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Message from Administration

This week is Catholic Education Week, with the theme being: Rebuild, Restore, and Renew Together! We are excited to continue to journey together in faith and celebrate in love and hope. Our community is vital to the success of each, and we rejoice in our partnership with students, parents, community, and staff. Our pastoral theme this year is Sent to Build and we continue to rejoice in the positive relationships that build to support the success for each of our Saints.

While many of our extra-curricular activities and sports have occurred throughout the school year, the past couple of weeks have really felt like we are finally back to a full schedule with our Spirit week, Liturgy, and Mental Health week activities. We look forward to the upcoming months, as we prepare for Relay for Life, year end celebrations and Graduation.

This week students have received mid-term report cards and course selection verification sheets for next year, please review to ensure courses are accurate for the upcoming year. In recent weeks you have also been made aware of the new graduation requirement of eLearning courses, 2 for our current grade 9 students and 1 for our current grade 10 students. Please reach out to Guidance for further supports and further information for those wishing to opt out of this requirement.

We are only eight weeks away from our final school day of the 2021-2022 school year and while there is much work to be done, we know time will move quickly. Please continue to seek out support from the staff at St. Benedict's if you have any questions or require support. Finally, continued gratitude to each of you as you support your child with their learning and for your partnership as we work together towards the success for each and a place for all.

Admin Team

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Ms. E. Riley
Vice Principal
Bo-G & International

Mr. R. Stehlik
Vice Principal
H-N

Mr. R. Roque
Vice Principal
O-Z

Mid-Term Report Cards

Were distributed to students in their homeroom classes this morning.

Hybrid and E-Learn students will receive their report card in the mail within the next couple of days.

Literacy Test: Tuesday May 10

All students that are not writing the literacy test on Tuesday, May 10th, 2022 will be doing asynchronous work from home. All students should check their LMS for work that will be posted by their teachers.

For students writing the literacy test, they are required to be at school between 8Am and 11:30 AM. Buses will run as schedule in the morning and are due to pick up students at 11:30 AM after testing is complete.

If you require any further information, contact Andreia Borba.

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!!

Transportation Survey 2022

Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region (STSWR)

We are asking parents and/or guardians to participate in a survey about their student's journey to school. The purpose of the surveys is to get a better understanding of the thoughts and opinions of the student's journey to school. We have created surveys for students using the school bus and for students who use other forms of transportation like walking or biking to school. Our goal is to

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Significant Days & Dates

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

Professional Activity Day:
Friday, June 3, 2022

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enhance the student's experience and to improve our services in the future. The survey typically takes 5 minutes to complete and will be open until Friday, June 10th, 2022.

If you have any questions in regards to the surveys please call (519) 744-7575, extension 221 or email susan_carriere@stswr.ca

Thank you for providing your feedback. We appreciate the time you have taken and will actively use it to improve our services to you in the future!

Transported Students Survey

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1AfUDqhlH0SGml9vC_1loma3oFTMWtv_2tHSJMgov-Kc/edit

Students in the Walk Zone

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1jyocxY9Zh2oDUOqpTch4KtIgMLO54kov6KBqogGWbTM/edit>

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

2020-2021 Yearbooks are here!

Yearbooks for the 2020-2021 school year have finally arrived! Did you order a yearbook last year? Yearbooks will be distributed on **Thursday, May 12 and Friday, May 13** during the lunch hour in Room 300. Please see Ms. Weiditch if you have any questions.

2021-2022 Yearbook orders due!

This year's yearbook is now available for purchase through school cash online for a cost of \$25. If you are interested in purchasing a yearbook, you must place your order on School Cash Online **by May 13th**.

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.

Academics

After school support sessions for students

The Ministry of Education has recently announced a grant for schools to provide FREE after school tutoring for students. This is welcomed news and may provide some additional support for students who have had their learning interrupted as a result of the pandemic.

