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Message from Administration

It has been a busy start to the new semester! We thank you for your resiliency in the switch to the new schedule, and we hope your student has adjusted well to the four-class, four-period system.

We remind parents and students that course selections for the next school year are due next Friday. Please reach out to your guidance counsellor and teachers from the different program areas your son or daughter is interested in, they will be your best resource in helping you decide what course to select for September of 2022.

This coming Monday is Family Day, and we hope that you will be able to use the weekend to spend some time with your loved ones.

All the best as we continue into Semester 2!

Admin Team

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O-Z

Inclement weather reminder

Inclement Weather Protocol

As you know, there are sometimes days in the winter when we have to cancel bussing due to the weather and unsafe driving conditions for our buses. In consultation with the public board, with whom we share bussing, when we cancel buses, we will close schools and have a remote learning day. Your teacher will communicate with you in advance so you know where to look for school work for the day and protocols on such days, but in broad terms, the teachers will post work in the morning, no later than 9:30 a.m. and students will work on their own timing in their home. This will allow all students to access learning and we will be continuing to keep one and all safe.

We realize it may not be a perfect solution and learning day, but bus snow days rarely were. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience and hope that we are not in this situation too often.

Report Card Distribution

Report cards were distributed to students in their homeroom today. Hybrid and E-Learn students will receive their report card in the mail shortly after the 16th.

Bus Delay Notifications

While many families subscribe to Email Notifications for bus delays, the text notifications can actually be more reliable in terms of sharing timely information. Up to 5 numbers can be notified for each student using text notification. Please see below info and links to this "new" option. Given some current busing circumstances and the cold weather that is upon us, this potentially becomes a very helpful tool.

Bell Times for Semester 2

(changes from first term in red)

Warning Bell

7:55 AM

Period 1

8:00 AM – 9:15 AM

Period 2

9:20 AM – 10:35 AM

Lunch

10:35 AM – 11:15 AM

Period 3

11:20 AM – 12:35 PM

Period 4

12:40 PM – 1:55 PM

The subscription service allows you to receive an e-mail or text for all bus delays over 10 minutes and all cancellations that effect your bus route or school. An e-mail will be sent to your address, or a text to your phone number, as the delay or cancellation is posted to our STSWR website. The wait time on the e-mail depends on your e-mail server's speed (how fast it gets to Gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo, etc). Wait time on SMS text is determined by the volume of texts being sent. For the best results, text messaging provides the fastest response time. Please login to the STSWR website to adjust your notifications. Add your phone number under My Information, SMS.



[Sign up for the subscription service](#) or [get detailed instructions on how to subscribe to all the features.](#)

Important Information re: Annual Public Health Student Vaccinations for Grade 7, 8, 9 & 10

If your child is in Grade 7, 8, 9 or 10 this school year (2021/2022), they are eligible to receive their school program vaccines (hepatitis B, HPV and meningococcal) or complete the series if they have already started them.

These vaccines are normally provided in each school but, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, are now available at Public Health offices in Waterloo and Cambridge.

Before booking an appointment, parents/students should update their immunization records using one of the following methods:

- Online at the following link: <https://bit.ly/3v9rwPT>
- By calling 519-575-4400 ext. 5001 (Monday to Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm) or Fax 519-885-7260

Online translation is available for those who require it.

If you have questions about the School Vaccine Program catch-up process, please call 519-575-4400 ext. 5001.



Daily Screening

A reminder that students must complete the daily screening: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/> before leaving home each day. This daily screening tool gives information on how to handle various personal/family symptoms scenarios. Should the guidance be to stay home from school, we ask that you contact the attendance office to report your student's absence by calling the direct line 519-621-4001, or emailing SBEN.Attendance@wcdsb.ca

Masks

A reminder to all students to continue to arrive in full uniform and wearing masks that cover the mouth and nose. Students were provided with new masks on Tuesday will receive another later in the week. We encourage students to wear the new masks provided and to wash these masks frequently.

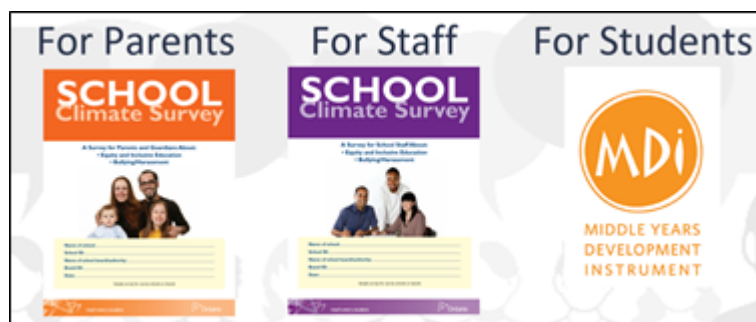
Rapid Antigen Testing

We will begin to distribute government provided rapid tests for students as they become available. They are to be used when an individual feels symptomatic. No student should attend school after a positive result. Instructions on the use of test can be found on [School Cash online](#).



