DO I
START



Linking you with work...

A Service of the John Howard Society

**EMPLOYMENT
ONTARIO**
Your job is out there. We'll help you find it.

Employment Preparation Program

Eligibility:

15-29 years of age

(15-17 year olds must be legally excused from school)

Out of School and Out of Work

Facing challenges in finding or keeping employment

Program Features

Receive \$14.25 for 60-90 hours of paid pre-employment workshops

Assistance securing employment from a Job Developer

Ongoing support provided

Call today to complete an eligibility screening!

226-339-4308



YOUTH WELLNESS HUB

The Langs Youth Wellness Hub (YWH) is a safe, welcoming, inclusive space for youth to access services and programming in Cambridge. The YWH is home to many partners including Carizon Family and Community Services, Cambridge Career Connections, Family and Children's Services, Lutherwood and Waterloo Region Suicide Prevention Council. These Partners provide mental health, wellness, and employment supports. Youth have the opportunity to engage in STEAM and art programs to enhance life skills, technical abilities and self-expression. The goal of the YWH is to become a space where youth and their families can access the right service, at the right time, in the right place.

Contact info:
1145 Concession Rd Cambridge, ON
c: 519.653.1470 x357
t: 519.807.1855
e: darcy@langs.org
IG: @LangsYouth
Web: www.langs.org

Summer Programs

**TECH CENTRE & STUDY SPACE

Grades 6-12
Monday & Wednesday 3pm-8pm;
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 12pm-4pm
In Person and Virtual Program
Call to reserve a space

ROAD RIDE - CYCLING

Grades 6-12
Weekly once permitted
Call to register

YOUTH COUNCIL (YTCYC)

Grades 6-12
Monthly Meetings
In Person and Virtual Program
Call to register

**HOOPS

Grades 6-12
Monday & Wednesday 6pm-8pm
In Person Program
Call to reserve a space



YOUTH WELLNESS HUB STEAM SUMMER CAMP

SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING ARTS MATH

Register:
<https://bit.ly/2SMYwDc>

July 5 - August 13, 2021
Weekly from 1-3pm
Grades 6-10
Cost: \$30/week

Contact
darcy@langs.org for
more information or
subsidy

Registration: <https://bit.ly/2SMYwDc>

Note: Due to ever changing Public Health and Provincial health measures, in person programs may/may not be available, please call ahead or check social media for current information.



YOUNG MEN LEADING CHANGE

**\$500
IN PRIZES**

Grades 9 to 12 male identified students.

6 SESSIONS

THURSDAYS | APRIL 29TH TO JUNE 3RD, 2021

5 TO 7 P.M. | ON ZOOM

Build tools to create safer spaces for those in our community.
Register on Eventbrite



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?

[Read the memo for parents and 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

Current grade 9 and 10 students may register for a 55 hour online UPGRADING course in JULY! If you would like to review and strengthen key learning in a course you PASSED during the 2020-21 school year, please see the options here: <https://stlouis.wcdsb.ca/summer-programs/summer-credit/>
The courses are offered in 2 Terms: July 5-16 and July 16-29

UWaterloo's Engineering Outreach office is continuing their free tutoring initiative, Hive Mind, through June! The Hive Mind program offers free one to one tutoring for calculus, physics and chemistry open to high school students. Check out the brochure to register!
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QE7WQa0yVovBLKGtGt5cRaYGZvD0j9PL/view>

Submit your Community Involvement Hours using our NEW online form:
<https://lf.wcdsb.ca/Forms/APO015-01F>

For Virtual Placement options, please check out the following links: <https://volunteerwr.ca/>
<https://www.sparkontario.ca/>

Summer Learning Registration

Registration is now OPEN!

Waterloo Catholic District School Board is committed to supporting your child's continued learning. In July and August this year, there are a number of learning options available for elementary and secondary students that will ignite, support and challenge students toward success and preparation for the next grade.

ALL Elementary, Secondary and Adult Learning options can be found here: www.wcdsb.ca/summer-learning.

