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Grad 2022 update

The St. Benedict CSS Grad Committee and staff are excited to be preparing for an in-person graduation ceremony for the Graduating Class of 2022. As always, we must add in the disclaimer that all plans are tentative and are based on Public Health restrictions and requirements.

Having said that, we ask you to save the date for the evening of Monday, June 27th. We are planning for an in-person ceremony at "Forward Church" in Cambridge. Much more information will be announced in the coming weeks. We will keep the most up to date information posted on our website and our Grad Webpage – <https://stbenedict.wcdsb.ca/grad2022/>. Please check this page every so often to see these updates.

As communicated earlier to our community, we will not be hosting a school run prom. We are instead putting our focus on our graduation celebration. There is also more information on this (as sent out through an earlier School Messenger) on the Grad web page.

We all look forward to celebrating with our 2022 St. Benedict Graduates and their families!!

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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.

Significant Days & Dates

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

Professional Activity Days:

Friday, April 8, 2022

Friday, June 3, 2022

Student Individual Education Plan Distribution

If your son or daughter is on an Individual Education Plan, please know that a copy of their IEP will be sent home with them on March 24th. For hybrid students, a copy will be sent in the mail.

Parents/Guardians are asked to please review the IEP and sign the consultation page. We highly encourage families to scan a copy of the signed consultation page and email the electronic copy to their child's IEP monitor. A list of IEP monitors with a link to their email addresses can be found on our

Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews

A friendly reminder that Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews are taking place this **Thursday, March 31** between 2:30 and 4:30 in the afternoon and 5:30 and 7:30 in the evening.

On **Friday, March 25** at 3:00 PM appointment bookings will be live on our website, please click here: <https://stbenedict.wcdsb.ca/about-us/our-staff/>

If you are experiencing any difficulties booking an interview, please contact the office 519-621-4050 ext. 5601.

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school website under Student Services – Student Success. Families also have the option of having their child drop off the signed consultation page to their homeroom teacher or to room 210.

An IEP Guide for Parents pamphlet will be attached to the copy of the students IEP. An electronic version can be found on the school website under Student Services – Program Support.

Please contact the Student Success Centre at Ext 5210, if you have any questions or concerns or if you did not receive a copy.

St. Benedict IEP Monitors

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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.

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.



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School Board budget survey



Please find below the link to the 2022-23 budget survey. The survey is anonymous and should take 10 minutes or less to complete. The survey tool has the following languages available for translation:

French, Arabic, Brazilian Portuguese, Chinese (Simplified), Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Ukrainian, and Vietnamese.

Four priorities have been identified: Graduation Rates, Well-Being and Mental Health, Innovation, and Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. You will be asked to rank 5 strategies associated with each priority.

The link is as follows: https://wcdsb.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1zfzfNdBBpZJjMO

The survey will be open until April 1, 2022. The survey results will be made available after they have been presented to the Budget Advisory Committee.

The Board of Trustees values input from stakeholders and your feedback helps ensure that budgets reflect the needs of our system. Thank you very much for taking the time to respond to the survey.

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

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.



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!!

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.

40 Days of Giving for Build A Bag Angels

Our school-wide Lenten initiative this year is to collect items for Build A Bag Angels which is a local organization that provides backpacks filled with toiletries and small personal items for children who are being placed in foster care homes.

All items can be brought into period 2 classes or dropped off in room 208, and no donation is too small.

Help us
Build a Bag for foster children

Much Needed Items:

- Toiletries for all ages (including shaving supplies and maxi pads)
- New warm socks, mittens, hats and scarves
- Pajamas

Other Items:

- A good backpack
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss
- Pillows, new fluffy blankets
- Toys, teddy bears, books
- Clothing
- Treats
- Journals, pens, pencils, highlighters
- Items for personal expression:
 - backpack pins, stickers, glitter, paint

Build-A-Bag Angels also happily welcomes cash donations!

A GREAT LENTEN DEED!

Build A Bag Angels

Academics

University of Waterloo EUCLID MATH CONTEST

A reminder to grade 11 and 12 students that signed up for the Euclid Math contest to consider coming out to the Math Club – which is still meeting every Thursday after school in Room 309! Dr. C will guide you through skills that will help you when writing this contest!

Students will be writing in the Cafeteria on Tuesday, April 5th. . Can't wait to see you then!

Need some extra help with LITERACY or NUMERACY?

We've got you covered!

Homework Club

is back and running

Mondays beginning at 2pm

Wednesdays at LUNCH

Room 210

See you there!

Athletics

Jr. Volleyball Girls take D8 title

Congratulations to the Junior Girls Volleyball Team on becoming the District 8 champions this year! The girls played incredibly well in the final game, worked hard as a team, and defeated St. Mary's in 4 sets.

We couldn't be more proud of all of their progress this season. They most definitely earned this victory. Congratulations girls!

Jr. Boys Bballers D8 champs!

The junior boys basketball team put on a lights out performance as they defeated St. Mary's in

Sports Results

JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

St. Benedict CSS 100, ES Pere-Rene-de-Galinee 27

St. Benedict CSS 70, Resurrection CSS 63

St. Benedict CSS 65, St. Mary's HS 37

SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

St. Benedict CSS 72, St. David CSS 70

St. Mary's HS 55, St. Benedict CSS 47

JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

St. Benedict CSS 3, Monsignor Doyle CSS 0

St. Benedict CSS 3, Resurrection CSS 0

St. Benedict CSS 3, St. Mary's HS 1

SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Monsignor Doyle CSS 3, St. Benedict CSS 0

out performance as they defeated St. Mary's in the District 8 finals 65-37.