WCDSB MDI Notice of Collection

Before March Break, the Waterloo Catholic District School Board (WCDSB) will be conducting a variety of school climate surveys to collect information from students, staff, and parent/guardians. While the Ministry of Education requires all school districts to conduct these surveys (Education Act s.169.1(1)(a), (a.1), (a.2) and PPM 145), we are committed to providing a safe, caring, and inclusive place for everyone in our schools. The purpose of the school climate surveys is to assess the perceptions of safety (e.g., from students, staff, and parent/guardians), make informed planning decisions about programs to help prevent bullying and promote safe and inclusive schools, determine the effectiveness of programs on an ongoing basis, and build and sustain a positive school climate. Below you will find details related to each survey.



For Parents/Guardians and School Staff:

We will administer the Ministry created school climate surveys for Parents/Guardians and School

Staff between February 22nd and March 11th. For more information about the Ministry created surveys, please visit <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/safeschools/climate.html>. The URL links to participate will be provided soon.

For Students:

We will administer the **Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI)** for students, from Grade 4 through grade 12, between February 22nd and March 11th. The MDI is an anonymous and voluntary online survey and will take place during class time on a board provided device with their classroom teacher. The MDI survey asks students about their thoughts, feelings, and experiences in school and in the community related to five areas of development that are strongly linked to well-being, health, and academic achievement: *Physical Health & Well-Being, Connectedness, Social & Emotional Development, School Experiences, and Use of After-School Time*. The MDI was developed by researchers at the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at the University of British Columbia (UBC), and the administration of the MDI will be facilitated by the WCDSB Research Department.



Any student may choose not to participate, to stop participating, or to skip a question at any time. Additionally, parents/guardians of students under 18 years of age can ask that their child be exempt from participating in the MDI survey. As part of our communication campaign, information has been distributed electronically by school Newswire, on our website, and on social media. As you will read within the School climate information, there is an OPT out opportunity, this process is explained on the Student School Climate webpage: <https://www.wcdsb.ca/school-climate-survey/>

Positive Parent-Teacher communication

As always parents/ guardians are valuable partners in their child's education. We invite you to keep the lines of communication open as you can be an effective resource to support the learning your child. As per our WCDSB Administrative Procedures Memorandum #APC001, Communication Guidelines, we ask that all public and interpersonal communications must recognize the dignity of the individual and be conducted fairly, honestly, and with respect.

When a parent, guardian or other board stakeholder has a concern or suggestion, it is expected that the concern/suggestion will first be taken up with the staff member with whom the parent / guardian / stakeholder has the concern/suggestion. Therefore, the process outlined below should be followed.

1

Speak directly to the staff member. If the issue is not resolved, proceed to step two.

2

Speak to the Principal. If the person with the concern has not yet addressed the issue with the staff member involved, the Principal will ask them to do so.

3

If, having spoken to the Principal, the person with the concern believes the issue is not resolved, they may speak to the Superintendent of Learning responsible for the school.

4

If, having spoken to the Superintendent of Learning responsible for the school, the person with the concern believes the issue is not resolved, they may speak to the

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If, having spoken to the Director of Education, the person with the concern believes the issue is not resolved, they may register as a delegation to address the Board of Trustees. Information on how to register as a delegation to the board is available in the WCDSB website. Please note that stakeholders are free to address the Board of Trustees as a registered delegation at any time, subject to any pertinent laws, regulations or board policies.

Attention Students: DON'T GET LOCKED OUT!



It always happens at the worst moment: you just need to complete that essay, so you open your Chromebook or laptop, and try to connect to your school account, and.... nothing. You're locked out. And it's Friday evening, you're at home, so there is no way you can get someone to reset your password for you.

Fortunately, **you have the power in your hands**. If you click on the graphic below, you will be taken to a PDF document which will allow you to set up your *Self-Service Authentication*. What this does is allow

you to access a password reset function by linking your school account to your mobile phone or other email address, or by setting up security questions. Students are encouraged to complete this process so they can recover their accounts on their own should they find themselves locked out of their account.



**Waterloo Catholic
District School Board**
Quality, Inclusive, Faith Based Education

WELCOME NEW KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

**CHILDREN BORN IN 2018 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR YEAR 1 KINDERGARTEN AND
CHILDREN BORN IN 2017 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR YEAR 2 KINDERGARTEN**

**REGISTRATION IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD
CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
FEBRUARY 1-28, 2022**

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

It's time to sign up for the 2022-23 school year – and registering to attend one of Waterloo Region's 43 [Catholic elementary schools](#) has never been easier.

- Children born in **2018** are eligible for **Year 1 Kindergarten (JK)**.
- Children born in **2017** 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.