Summer School

Is available this year as online learning courses through our board at St. Louis Adult Learning and Continuing Education. More information can be found on their website:

<https://stlouis.wcdsb.ca/summer-programs/summer-credit/> **The deadline to register is June 18, 2021 at noon.**

These courses will run from July 5 – July 29. (Half credit courses Careers and Civics Term 1 July 5–15. Term 2 July 16 – July 29).

What is Online Learning?

Online Learning means courses are specifically designed to be taught in a fully online format (formerly referred to as “e-learning”). Online learning relies on communication between pupils and teachers through the internet or any other digital platform and does not require pupils and teachers to be face to-face with each other or with their teacher. Students must be online and working on their course for a minimum of 6 hours a day.

Students may only take one online course or both Civics and Careers half courses.

If you choose to register for summer school, please inform your Guidance counsellor.

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Laura O'Neill Po – Z



Now Accepting Used Uniform Donations!

Do you have uniform pieces you no longer require?

**Please consider donating your gently used items to the
St. Benedict's Used Uniform Program**

When: June 14th—22nd

Where: The bin located at the front entrance of the school

Time: 8am—2pm

During these difficult times, it has become more important than ever to come together as a community to help support the Used Uniform Program. Through the generosity of our students and school community, our Used Uniform program offers families the opportunity to purchase uniform pieces at a discounted rate. All funds raised through the Used Uniform Program go to support the St. Benedict Family Crisis Fund and Student Services Fund.



*Giving is not just about making a donation,
It's about making a difference*

-Kathy Calvin

2021-2022 EQAO Student Engagement Committee - Call for Applicants

This committee continues to be one of the key sources of student voice for EQAO. It is also an

opportunity for interested students to have a positive impact on the agency's activities and on Ontario's education system.

Students are the focus of EQAO's work, so student voices and experiences help EQAO to advance their goal of continuous improvement.

EQAO encourages applications from members of groups that have been marginalized on any grounds, including sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, racialization, disability, political belief, religion, family status, age, and/or status as a First Nation, Metis, Inuit or Indigenous person. As an accessible agency, they offer accommodations as required, including during the recruitment process.

Who is eligible to apply?

- Applicants must be enrolled in an Ontario school in Grades 7–12.
- Applicants must have completed at least one EQAO assessment.

Application Form

To learn more about the committee's previous work, visit [EQAO's website](#).

The student application form can be found at this link: <https://forms.gle/a5SHQrDPRRmbbVQi9>

Submissions must be received by June 7, 2021, and selections will be announced by the end of June 2021.

Academics

Saints Shine at Virtual Skills Ontario

During the weeks of April 22– May 7, 2021, a total of 7 WCDSB high school students competed at the Virtual Skills Ontario Competition.

Due to the challenges we have all faced throughout the 2020–21 school year, this group of students faced adversity head on and competed in the first ever Virtual Skills Ontario Competition. Students practiced and competed from their homes, with emails of advice flooding their inboxes and video calls with their Mentors.



Tolu Akinyemi with Board Director Loretta Notten.

St. Benedict was well represented with two students receiving medals in their categories during the Virtual Closing Ceremonies on Thursday May 13. We take this opportunity to congratulate:

Tolu Akinyemi

GOLD Medalist
Prepared Speech

Sabrina Bumbacco

SILVER Medalist
Job Skill Demonstration

All competitors put in their best efforts and made the WCDSB community proud! To see the full list of results visit the Skills Ontario website:
www.skillsontario.com/competitions/secondary

On Wednesday May 26, Tolu Akinyemi represented not only the WCDSB, but Ontario, as she competed in the Skills Canada National Virtual Competition. Tolu was tasked with delivering both an impromptu speech, and a prepared speech throughout the competition day.

The 2021 Skills Canada Virtual Competition Showcase and closing ceremonies will take place on June 15, 2021. Registration is FREE and all are welcome to attend. Register here: <https://scvnc.vfairs.ca/>

Congratulations to all students who competed at the Skills Ontario Virtual Competition and thank you to all the teachers and mentors who supported them along the way!

Catholic Community Foundation helps us Grow....

Although Covid has dampened our ability to work together as we have in the past, it has not driven out the desire to keep the momentum going for when we return. The St. Benedict Food Garden has been a work in progress; each year being better and more sustainable.