Students are welcome to attend these “drop in” tutoring sessions that will be offered Monday through Thursday every week. The sessions will last one hour in duration and will be offered four times per week. Various teachers will be available to support students working on assignments, homework and/or test preparation in their courses. We are hopeful that this will be a great opportunity for your child to improve their level of achievement in their courses, complete outstanding work or receive extra help with challenging concepts. The sessions will run until June 20th, 2022.

If this is an opportunity that you think would benefit your student, please register on the attached flyer or have them drop in.

Tutoring Program Schedule

Location: Room 206 & 207

Time: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Dates: April 19th to June 20th, 2022

If you have any questions about the program, please contact the school.



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Small Group ♦ After School

TUTORING



- FREE!
- All students are welcome
- For students in Grades 9 through 12
- After school Monday through Thursday
- At St. Benedict Room 206 & 207
- Get help in your current courses
- English, Math, Science, and much more!



Sign Up

<https://forms.gle/Mo4xagbMKxgHU9id7>

or

DROP IN

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

TUTORING



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تتوفر مجموعة دروس تقوية مجانية صغيرة بعد انتهاء الدوام الدراسي



نرحب بجميع الطلاب

يمكنك سؤال معلمك عن دروس التقوية بالمدرسة

سيتم توفير تذاكر الباص لطلاب الثانوي

احصل على المساعدة لأعمالك المدرسية والاستمتاع في نفس الوقت

تتوفر دروس التقوية في اللغة الإنجليزية والرياضيات وغيرهما من المواد



After School 2PM-3PM
Rooms 206 & 207
April 19-June 20th

SIGN UP



Sign Up
or
DROP IN

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

Sports Results

SENIOR BOYS SOCCER

St. Benedict C.S. 7, Woodland Christian HS 0

St. Mary's HS 4, St. Benedict CSS 0

St. Benedict CSS 2, St. David CSS 0

VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER

St. Benedict C.S. 2, Woodland Christian HS 2

St. Mary's HS 5, St. Benedict CSS 1

St. David CSS 2, St. Benedict CSS 0

Clubs

Student Activities

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

St. Bennies students are always welcome at all locations of Idea Exchange libraries and Cambridge Art Galleries and especially so in their Library Learning Commons. We are committed to creating and maintaining a safe and positive environment. Students can expect to be treated courteously and

respectfully by staff. We ask that students also treat library staff, their fellow students, and other members of the public with respect. Below is a gentle reminder and an explanation of some of those expectations:

- **No food during school hours**
 - Students are **not allowed to eat in the library during school hours**.
 - After school hours, students may eat simple snacks that are not messy or smelly. All food must be consumed in a responsible way, including proper waste disposal.
- **Quiet study**
 - The laptop bar and study tables are available for quiet study only. The Learning Commons area of the library features areas for group work or socializing, but you must do so quietly.
- **Small groups (max 5 per table)**
 - There should be **no more than 5 students per table**. Not only is there not enough space for more, but noise becomes an issue with larger groups.
- **Lunchtime capacity**
 - If you can't find a seat in the library during lunch, then we have reached our capacity.
 - Please avoid standing in clusters or within aisles, and look for lunch spaces in the school.
- **Children's department**
 - The Children's Department is only to be used by children and their families.
- **Personal belongings**
 - Students are expected to attend to personal belongings. Idea Exchange is not responsible for theft or damage to personal items left unattended.
- **Library use for intended purposes**
 - Do not move library chairs or tables.
 - Our washrooms have limited space. Please do not congregate in washrooms.
- **Meeting rooms**
 - Maximum of 5 in one room.
 - No food allowed in these rooms.
 - TV screens are for school work only. No videos or movies allowed.

Students who are disruptive to others, behaving inappropriately, speaking disrespectfully to library staff, or contravening the Code of Conduct in any way will be asked to leave the library.

Serious incidents will involve further withdrawal of privileges. Idea Exchange staff will work in collaboration with School Administration regarding issues involving students.

Lock & Quest

Participate in our Lock & Key themed discovery quest! Use your phone to find hidden keys, complete quizzes, and earn points the whole month of May. Visit the staff in the library to get started! Epic prizes will be awarded in June.