Chromebook Reminder for Students

Don't Just Close the Lid on your Chromebook



Make sure you actually log out at the end of the day. Logging out and then logging back in will clear the memory/cache of the device and will run software updates. The reason that Chromebooks are so quick for their entire life cycle is because they automatically clear their working memory every time you log out and log back in. Chromebooks have a limited space on them, and if they aren't cleared regularly, they do slow down and won't allow Read and Write to install as an example (not enough working memory available). Keep your Chromebook fast and **DON'T JUST CLOSE THE LID!!**



HEY GRADS!

Get ready to SAY CHEESE!

Appointments for February now available!
Book your appointment now, or if no time slots are left put yourself on the waiting list to be notified when bookings reopen.

[Click here](#) to get started.

SCHOOL CODE: TBO

COVID-19 Screening

Just a reminder to complete the screening tool before you arrive at school. Any individual who fails the screener or who is symptomatic in any way should not be reporting to school. That is part of our collective responsibility to one another. <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

Significant Days & Dates

Click [here](#) to view the most up to date calendar information.

March Break:

March 14, 2022 to March 18, 2022

Professional Activity Days:

Friday, April 8, 2022

Friday, June 3, 2022

Stay Connected with St. Benedict's!

Twitter

[@StBenedictCSS](#)

Instagram

[@bennies_sac_updates](#)

News from Guidance

Who is your Guidance Counsellor?

Counsellor's Name	Ext	Last names
Mrs. O'Toole	5190	A – DI
Ms. Arkell	5636	Do – Ki
Mr. Betik	5633	KI – PI
Mrs. O'Neill	5634	Po – Z
Ms. Varriano Lane	5635	International Students/ICP

Guidance Google Classrooms

Once again, the Guidance department will have google classrooms available to share information with our students. Please consider joining the classrooms:

Grade 9 and 10

<https://classroom.google.com/c/Mzg1OTc4MjA0MDk1?cjc=7c3t6un>

Grade 11 and 12

<https://classroom.google.com/c/Mzg1OTc4MjA0MjMz?cjc=mxmohzx>

Scan the code below to book an appointment with your Guidance Counsellor



Then click the plus sign beside your Guidance Counsellor to book an appointment.

Course Selections for 2022-2023

All students and guardians have received an email with links to the course selection virtual information. It has also been posted in the Guidance google classroom. As we move into semester 2 it

is a good time to continue research and have conversations about your choices for the next school year.

Grade 12 students who are interested in returning to St. Benedict for a 5th year are invited to complete their course selection in myBlueprint.

The decisions that students make now regarding their choices for next year are what drive the scheduling decisions that are made about both the courses and the numbers of sections of each course that we offer at the school next year. Course changes are not always easily corrected once the school year is underway.

Videos were included in the email and contain a lot of valuable information. Including resources, required courses, and detailed instructions regarding the process for choosing their classes. Students will be choosing their courses on-line through myBlueprint and parents can verify course selection by email.

The site can be accessed as follows:

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

Please note that course selections must be submitted to the school and email verification by a parent, by **Friday February 25th**. Students are encouraged to consult the course calendar on the website, as well as subject specific teachers and guidance counsellors for help making the correct decisions. Guidance counsellors will be available in room 111 during lunch For Grade 9 students on February 4th. For Grade 10 students on February 7 & 8th. For Grade 11 students on February 9 & 10th and for Grade 12 students on February 11th.

If students wish to make an appointment with their Guidance counsellor after these sessions, please visit the Guidance webpage and complete the google form.

Summer Elearning through St. Louis

Registration for Summer School Elearning courses will be available through Waterloo Catholic District School board's St. Louis Adult Learning & Continuing Education Centre. Please visit their website stlouis.wcdsb.ca for a list of courses and how to register. Registration begins end of February 2022.

Students wishing to take a required course in summer school should include the required course in their myBlueprint planner. They should also include an alternate course. Once registration has been confirmed the Guidance Counsellor will update the planner.

Academics

Interested in learning more about the Specialist

High Skills Major program?

Please go to highskills.ca or drop by the coop office on the second floor to speak with Mrs. Crowell



Course Selection is happening NOW!

As you start thinking about what courses to take next year, here is a bit of a highlight of some of the course St. Benedict has to offer. To see the complete course offering, check out [myBlueprint](#), and the [Academic Program Area](#) pages on our school website.

Co-operative Education

Interested in Coop for next year and have questions? Drop by the Coop Office (2nd floor) at lunch or during periods 2, 3 or 4.

For the most current information on Experiential learning programs visit el.wcdsb.ca

Specialist High Skills Major

High skills major students are reminded that they can request online certifications by following instructions at: <https://www.highskills.ca/trips-training/>

Please drop by the Coop Office to talk to Mrs. Crowell if you need help.

Geography offerings

Attention Grade 10 Students!

Do you remember how much you loved Grade 9 Geography, especially the disasters topics? Well this is your reminder that you can take Geography again in Grade 11 with **CGF3MI Forces of Nature: Physical Processes and Disasters**.