Recently, the technology department has been working on a new plan that will make the garden boxes more accessible while increasing their potential for a diverse crop. The plan required more resources. More resources require more funds. So, we reached out to the Catholic Community Foundation of Waterloo Region. After completing the required application process and waiting for a response, we are happy to inform the community that we have been awarded a \$5000.00 grant

towards the refurbishing of our school food garden.

The refurbishing will include, modified garden boxes, fixing compost boxes, enhancing irrigation, and building a student work shelter. Each one of these modifications will make the gardening experience more accessible to positive student experiences and learning. The grant funds will also be used to purchase P.P.E., like garden gloves and protective eye wear.

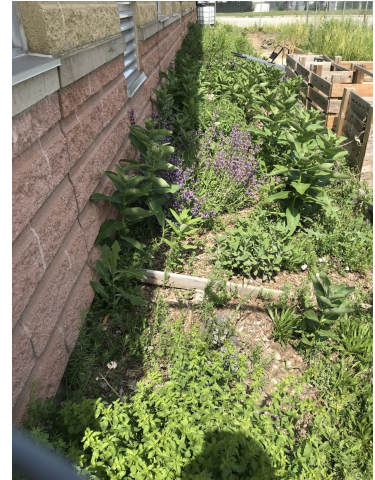
The school food garden has become a center for hospitality and tourism classes. Students seed, sow and plant the vegetation in the spring and then harvest the yield in September. The vegetation is then used in our inhouse catering and lunch programs by students for students at “The Scratch Café” well into the beginning of winter.

The construction department has been an integral part of the planning and building process since day one. Both Mr. Hodgins (Chef – Hospitality Teacher) and Mr. Berger (Framer – Construction Teacher) have worked tirelessly to come up with a design to support student learning and garden efficiency.

In the future, we intend for the garden to be used in up-and-coming community programming and in other classes, like: Science, Math, Languages amongst others. Having live vegetation on site can help students realize curriculum in a more tactile manner which will add to the numerous ways that teachers engage students here at St. Benedict.

At present, our garden is still active with memories of our past successes as seen in our photos: Strawberry plants, Tarragon, and Milk Weed to support our Monarch population. There is work to be done, and we can't wait to get at it!

Many thanks go to the Catholic Community Foundation of Waterloo Region for their support in this project.



Have you considered the International Certificate Program (ICP)?

"Through the International Certificate Program, high school students become informed, engaged and active global citizens, by putting into practice the Catholic social teaching including peace, justice and equity for all." (WCDSB)

Please see the link for more information: <https://www.wcdsb.ca/our-schools/international-education-services/international-certificate-program/>

Grade 10 and 11 SHSM students can complete certifications including in person standard first aid and CPR over the summer. Reach out to Mrs. Crowell if you would like more information:
Michelle.Crowell@wcdsb.ca

Grade 12 SHSM students who have been messaged about outstanding certifications are reminded they must be completed by June 18 to allow time to process them.

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!

As of Thursday, April 8, 2021 the Ontario Government has placed all of Ontario in a province wide shutdown. To keep our staff and members safe, Idea Exchange is closing our buildings and offering holds pick ups and online services only. Online resources remain available to teachers and students on the St. Bennies Library website.

Did you know....

Idea Exchange Accounts now require a PIN (Personal Identification Number)

As of Tuesday, May 4, 2021, all Idea Exchange memberships will require a PIN (Personal Identification Number) and card number to log into your Idea Exchange account.

This change will increase the security and privacy of your personal library information.

A temporary PIN will be created from the last four digits of the telephone number used for your account. We encourage you to reset your temporary PIN as soon as possible (on or after May 4).

To learn more go to the [Idea Exchange website](#).

Virtual Student Support:

Mon. Wed. Fri. 10am to 2pm

Tues. Thurs 8am to 2pm

Pickup Service:

Monday to Saturday, 10am to 6pm for curbside pickup only.

To learn more about the library's current services, visit the Idea Exchange website.