SPRING INTO ACTION TO FIGHT HUNGER

Donate non-perishable items here to help
feed your neighbours in need.



cambridgefoodbank.org



Most Needed Items

Spreads



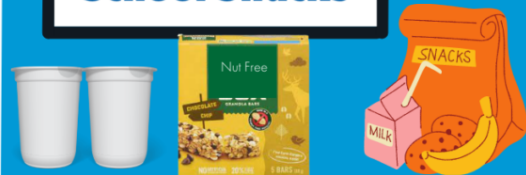
Cereal



Canned Protein



School Snacks



Canned Fruit



Calendar of Events

Monday, May 2

Catholic Education Week

Mental Health Week

Friday, May 13

10:30am: Lights Out! Club

10:30am: MCU Club

10:30am: Star Trek Club

Wednesday, May 4

Mid-Term Report Distribution Date

2:00pm: FREE After School Tutoring

2:00pm: Yearbook Club Meeting

2:00pm: Racing Saints E-car club

2:00pm: Homework club

Thursday, May 5

Red Shirt Day

8:15am: Beacons of Hope Celebration

10:30am: MCU Club

10:30am: GSA Club

10:30am: Chess Club

2:00pm: FREE After School Tutoring

2:00pm: ACE Robotics Team

2:00pm: Math Club

2:00pm: Racing Saints E-car club

2:00pm: Games Club

Friday, May 6

10:30am: Lights Out! Club

10:30am: MCU Club

10:30am: Star Trek Club

2:00pm: Doctor Who Club

Sunday, May 8

Mother's Day

Monday, May 9

Campaign & Election Week

10:30am: MCU Club

10:30am: Literature Club

10:30am: Coding Club

2:00pm: FREE After School Tutoring

2:00pm: Homework club

2:00pm: Debate Club

Tuesday, May 10

Spring Administration of OSSLT

10:30am: Lights Out! Club

10:30am: MCU Club

10:30am: Chess Club

10:30am: Finance Club

2:00pm: FREE After School Tutoring

Wednesday, May 11

Student Council Applications Available

10:30am: Lights Out! Club

2:00pm: Doctor Who Club

Monday, May 16

10:30am: MCU Club

10:30am: Literature Club

10:30am: Coding Club

2:00pm: FREE After School Tutoring

2:00pm: Homework club

2:00pm: Debate Club

Tuesday, May 17

8:30am: SHSM Workshop: Portfolio Development

10:30am: Lights Out! Club

10:30am: MCU Club

10:30am: Chess Club

10:30am: Finance Club

2:00pm: FREE After School Tutoring

Wednesday, May 18

BENN Newsletter release

10:30am: Seams Sew Easy club

10:30am: MCU Club

10:30am: Literature Club

10:30am: Coding Club

2:00pm: FREE After School Tutoring

2:00pm: Yearbook Club Meeting

2:00pm: Racing Saints E-car club

2:00pm: Homework club

Thursday, May 19

10:30am: MCU Club

10:30am: GSA Club

10:30am: Chess Club

2:00pm: FREE After School Tutoring

2:00pm: ACE Robotics Team

2:00pm: Math Club

2:00pm: Racing Saints E-car club

2:00pm: Games Club

Friday, May 20

10:30am: Lights Out! Club

10:30am: MCU Club

10:30am: Star Trek Club

2:00pm: Doctor Who Club

Monday, May 23

10:30am: Lights Out! Club

10:30am: Seams Sew Easy club

10:30am: MCU Club

10:30am: Literature Club

10:30am: Coding Club

2:00pm: FREE After School Tutoring

2:00pm: Yearbook Club Meeting

2:00pm: Racing Saints E-car club

2:00pm: Homework club

Thursday, May 12

10:30am: MCU Club

10:30am: GSA Club

10:30am: Chess Club

2:00pm: FREE After School Tutoring

2:00pm: ACE Robotics Team

2:00pm: Math Club

2:00pm: Racing Saints E-car club

2:00pm: Games Club

Victoria Day

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

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