



Wednesday, June 15, 2022 - Volume 14, Issue 21

Message from Administration

As many of you are aware, there was a graffiti incident that occurred last week suggesting a threat to the school community. Although the perceived risk was determined not viable by WRPS, we recognize the concern and anxiety this type of situation creates. As a school, we continue to communicate the importance of reviewing our internal safety processes, the importance of student supervision, and being observant to any suspicious activity throughout our days. Thank you for your continued support as we work together as a community to keep our school safe.

As we move through the month of June, we continue to celebrate the successes of our students; last Tuesday, we celebrated the Athletic banquet, where students were celebrated for the participation and involvement in this year's sports. On Thursday, 200 students and staff participated in the Relay for Life, raising nearly \$25,000. These activities would not have happened without the dedication and commitment of our staff and students! Congratulations to all.

We are looking forward to our upcoming Graduation ceremony on June 27th.

One final reminder, as we wrap up the last days of classes and assessments, please continue to encourage your children to be in uniform, on-time and prepared for classes. We want to ensure that all finish strong, achieving success! We encourage you to reach out to classroom teachers if you have any specific questions about progress or expectations.

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Relay for Life a huge success!

Relay for Life was a HUGE success thanks to our awesome St. Benedict school community! Big shout outs to YOU, our participants, everyone who sponsored a participant, our planning committee volunteering so many lunches to plan the event, our custodial team, our tech support, and our awesome staff & admin team! Without the participation and support from all we would not have been able to raise \$24,930!!!



We raised \$24,930 ... we crushed our goal!



We CRUSHED our goal, helped to support the fight against cancer and had fun doing it all!

We were very fortunate to have some extraordinary sponsors: Cambridge Pizza, BBE Construction Inc, No Frills, The Sports Link, Discover You, Willibald, and Cambridge Centre – your generosity and support is so greatly appreciated.

**Final Eval
Days Schedule**

**WCDSB Chromebooks Return
Dates**

Students are expected to be in class for the evaluation days next week. Classes will be **8:00 to 10:00**, with bus departures at 10:15 and 10:25.

June 21: Period 1

June 22: Period 2

June 23: Period 3

June 24: Period 4

Students requiring credit recovery may need to come to school Monday, June 27 and Tuesday, June 28.

Graduating grade 12 students and students not returning to St. Benedict CSS next year must return their school-assigned Chromebook and charging cord to the school on either **Thursday June 23 or Friday June 24** between 8am and 12 noon. Please return them to **room 111** during these times. These devices will be disabled and no longer usable beyond June.

Students who are returning to St. Benedict for the 2022–2023 school year may keep their assigned Chromebook over the summer and use it again next year.

Families requiring internet can review information about Rogers's Connected for Success reduced-rate internet access program at: <https://connectedforsuccess.ca/ontario/>

Important Information for Parents /Guardians of Students in Grades 7–12: Region of Waterloo Public Health Immunization Catch-Up Clinics

Under the Immunization of School Pupils Act, all primary and secondary students need to have proof of immunization against diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, meningococcal disease, pertussis and varicella (chickenpox).

If your child was born in 2006 or later, they are also eligible to receive or complete their series of Hepatitis B and Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines.

Enforcement of the Immunization of School Pupils Act is expected to resume next school year. Students are being encouraged to catch-up on their vaccines now to avoid suspension when enforcement begins.

Public Health is offering clinics to help get students back on track with their vaccinations. Many appointments are available in the month of June in both Cambridge and Waterloo locations.

If your child is in grade 7 to 12 this school year (2021/2022) and not up-to-date on their routine vaccines, you will have received a letter in the mail letting you know which vaccines are missing.

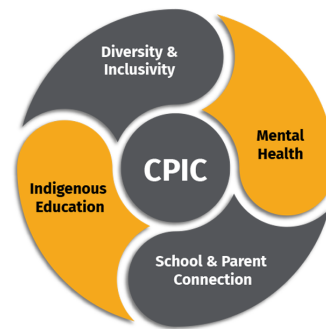
Before booking an appointment, parents/students should update their immunization records with Public Health using one of the following methods:

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

Appointments for students in grade 7 to 12 can be booked online using the following link <https://bit.ly/3MDSiXy> or by calling 519-575-4400 ext 5001. Translation is available for those who require it.