Thank you for an awesome season and representing St. Benedict's with pride.

Saints Swimmers savour success

The week before March Break the St. Benedict's Swim Team competed in the District 8 finals. The team showed hard work, dedication, and tremendous teamwork and spirit!

We are happy to announce that the St. Benedict's Swim Team won the D8 combined team championship, as well as the Female Team championship.

Shout out to Jewel Buckley for placing first in the female open swim, Zach Thompson for placing first in the senior male swim, Ashley Gould for placing second and Aislin Mackenzie for placing third in the senior female swim, as well as Caitlin Thompson for placing second and Nicole Natale for placing third in the junior female swim.

Congratulations swimmers on your fantastic win!

Alpine Skiers shine in shortened season

Congratulations to the Alpine Ski team who, despite a shortened season, competed at Mansfield Ski Club for the D8 finals before March Break. The team raced well and pushed themselves in their individual runs – you should be proud of yourselves!

SENIOR GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

St. Benedict CSS 6, St. Mary's HS 0
St. David CSS 10, St. Benedict CSS 0

SENIOR BOYS ICE HOCKEY

Resurrection CSS 5, St. Benedict CSS 2

SPRING SPORTS STARTING UP!

Badminton starts up for Spring!

Junior Badminton practice will be tomorrow at 3:30. See Mr. Mathe or Ms. Reis for details.

Play Ball!

Anyone interested in trying out for the Varsity Boys and Girls Slo-Pitch teams will need to attend a brief meeting in the lecture hall at the beginning of lunch on Friday. If you are not able to attend, please see Mrs. Edwards or Mr. Jankura.

Special shout outs to Hanna Thorne winning a bronze medal in the level 1 girls division; and Raul Domingo Sadana winning a silver medal in the level 1 boys division.

Thank you for a great season and looking forward to next year's ski season!



Clubs

Spotlight on LIGHTS OUT

HEY Saints, the learning starts now! LIGHTS OUT will begin our education and leadership initiatives this week! Be ready to become strong, aware leaders within our St. Benedict Meeting Community! Our club meets on Tuesdays and Fridays at lunch in room 110, aka the Auto Shop!

Bring an open mind and make sure to check our Google classroom for updates!

Student Activities

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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

Library staff would like to welcome students and teachers back after March break. We hope everyone had a restful break.

Here is a reminder of our student expectations for the library for the rest of the spring semester:

- Group study is permitted up to a maximum of FIVE (5) students per table or study room as social distancing requirements have been lifted. Please do not move chairs or tables around.
- NO FOOD is permitted in the library during school hours. After school, simple snacks that are not messy, smelly or noisy are permitted.
- If you can't find a seat in the library during lunch, then we have reached our capacity. Please find another place to spend lunch hour.
- Please be respectful of library staff.

Full operating hours

Idea Exchange will be returning to regular hours, Monday, March 21st . A reminder that the inside library doors lock at 1:55pm. To access the library after school, please use the public entrance. Students who require study space after school please visit [Idea Exchange Current Services](#) for our regular hours of operation.

A reminder that exclusive teacher and student access remains from Monday to Friday, 8:00–10:00am.

Calendar of Events

Thursday, March 24

IEP Distribution

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 25

10:30am: Girls Slo-Pitch information meeting

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10:30am: Lights Out! Club

10:30am: MCU Club

10:30am: Star Trek Club

2:00pm: Doctor Who Club

Friday, April 1

10:30am: Lights Out! Club

10:30am: MCU Club

10:30am: Star Trek Club

2:00pm: Doctor Who Club

Monday, April 4

10:30am: MCU Club

10:30am: Literature Club

10:30am: Coding Club

2:00pm: Homework club

2:00pm: Debate Club

Tuesday, April 5

10:30am: Lights Out! Club

10:30am: MCU Club

10:30am: Chess Club

10:30am: Finance Club

Monday, March 28**10:30am:** MCU Club**10:30am:** Literature Club**10:30am:** Coding Club**2:00pm:** Homework club**2:00pm:** Debate Club**Tuesday, March 29****10:30am:** Lights Out! Club**10:30am:** MCU Club**10:30am:** Chess Club**10:30am:** Finance Club**6:00pm:** Catholic School Advisory Council Meeting**Wednesday, March 30**

Civvies Day

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**3:30pm:** Virtual Workshop: Photography & Photo Editing**Thursday, March 31**

Co-President Applications Available

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**2:30pm:** Semester 2 – Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews**3:30pm:** Virtual Workshop: Storybook Illustration**Wednesday, April 6**

BENN Newsletter release

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**3:30pm:** Virtual Workshop: The Business of Writing**Thursday, April 7****10:30am:** MCU Club**10:30am:** GSA Club**10:30am:** Chess Club**2:00pm:** Doctor Who Club**2:00pm:** ACE Robotics Team**2:00pm:** Math Club**2:00pm:** Racing Saints E-car club**2:00pm:** Games Club**Friday, April 8**

PA Day

Sunday, April 10

Palm Sunday

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

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