Select this course for next year if:

- you are interested in learning more about disasters, what cause them and we react to them;
- you are curious about the impacts of climate change and its connections to disasters
- you want to investigate how to create plans for communities most at risk, etc.
- you like to go on field trips (Covid Restrictions permitting!) to places like: The ROM, Niagara Falls, The Science Centre, etc.

Other benefits of taking this course:

- you need to select a senior social studies course
- you are working towards a Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)
- you are interested in natural disasters and how we respond to them

If you thought, "YES" to any of the above then you should take **CGF3MI Forces of Nature: Physical Processes and Disasters**

OR...

- Do you love travelling,
- Seeing new places,
- Tasting/Making new foods,
- Learning about various cultures,
- Exploring different natural environments, etc.?
- Going on field trips to China Town, Little India, Greek Town, etc.? (Covid Restrictions Permitting!)

Other benefits of taking this course:

- you need to select a senior social studies course
- you are working towards a Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)
- you are interested in finding a career in the travel and hospitality industry

If you thought, "YES" to any of the above points then you should take **CGG3OI Travel and Tourism: A Geographic Perspective**

Attention Grade 11 Students!

Ask yourself:

- Are you passionate about current events and what is going on in the world?
- Do you wonder why there is such a difference between the wealthy and the poor around the world?
- Do you think some issues in the world are demanding our attention and action?
- Are you interested in learning more about human rights and other social justice issues, climate change issues, political issues, economic issues, Indigenous issues, etc.?
- Do you enjoy meeting people who are actively trying to make the world a better place?

Other benefits of taking this course:

- you need to select a senior social studies course
- you are working towards a Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

- you are interested in preparing yourself for University Studies
- you are interested in a degree in Social Science or Social Studies or Political Science
- you are interested in taking a course as an elective where you can learn more about the world we live in

If you thought, "YES" to any of the above points then you should take **CGW4UI Canadian and World Issues – A Geographic Analysis**

If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Kot (Room 123), Mr. Mathe (Room 125) or Mr. Abreu (Room 223). The Geography Department looks forward to seeing in senior Geography classes next year!

Are you up for an Adventure?

The Grade 11 Outdoor Education Physical Education Course (PAD 30) focuses on the development of a healthy lifestyle through participation in a wide variety of outdoor activities such as fire-building, hiking, canoeing, orienteering and camping. Students will be given opportunities to practice goal-setting, decision-making, interpersonal skills, leadership, planning and organizational skills. Students will also earn certifications in line with meeting the requirements of the many SHSM programs.

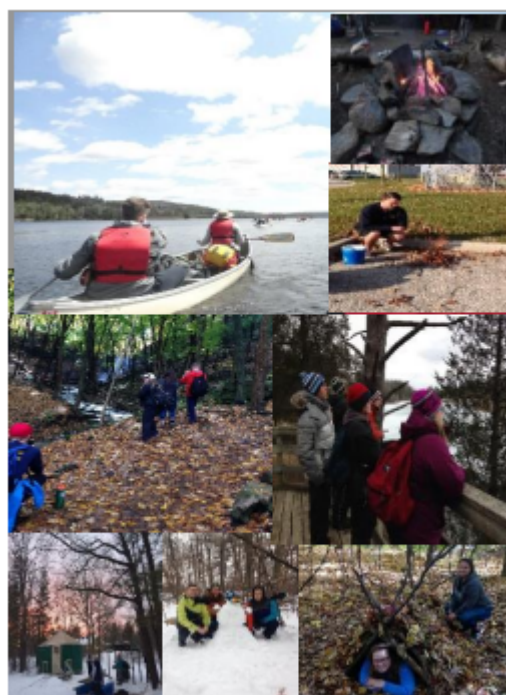
Not your typical classroom

Imagine a classroom that involves spending time outside, building your own shelter, making a fire using flint, canoeing through Algonquin Park, or hiking in one of our beautiful conservation areas.

Sound appealing? If the answer is “yes”, then please email Ms. Novakovich at Melissa.novakovich@wcdsb.ca for more information or to get an application form for the course.

Course code: PAD 30 (open to 11, 12 students; grade 10 students may apply)

Fees apply to help pay for our many excursions and opportunities!



(Financial assistance may be provided to support a student due to financial hardship or circumstance. Please speak with your Ms. Novakovich directly or ask your parent or guardian to contact a member of the administrative team.)

LET THE ADVENTURES BEGIN!!

LEAP: A Cross-training course for our athletes

Do you have an athlete that competes on a rep level sports team or individual sport? Do they want to spend more time training to improve their overall performance? Then you may want to consider choosing LEAP (Leaders and Exceptional Athletes Program) as one of their courses for next year. Students from any grade are invited to apply, but please note that all grade 10's must complete the application process if they want to take LEAP in grade 11, even if they were in the program last year.