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

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!!

Grad gown pick-up this Thursday and Friday, plus more information that is important for our graduating class so we made this title extra large to draw attention to the importance of this information

Attention Grads! On Thursday, June 16 and Friday, June 17 you can pick up your Gown, Grad info letter, tickets to the ceremony and RSVP for the Grad Mass and Brunch in room 111 during lunch! Remember, there will be a livestream link sent out for those who cannot attend the ceremony at Forward Church. On Monday, June 20 we will have a virtual meeting during period 3 to review logistics of the ceremony and answer any questions you may have. Please make sure you arrive at Forward Church at 6:00pm.

On Friday, June 24 at 10:30am in the caf, grads will attend a celebration mass followed by brunch. Make sure to RSVP for this awesome event when you pick up your gown! Please direct any questions

Significant Days & Dates

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

Final evaluation days:
June 21 to 24, 8 to 10 AM

Stay Connected with St. Benedict's!

Twitter

[@StBenedictCSS](#)

Instagram

[@bennies_sac_updates](#)

to Sarah Spitzig (sarah.spitzig@wcdsb.ca).

Our St. Benedict Community can't wait to celebrate this milestone with you!

Attention, Graduates!



WHAT?: GENTLY USED UNIFORM COLLECTION

WHEN?: Friday, June 17th.
Beginning 7:30 am, Periods 1 & 2

WHERE?: Cafeteria

HOW?: Donate a minimum of 2 pieces of GENTLY USED UNIFORM

WHY?: To reduce our environmental footprint and to help students in need of uniform items.

BONUS:

If you donate 2 items or more you will receive a **UNIFORM PASS**, which will allow you to wear appropriate CIVVIES wear for the remainder of this school year!

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

Bus Route Information 2022-23

Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region (STSWR) has announced that bus route information for the 2022-2023 school year will be available on their website starting Monday, August 22, 2022.

STSWR website [login instructions](#):

<https://www.stswr.ca/parents/student-login/>



News from Guidance

Who is your Guidance Counsellor?

Counsellor's Name	Ext	Last names
Mrs. O'Toole	5190	A – D
Ms. Arkell	5636	Do – K
Mr. Betik	5633	KI – P
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

Business Leadership class hosts Bennie's Bonanza

On Tuesday, June 14, Ms. Grebinski's Grade 12 Business Leadership class ran a full day, outdoor event for the St. Benedict community – the Bennies Bonanza.

The event included a number of different games and activities all intended to build teamwork, a sense of community after a long 2 years, and most importantly, fun before the summer break. Activities ranged from Drip Drop Drop, to Spikeball, to Parachute, and so much more!

Thank you to all 24 classes that participated, and congratulations to the entire Business Leadership class for successfully planning and executing their first event as a group. It was a fun day for all!



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 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**

Athletics

Track and Field season recap

Now that track and field has officially come to a conclusion, we would like to congratulate all of the Bennies track participants on a very fun and successful season. Extra congratulations go out to our athletes who broke the all-time school records for St. Benedict:

- Jason Chen set a new school record in the Novice Boys Shot Put with a throw of 11.52 meters.
- Jake Murray set a new school record in the Novice Boys Discus with a throw of 33.04 meters.
- Emily Taborek beat the school record in the Senior Girls 400 meter hurdles with a time of 1 minute, 9.7 seconds
- Cassie Wilkie set the new standard in Steeplechase with a time of 10 minutes and 8 seconds

- Amy Mifsud who made it to OFSAA in Toronto in her first year, set a new school record in the ID 100 metre dash with a time of 25.94 seconds

For more information on our Bennies track records check out our website under "Student Life".

Clubs

Bennie's Rowing Club navigates the Grand

What's better than rolling out of bed in time for a 7:55 am period 1 start? A lucky group of 11 students and two teachers now know it's catching the sunrise on the Grand River with the first-ever St. Benedict Rowing Club! This small group of students have had the amazing opportunity to learn a sport most have only ever seen during the summer Olympics.