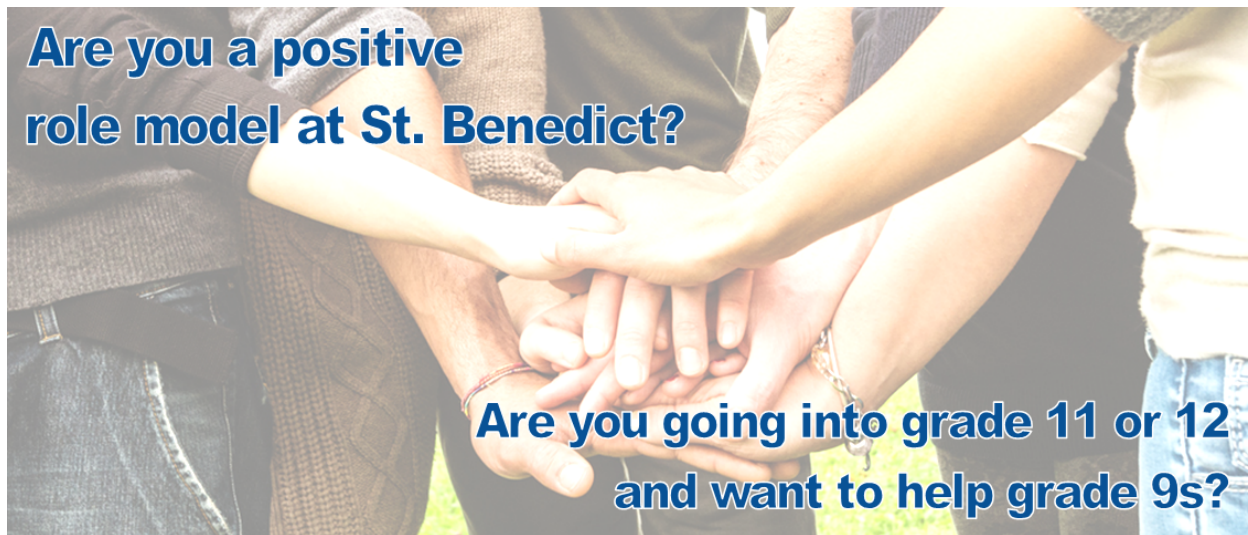
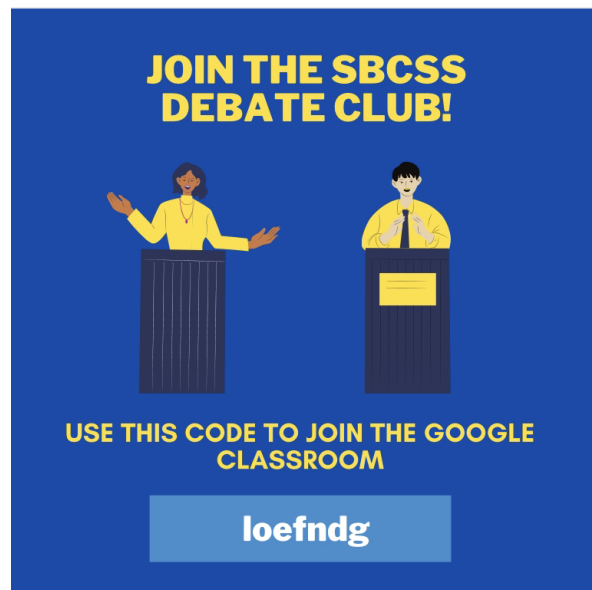
Clubs

Do you have word?

Hey Saints, did you know that we have started a Spoken Word Club at Bennies?

If you are interested in being a part of a club that inspires new ideas, penetrates the deepest human feelings, and brings out the profound meaning of Spoken Word, then come see us on Thursdays 1:15 – 2:00 pm!

Google Classroom code: ztl66sq



Are you a positive role model at St. Benedict?

Are you going into grade 11 or 12?

Do you want to help grade 9 students transition into high school and find a place within our school community?

If so, then **Bunnies Buddies** (formerly Link Crew) is the group for you!

If you are interested, then please apply using [this form](#).

Applications are due no later than Thursday, June 10 at 3:00pm. Come join this amazing group!

Please email [Mrs. Spitzig](#) if you have any questions.