LEAP is a specialized physical education course for student-athletes who demonstrate exceptional athletic potential in a given sport. This course is designed to help student athletes improve their overall performance in their sport of choice by developing transferable skills like cardiovascular endurance, speed, agility, coordination, power, strength and flexibility. Applications are currently being accepted until March 4, 2022. For more detailed information about the program, selection criteria and application process please visit our website

<http://stbenedict.wcdsb.ca/leap> or contact the program coordinator,
nathaniel.dufresne@wcdsb.ca.



Abby Van Groningen – St. Benedict LEAP Graduate and Canadian NextGen Snowboarder

Which computer course is which?

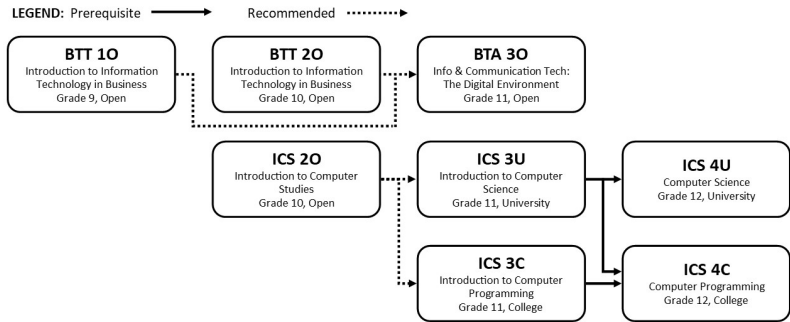
As the time approaches for students to start picking courses for next year, grade 10 and 11 students can often be overwhelmed by the number of choices available to them. Today we want to look specifically at courses relating to computer technology.

Computers are a part of our everyday life, and students are so familiar and comfortable using them, that they often take for granted all of the skills involved in developing the hardware and software that make them work. Thankfully, St. Benedict offers two sets of courses that allows students to explore computer technology and focus on the types of skills and knowledge that they would like to develop. Computer science and computer engineering are two related but very unique streams of study that students can choose from, and by combining both, can work towards their Specialist High Skills Major certification.

In computer science courses, students will learn to program, design software using industry-standard programming tools and applying the software development life-cycle model. They will also write and use subprograms within computer programs. Students will develop creative solutions for various types of problems as their understanding of the computing environment grows.

The grade 10 course focuses on essential computer basics, with some coding in Scratch and Python. In the grade 11 course, the focus is on developing strong program development fundamentals using Python. The grade 12 course focuses on object oriented programming in Java. More details about all these courses can be found on the [Computer Studies page](#) on the school website.

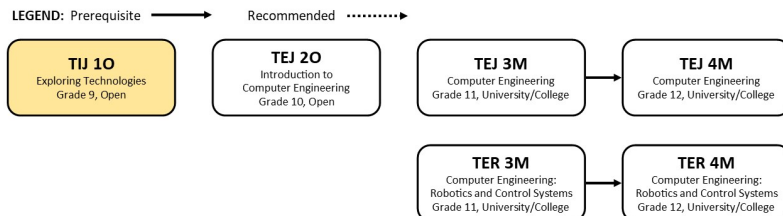
Computer Studies Pathway



Click on the image to go to the course catalogue section for Computer Studies on the school website.

By contrast, in computer engineering courses, students will have the opportunity to examine the inner workings of computer technology through the creation of circuits and logic sequences, as well as program physically devices such as Arduino microcontrollers and robots. Skills in problem solving and design are applied in hands on projects geared towards university preparation are at the core of these M level courses.

Computer Engineering Pathway



Click on the image to go to the course catalogue section for Computer Engineering on the school website.

Students also have the opportunity in grades 11 and 12 to take emphasis courses specifically in robotics. When the traditional computer engineering and robotics courses are combined, they lead to our University of Waterloo recognized [Engineering Certificate](#).

There is no shortage of great things to learn when it comes to computers and computer technology and St Benedict is here to support students in exploring their interests. Hopefully this brief overview of these two streams can help making course choices for next year a little clearer. If you would like to talk about computer science please contact [Mr. Milardovic](#) or if you would like to talk about computer engineering and robotics please contact [Mr. Strassburger](#); and as always, reach out to your guidance counsellor to discuss all of your course options.

**Brand
new!**

Challenge the Status Quo!



Girls-Only Transportation Tech.

**New for 2022/23, Bennies is offering
Girls-only Auto courses in both Grades 10 & 11!**

Learn basic vehicle terminology, maintenance,
repair, and much more...

For more information contact:

Mr. Anatol or Mr. Dutto

The Evolution of Communications Technology

Many things have changed dramatically over the lifetime of our students. There are many things that students take for granted that many parents will remember as eventful; when cell phones first became popular, or when cameras changed from film to digital. These changes have had a profound impact on how we use and interact with media and as such the courses that we teach at school have changed as well.

Today's comm tech courses start at grade 10 and progress all the way through grade 12, with grade 12 being eligible for university mark consideration. We still focus on many of the same concepts, graphic design, photography, and film production, but we also look at animation and augmented reality. With the use of digital technologies students are able to more quickly and effectively produce their own content and instead of simply consuming social media, have the opportunity to contribute positively to it.