Volunteer coaches at the Cambridge Rowing Club have instructed students on how to row in quads, doubles, and singles, and now these students will get to continue to hone their new-found skills on the Grand all summer long. Look out for us next spring, as we hope to compete in our first Regatta! If you'd like to learn more about this club, or think you might want to get involved next year, talk to Ms. Currie or Ms. Novakovich.



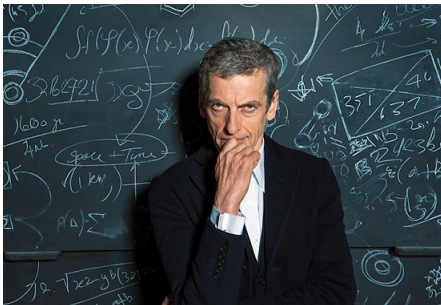
Apply now to be a
BENNIES BUDDY!

**(Formerly known as Link
Crew)**

**APPLICATION
DEADLINE
EXTENDED TO
FRIDAY
JUNE 17TH**

**CLICK ON THIS LINK FOR
THE APPLICATION!**

Doctor Who final meeting Friday



ATTENTION DOCTOR WHO CLUB MEMBERS! This Friday is the FINAL MEETING of the year, which will include the end of year MEGA PRIZE RAFFLE. Join us for one last adventure in time & space Friday after school in room 226.

Other News

News from the Library

Clemens Mill
IDEA|EXCHANGE

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

Co-Chairs' Message...

The new Catholic Community Foundation of Waterloo Region Inc. (CCFOWR) has received much positive feedback on the community support programs offered in 2021 and we are happy to share with you that 2022 is building on this success.

- The CCFOWR launched two grant programs in 2021 to support our Catholic community... a \$70,000 gift/food card program to give a hand up to families in our school and parish communities and a one-time \$60,000 grant program for our community service partners, to support them in their mandate during the challenging financial times created by the pandemic. In 2022, the need continues and the **food card program** has continued. The **partner grants program** will be incorporated into our traditional grants program offered each year in October.
- Plans for our annual **Links fore Learning Golf Classic**... a popular and long-standing tradition offered in cooperation with the Waterloo Catholic District School Board, will continue. This tournament, our primary fundraising event for 2022, will be held on Thursday, August 25, 2022 at Conestoga Golf & Country Club. To register, visit: www.ccfowr.ca/news-&-updates.
- The vision of the new CCFOWR is **Supporting Possibilities...making a difference**. An exciting initiative we introduced in 2021 was a virtual **Speaker Series** designed to help our community address our life experience post-pandemic. The series was well received and will continue in 2022 in partnership with the Waterloo Catholic District School Board.
- The CCFOWR is governed by a committed, community-based, board of directors. Our Governance Chair, Roger Lawler, is readily available to discuss your interests in participating in the Foundation's vision, as a board member or by sitting on one of our active committees. Contact Roger directly through email: rlawler51david@gmail.com, or Vic Degutis, President: VicDegutis@outlook.com, if you would like to explore the opportunities. On a related note, we would like to thank two outgoing board members for their significant contribution to our organization—**Fr. Larry Parent and Tom Mandich, and at the end of the summer, Loretta Notten... you made a difference!** We would also like to acknowledge the passing of our newest board member, **The Honourable Patrick Flynn**. Pat and his wife, Noreen, were active supporters of the Foundation over the years and we mourn the loss of our friend and this outstanding community member.
- Last point, the CCFOWR is a community-based organization with a mandate to offer funds and services to our Catholic community and the community-at-large. If you believe in our cause and can support us with a donation, we thank you in advance for your commitment... www.ccfowr.ca.



Deb Zettel-Schmitt



Chris Gehan



CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

Links FORE LEARNING

2022

GOLF CLASSIC

In Support of the Waterloo Region Catholic Schools
& The Catholic Community Foundation of Waterloo Region

Thursday ♦ August 25 ♦ 2022
Conestoga Golf & Country Club



Information & Registration...

Visit:

www.ccfowr.ca/news-&-updates

Or Contact:

Vic Degutis, President

Email: linksforelearning@ccfowr.ca

Registration/Food Service - \$150.00/golfer

♦ A charitable receipt will be issued for a portion of the fee

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Our Vision

Supporting Possibilities...

Making a Difference

President's Update...