Bunnies Buddies advisors: Mrs. Spitzig, Mr. Reitzel, Mr. Roque, and Mrs. Whalen-O'Connor

Student Activities

Other News



June 2021

FREE Workshops and training sessions are open to anyone of any age. To register, please contact Resource Centre staff at **519-622-0815 ext. 223** or ccc@waterloo.johnhoward.on.ca

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Resume & Cover Letter Writing 2pm	2 PLEASE NOTE: All workshops are virtual at this time using ZOOM. Follow this link for all workshops: https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/85147159894 Or enter Meeting ID: 851 4715 9894 on www.zoom.us	3	4	5
6	7	8 Student Resume & Job Searching 2pm	9	10	11	12
13	14 Youth Job Connection Starts (Pre-registration is required)	15 Job Search & Networking 2pm	The following Employment Ontario programs are available through CCC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Job Connection Employment Services Second Career 			
20	21 WIND TURBINE INFORMATION SESSION Find out what it is really like to work as a Wind Turbine Technician from an Employer who is hiring. Tuesday June 22 from 4-5 pm Call us today for registration information.	22 Meet & Greet Learn about our programs! 2pm	23	24	25	26
	28	29 Employer Expectations 2pm	30	For additional help with resume and cover letter writing, job searching and interview skills, job leads and potential employment opportunities contact us.		

Contact us for FREE employment support **519-622-0815 ext. 223** or ccc@waterloo.johnhoward.on.ca

Calendar of Events

Thursday, June 3

8:00am: Period 3 All students Synchronous
9:52am: Period 3 All students Asynchronous
11:10am: Period 4 All students Synchronous
1:02pm: Period 4 All students Asynchronous
1:15pm: Spoken Word Club

Friday, June 4

Professional Activity Day

Monday, June 7

2021–2022 EQAO Student Engagement
Application Due

8:00am: Period 3 All students Synchronous
9:52am: Period 3 All students Asynchronous
11:10am: Period 4 All students Synchronous
1:02pm: Period 4 All students Asynchronous

Tuesday, June 8

8:00am: Period 3 All students Synchronous
9:52am: Period 3 All students Asynchronous
11:10am: Period 4 All students Synchronous
1:02pm: Period 4 All students Asynchronous

Wednesday, June 9

8:00am: Period 3 All students Synchronous
9:52am: Period 3 All students Asynchronous
11:10am: Period 4 All students Synchronous
1:02pm: Period 4 All students Asynchronous
1:45pm: Homework Club
2:00pm: Debate Club

Thursday, June 10

8:00am: Period 3 All students Synchronous
9:52am: Period 3 All students Asynchronous
11:10am: Period 4 All students Synchronous
1:02pm: Period 4 All students Asynchronous
1:15pm: Spoken Word Club

Friday, June 11

8:00am: Period 3 All students Synchronous
9:52am: Period 3 All students Asynchronous
11:10am: Period 4 All students Synchronous
1:02pm: Period 4 All students Asynchronous

Monday, June 14

8:00am: Period 3 All students Synchronous
9:52am: Period 3 All students Asynchronous
11:10am: Period 4 All students Synchronous
1:02pm: Period 4 All students Asynchronous

Tuesday, June 15

8:00am: Period 3 All students Synchronous
9:52am: Period 3 All students Asynchronous
11:10am: Period 4 All students Synchronous
1:02pm: Period 4 All students Asynchronous

Wednesday, June 16

BENN Newsletter release

8:00am: Period 3 All students Synchronous
9:52am: Period 3 All students Asynchronous
11:10am: Period 4 All students Synchronous
1:02pm: Period 4 All students Asynchronous
1:45pm: Homework Club
2:00pm: Debate Club

Thursday, June 17

8:00am: Period 3 All students Synchronous
9:52am: Period 3 All students Asynchronous
11:10am: Period 4 All students Synchronous
1:02pm: Period 4 All students Asynchronous
1:15pm: Spoken Word Club

Friday, June 18

8:00am: Period 3 All students Synchronous
9:52am: Period 3 All students Asynchronous
11:10am: Period 4 All students Synchronous
1:02pm: Period 4 All students Asynchronous

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

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