Comm tech also breaks into two pathways starting in grade 11, the traditional pathway that looks at graphic design, photography, and film, and specialized courses in 3D animation. By further combining these courses students can obtain the Specialist High Skills Major certificate in Information and Communications Technology.

Of course, comm tech is a modern technical course that utilizes industry standard software, but it is also an opportunity to combine this technology with creativity. Every year there is the opportunity for students to participate in the schools film competition and the Charlie Film competition. Students can also take what they have learned to Skills Canada to compete in the 3D Animation competition.

Times have changed and the technology has changed with it, but here at St. Benedict's Communications Technology, the sky's the limit.

Interested in Engineering?

Then the Engineering Certificate Program is for you!

The ECP is designed to provide students with the hands on, practical skills needed to be successful in several fields of engineering. By emphasizing academic achievement in science and mathematics, along with courses in technology to practice and apply the theory, and participation in robotics and/or e-car competitions, students will leave high school fully prepared for their post-secondary challenges.

See the [Engineering Certificate page](#) on the school website, or contact [Mr. Castela](#) for more information.

Considering a career in health care?

Consider grade 11 health care – TPJ3M and grade 12 health care TPJ4M.

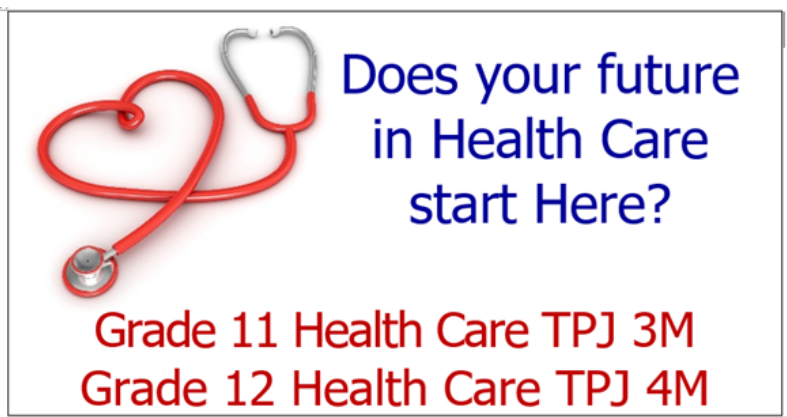
These courses offer good background information for anyone interested in entering the health care profession. They provide an overview of the anatomy and function of various body systems, an introduction to the health care system including conventional and complementary methods of disease prevention and treatment, some basic health care skills (such as taking vital signs) and an overview of healthy lifestyle choices.

Grade 11 Course Codes:
TPJ 3M

Prerequisites: none

SHSM: This course can be taken as part of the Health and Wellness SHSM.

Who can apply? Any student who is in grade 11 or 12, college or university stream is eligible to take the grade 11 course.



For more information, please contact [Mrs. Taylor](#) in the Tech. office or make an appointment with your guidance counsellor.

Something NEW Baking up in Hospitality

This coming school year, 2022–2023 will be the inaugural year for our technology emphasis programs: **TFB 3EI** and **TFB 4EI**, grade 11 and 12 emphasis baking.

Each program is designed to focus on industry standard techniques and professional practices while giving the student a step up before entering the baking industry or applying their knowledge to a post-secondary institution.

Students may enter directly into the grade 11 program or they can continue from the grade 10 Hospitality and Tourism program. Those that attend the grade 11 program will focus on the principles of baking and presentation through the production of various basic breads, pastries and other confections. While the grade 12 program will focus on developing an understanding of Artisan Breads, Cake Decorating, Pastry and Confectionary work.

All of our students, both in the Hospitality and Tourism Cooking focused program and baking focused program are an integral part of our community partnership with the Cambridge Food Bank. Catering sales from each program allow us to donate both food and funds to support and strengthen our local community.

If your child has a special knack for baking or likes to surprise you with a fresh batch of baked cookies or a loaf of bread for a fancy weekend dinner, then the baking emphasis course is for them: **TFB 3EI** – Grade 11 emphasis baking and **TFB 4EI** – Grade 12 emphasis baking.

THINKING OF UNIVERSITY?

CHECK OUT GRADE 10 FAMILY NIGHT

PARENTS AND STUDENTS WELCOME

REGISTER TODAY

uwaterloo.ca/future/grade-10



UNIVERSITY OF
WATERLOO



THURSDAY
FEB 24

MS TEAMS LIVE
6-8 P.M. ET

"The Lessons are just amazing. Most fun class I had in high school.
What you learn about the world will blow your mind!"



GLOBAL LEADERSHIP

REBUILDING OUR FUTURES

SIGN-UP FOR 2022/23 @ MDCSS

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

WATCH THE VIDEO HERE...



