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Message from Administration

As we begin the month of June, there is much to celebrate. Congratulations to all those involved in the production of Annie – it was an amazing show – and wonderful to see so many students beaming with joy on the stage, with their well-deserved standing ovation – truly a shining example of the dedication and talent of our staff and students! As the challenges of the pandemic are lightening and the road ahead brighter, we are looking forward to the remainder of the year with a return to activities, we so much enjoyed pre-pandemic.

Congratulations to the E-car participants who competed at the University of Waterloo on Saturday, receiving 3rd and 4th place achievements. And finally, as the Spring Athletic season starts to wrap up – congrats to all of our coaches and athletes for your successes this season.

Reminder to stay committed to the final weeks of classes and assessments, we want to ensure that we finish strong! Please continue to encourage students to be in uniform, on-time and prepared for classes. Summer not quite here yet, but together we will get there!

St. Benedict Drama students make light work of the Hard Knock Life...

Annie was Amazing!

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



Nine hundred. That is the number of days between the last show of *Beauty and the Beast* and the first show of *Annie*.

Sixty five. That is the number of days between the end of March Break, and the opening night for *Annie*.

Is this something they can pull off?

For the students who were involved, it wasn't a question of *if* they were going to pull it off, it was a matter of *how well* would they pull it off. And pull it off they did. And it was amazing.

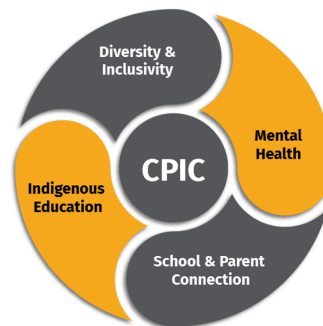
From Thursday, May 26 to Saturday, May 28 the St. Benedict cafetorium was transformed into a theatre. Students from grades 9 through 12 became a truly professional group: cast, ensemble, stage crew, orchestra, stage manager, sound and lighting crew. They put on five shows in total, two matinee shows for local elementary schools and three **sold out** evening shows.

The show is a testament not only of the work of Mr. Renner and Mrs. McKinnon-O'Brien, the director and musical director respectively, but the countless hours put into the production by all the students.

As the dust settles on this production, we catch up with Mr. Renner, eager to find out what the next production will be. When asked, he pauses for a second, smiles, and simply replies, "you'll just have to stick around and see..."

Congratulations to all those involved in Annie! You made us proud!

Catholic Parent Involvement Committee - Parent Information Hub



Access our Catholic Parent Involvement Committee – Parent Information Hub to listen to various community organizations speak directly to questions such as: How do I support my anxious child? How do I help my child build social skills? Where do I learn more about LGBT2S+ identities? How do I keep my child safe on the internet? Interested in additional services to support your child? Follow the links to access more information on services offered by each organization.

<https://www.wcdsb.ca/cpic-parent-hub/>

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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!!

Significant Days & Dates

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

Professional Activity Day:
Friday, June 3, 2022

Final evaluations:
June 21 to 24, 8 to 10 AM

Stay Connected with St. Benedict's!

Twitter

[@StBenedictCSS](#)

Instagram

[@bennies_sac_updates](#)

Did someone say.... Yearbook?

This year's Yearbook is going to be amazing, and time is running out to purchase your 2021 – 2022 Yearbook which is available for purchase through "School Cash Online" until Thursday, June 2. Act now as they are selling out fast and are only available while supplies last! Please see Ms. Weiditch if you have any questions.

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

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 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>

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

Bennie's grad golfing in Canadian Open

Bennies graduate – class of 2009, Brendan Leonard will be teeing off in the 2022 Canadian Open which begins Thursday, June 9.

Read the story at [therecord.com](https://www.therecord.com)

Sports Results

SENIOR GIRLS SLO PITCH

St. Benedict CSS 7, St. Mary's HS 17
St. Benedict CSS 20, Resurrection CSS 6
[SF] St. David CSS 12, St. Benedict CSS 10

SENIOR BOYS SLO PITCH

ES Pere-Rene-de-Galinee 8, St. Benedict CSS 23
St. David CSS 10, St. Benedict CSS 15
Resurrection CSS 24, St. Benedict CSS 4
St. Mary's HS 8, St. Benedict CSS 6
St. Benedict CSS 9, Msgr. Doyle CSS 10
St. Benedict CSS 12, Resurrection CSS 16

Clubs

E-Car team savours success!

The Racing Saints ended their seven-year drought of EV Racing podium visits at the University of Waterloo's EV Challenge in May. Our team of drivers, engineering crews, and marketing wizards worked hard, and all contributed to a well-earned 3rd place! You should all be extremely proud – Congratulations Racing Saints!

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



Gaming is Back!

Video gaming is back in the library beginning May 30, 2022

If you'd like to book a session come to the Membership Desk in the library.

- A valid Idea Exchange library card is required.
- Bookings are for ONE hour.
- Maximum of 2 gamers at one time.
- NO food or drink in the gaming room

Note: there is no gaming during the school day including lunch hour.

Gaming Room Hours:

Monday to Thursday: 2 to 8 pm

Friday: 2 to 5pm

Saturday: 10am to 5pm

Sunday: closed

Calendar of Events

Thursday, June 2

10:30am: MCU Club

10:30am: GSA Club

10:30am: Chess Club

2:00pm: FREE After School Tutoring

2:00pm: Doctor Who Club

Wednesday, June 15

BENN Newsletter release

10:30am: Seams Sew Easy club

10:30am: MCU Club

10:30am: Literature Club

10:30am: Coding 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, June 3

PA Day

Monday, June 6

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, June 7

10:30am: Lights Out! Club
10:30am: MCU Club
10:30am: Chess Club
10:30am: Finance Club
2:00pm: FREE After School Tutoring

Wednesday, June 8

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
2:15pm: Grad Meeting

Thursday, June 9

9:00am: Relay for Life
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, June 10

Relav for Life RAIN DATE

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, June 16

EQAO

School BBQ

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, June 17

EQAO

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

Sunday, June 19

Father's Day

Monday, June 20

10:30am: MCU Club
2:00pm: FREE After School Tutoring
2:00pm: Homework club
2:00pm: Debate Club

Tuesday, June 21

Summer Solstice

8:00am: Evaluation Day – Semester 2 Period 1

Wednesday, June 22

8:00am: Evaluation Day – Semester 2 Period 2

Thursday, June 23

8:00am: Evaluation Day – Semester 2 Period 3

Friday, June 24

8:00am: Evaluation Day – Semester 2 Period 4
10:30am: Grad Mass (School Gym) and
Breakfast (Caf)

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

Monday, June 13

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, June 14

10:30am: Lights Out! Club
10:30am: MCU Club
10:30am: Chess Club
10:30am: Finance Club
2:00pm: FREE After School Tutoring

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Monday, June 27

Assessment and Evaluation Credit
Recovery/Rescue
7:00pm: Convocation at Forward Church

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

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