The program is run out of Monsignor Doyle School, but St. Benedict students are welcome to be part of this experience. If you are a part of an academically strong core of students who would be eager to take the program together, your wish WILL be granted! For St. Benedict students:

- Financial support for city busing may be provided
- You WILL be in the same class as any other St. Benedict student who joins for the whole day
- You can still participate in sports at St. Benedict's, and clubs at either school
- You can wear your St. Benedict uniform, no need to buy any Doyle clothing

Information Session

If you would like to learn more about this exciting opportunity, please fill in the contact form below, and you will be sent a link to a Teams Meeting for one of the following two dates (you can choose):

Option 1: Thursday, February 10th @ 7–8pm

Option 2: Thursday, February 17th @ 7–8pm

Sign-up for the meeting: <https://forms.gle/9aCHDGB8uyCfgw7w5>

Be sure to invite your friends to sign-up and learn more about the program too!

At the meeting, you will learn more about this exciting opportunity, speak with real world partners supporting the program, and have the chance to speak with current and former students of the program about their experience.

Want even more information?

If you would like to learn more in the meantime, check out this video:
https://youtu.be/GLY9x_4Mvek

If you have any questions please email Michael.kearns@wcdsb.ca



Real World Work Experiences in High School

Feb. 23 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Having real world work experiences is a great way for youth to make decisions to inform their academic goals and career plans. As they make plans to navigate their way through high school, youth and their families should know about a couple of programs that provide this opportunity while also developing many transferable skills.

In this session, our partners at Waterloo Region's English school boards will share a brief overview of the Specialist High Skills Major program (<https://www.bepwr.ca/blog/specialist-high-skills-major-s>) and Co-op Education (<https://www.bepwr.ca/blog/cooperative-education>). They will give a general idea about each program and why to consider it as part of your high school education.

Another great option covered in detail in an earlier session is the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) (<https://www.bepwr.ca/blog/oyap>) which is available on our Youtube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1D76qh45zmEDMJTu8E54w>) .

This session will be of special interest to students in grades 7 - 10.

AGENDA

- Specialist High Skill Major program overview followed by 2 speakers sharing their experience with it. (15 minutes)
- Q & A on SHSM (15 minutes)
- Co-op Education overview followed by 2 speakers sharing their experience with it as part of their career story (15 minutes)
- Q & A on Co-op Education in High School (15 minutes)

JOIN US!

Register for this free event at: <https://www.bepwr.ca/blog/explore-your-future-real-world-work-experiences-in-high-school>

The Catholic Community
Foundation of Waterloo Region

Speaker Series

Tech Meets Parenting: A Balancing Act

Thursday Feb. 24th at 7pm ^{EST}

[Register Today](#)

It is no secret that we are changing the world with technology. Technology has provided tools for our world to stay connected and a platform to learn beyond our physical borders. It can enrich everyday experiences and has led to advancements that have increased our overall productivity, efficiency, and quality of life. At work, school, or home, technology has become an important tool that has been woven into our daily lives. When technology is used improperly or in excess, it can also be detrimental to the user, their family, and the community...

Join us on **Thursday, February 24 at 7:00 pm EST** for a virtual family-focused event that will explore our relationship with technology. We will discuss the importance of and tactics around being a good role model and setting boundaries at all ages.

Ages 0 - 8:

Building healthy habits and
setting boundaries

Ages 9 - 17:

Making the shift from
monitoring to mentoring

Parents:

Modelling healthy
digital usage

Register today!
Space is limited.

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Athletics

Sports are Back!

With the lifting of restrictions by the Province and the Regional Public Health Unit, many of our winter sports are resuming action this week.

The following is a list of all remaining regular season games:

Thursday, February 17

3:00pm: Girls Hockey at St. Mary's HS



Reminder

As per District 8 and Public Health protocols

No spectators are permitted in the gym (or school) during Volleyball and Basketball games. It is our hope that these protocols change in the future.

At this time we hope that you respect these protocols and make the return of athletics enjoyable for all participants.

Wednesday, February 23

3:00pm: Sr. Girls Volleyball @ St. David CSS

3:00pm: Jr. Girls Volleyball @ St. David CSS

3:00pm: Sr. Boys Basketball vs St. David CSS

4:30pm: Jr. Boys Basketball vs St. David CSS

Monday, February 28

3:30pm: Sr. Girls Volleyball vs Woodland Christian HS

3:30pm: Jr. Girls Volleyball vs Woodland Christian HS

3:30pm: Jr. Boys Basketball at Woodland Christian HS

5:00pm: Sr. Boys Basketball at Woodland Christian HS

Clubs

Bennie's Coders take on the world in coding competition



History was made today as twenty of our top programming students participated in the Canadian Computing Competition this afternoon. This is the largest number of St. Benedict students to participate in this prestigious programming contest, up from 16 last year and 13 the year prior.

Hosted by the University of Waterloo, this international contest gave our students the opportunity to flex their mental muscle and show their problem-solving prowess as they raced against a three-hour time limit in an effort to complete five challenging and complex programming problems.

Students had the option to compete in the junior or senior competition, depending on their level of comfort and experience.

Mr. Milardovic is proud of all the students on their accomplishments and dedication to learning to program. While some may not have completed all the questions in their category, the contest was a good way for them to check their knowledge and strive to acquire more.



There was no shortage of cerebral activity in room 210 today as our coders took on the world.

Programmers are encouraged to continue their pursuit of programming perfection by participating in the online Project Euler programming challenges and attend Coders Club during lunches Mondays and Wednesdays.

Grade 10 students interested in getting into the wonderful world of computer programming should consider registering for the ICS 3U or ICS 3C course for next year. Grade 9s can also register for the grade 11 course, or they may want to consider the ICS 2O course as a first step. Students and parents can contact Mr. Milardovic at any time for more information about any of the ICS courses.

Student Activities

December Grad wear orders are in!

Grade 12's: your December grad wear orders are in! Please pick up from the SAC office window at lunch!

Hey Saints!

Have a great idea?
Want it to be run by
SAC?

Fill out the suggestion QR forms posted around the school and on the Bennies SAC instagram & maybe it will flourish into an event!

Other News

News from the Library

Clemens Mill
IDEA|EXCHANGE

From the Librarian's Desk:

The St. Bennies Library Learning Commons welcomes students back to in-person learning. Students on spare are reminded that the library is open for reference help, hold pickup, reader's advisory and independent study only.

Proper masking (mask must cover your nose, mouth and chin) and a maximum of two students per table will be enforced. No food or spillable drinks allowed.

Just as a reminder, the school library not only carries [print materials](#) but a wide range of online resources as well. Students can access these resources from the school [Library Learning Commons website](#) both in the school and remotely at home. The library's online databases and ebooks can be accessed from the [Online Resources page](#). Remote access does require a log-in. If you do not know

the log-in please contact your teacher or reach out to your school librarian, Ms. Pilon, at ppilon@ideaexchange.org.

Calendar of Events

Thursday, February 17

10:30am: MCU Club
10:30am: GSA Club
10:30am: Chess Club
2:00pm: Boys Hockey vs St. David CSS
2:00pm: ACE Robotics Team
2:00pm: Math Club
2:00pm: Racing Saints E-car club
2:00pm: Games Club
3:00pm: Girls Hockey at St. Mary's HS
3:30pm: SHSM Workshop: Business Etiquette

Friday, February 18

10:30am: MCU Club
10:30am: Star Trek Club
2:00pm: Doctor Who Club

Monday, February 21

Family Day

Tuesday, February 22

10:30am: MCU Club
10:30am: Chess Club
10:30am: Finance Club

Wednesday, February 23

Pink Shirt Day
Civvies Day
7:30am: Beacons of Hope Breakfast
10:30am: MCU Club
10:30am: Literature Club
10:30am: Coding Club
2:00pm: Yearbook Club Meeting
2:00pm: Racing Saints E-car club
2:00pm: Homework club
3:00pm: Sr. Girls Volleyball @ St. David CSS
3:00pm: Jr. Girls Volleyball @ St. David CSS
3:00pm: Sr. Boys Basketball vs St. David CSS
3:30pm: Virtual Workshop: Make-up for Film & TV
4:30pm: Jr. Boys Basketball vs St. David CSS

Monday, February 28

10:30am: MCU Club
10:30am: Literature Club
10:30am: Coding Club
2:00pm: Homework club
2:00pm: Debate Club
3:30pm: Sr. Girls Volleyball vs Woodland Christian HS
3:30pm: Jr. Girls Volleyball vs Woodland Christian HS
3:30pm: Jr. Boys Basketball at Woodland Christian HS
5:00pm: Sr. Boys Basketball at Woodland Christian HS

Tuesday, March 1

Shrove Tuesday
10:30am: MCU Club
10:30am: Chess Club
10:30am: Finance Club

Wednesday, March 2

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Ash Wednesday
10:30am: MCU Club
10:30am: Literature Club
10:30am: Coding Club
2:00pm: Yearbook Club Meeting
2:00pm: Racing Saints E-car club
2:00pm: Homework club

Thursday, March 3

10:30am: MCU Club
10:30am: GSA Club
10:30am: Chess Club
2:00pm: ACE Robotics Team
2:00pm: Math Club
2:00pm: Racing Saints E-car club
2:00pm: Games Club

Friday, March 4

Thursday, February 24

10:30am: MCU Club

10:30am: GSA Club

10:30am: Chess Club

2:00pm: ACE Robotics Team

2:00pm: Math Club

2:00pm: Racing Saints E-car club

2:00pm: Games Club

6:00pm: Grade 10 Family Night at UWaterloo

Friday, February 25

Course Selection Submission Deadline

10:30am: MCU Club

10:30am: Star Trek Club

2:00pm: Doctor Who Club

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10:30am: Star Trek Club

2:00pm: Doctor Who Club

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

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