- Our **website** is receiving very favourable reviews... "informative, easy to navigate, graphically interesting, relevant"... comments which align with our intention to make the experience positive and welcoming for you... please check us out at www.ccfwr.ca.
- We know the importance of **social media** in ongoing communication with our community and in the coming months, we will be launching a new program to extend our reach and to share our information with you with more frequency.
- The annual **Bishop's Banquet** will unfortunately need to be postponed again in 2022 to ensure a safe and successful experience for our guests and supporters. Preliminary plans for an event in 2023 are in the works and we hope you will join us. More details will be communicated in the coming months.



Supporting St. Mary's Church
Tiny Homes Takeout Program

Although we see the light at the end of the tunnel, many families in Waterloo Region have had to struggle financially and with uncertainty, even post-pandemic. If a need is identified by school principals, school social workers or parish priests, all that is required is an email to myself at VicDegutis@outlook.com with general details of the need and every effort will be made to give a hand up to recipients through our **Food Card Program**.

Food Card Program Feedback...

I can't thank you enough for the help and support that the Foundation has provided our community over the past couple of years through the food card program.

Sean Spitzig, Principal, Canadian Martyrs Catholic Elementary School

Thank you! Thank you! Support through the food card program will make an incredible difference for our students and the families.

Carla Santomero, Principal, International Education, St. Don Bosco/ Safe Schools/ SWAC/SAL

We have a student in our PSW program who is struggling to pay for her living expenses right now while she is in class full time days. We are requesting help for her with some food cards to support her finishing until the end of the year when she could find work for the summer. Right now she receives a minimal amount from the government but between rent, bus pass to get to school, and other costs of living she has been having to pull back on groceries.

Lisa Mackay, Principal, St. Louis Adult Learning & Continuing Education Centres

I am reaching out to the Catholic Community Foundation regarding a family in extreme need in our St. Agnes community. Mom reached out to me for financial assistance... Mom shared the family is down to their last \$100. Both parents are recently unemployed and have borrowed money to pay the rent for May. Their need is urgent.

Tonya Reesor, Principal, St. Agnes Catholic Elementary School

Continued...



Our Vision

Supporting Possibilities...

Making a Difference

The Catholic Community Foundation of Waterloo Region is responsible for the management and execution of a number of funds which benefit youth in our community. These funds are dedicated to achieving specific objectives established in cooperation with the initial donors. Please take the time to review the funds and consider donating. A list of these funds and a donation opportunity can be found on our website: www.ccfowr.ca/scholarships-and-bursaries.

Examples include:



The Clarke Young Legacy Fund... To honour the memory of Clarke, a memorial fund was established that will assist children who require financial support to pursue their dreams in athletics. Individual Elementary and Secondary school students attending Waterloo Region Catholic Schools can apply through their school principal. Funds will be awarded to support any aspect of organized sport, including equipment and registrations.

"This is FANTASTIC. Thank you all for your support! An experience like this will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for this student and something he will remember for the rest of his life."

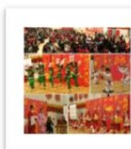
Nicole Stewart, Social Worker, Waterloo Catholic District School Board



The John Sweeney Endowment... An annual award, established by the WCDSB Board of Trustees, presented to an outstanding WCDSB Secondary school graduate attending St. Jerome's University, Waterloo. The trustees make a recommendation of a worthy recipient to the CCFOWR board of directors each year.



The St. Jerome's High School Memorial Fund... Annual awards to students in five WCDSB Secondary schools. Established by alumni of SJHS in memory of Father Michael Cundari, C.R. and William Winter, these funds support graduating students who have demonstrated exceptional effort in their school life and need financial support for their post-Secondary education.



The Grand River Chinese School Parent Association Fund... Established by a dedicated Chinese-Canadian parent association, this fund supports all aspects of Chinese heritage programs and courses offered at St Louis Alternative Education Centre as well as scholarships and bursaries for deserving students. The parent association executives makes recommendations to the Foundation board of directors on annual allocations of funds.

I am proud to share with you that the board of directors and staff of the new Catholic Community Foundation of Waterloo Region are committed to supporting our community in any way possible. If you need help, let us know and we will make every effort to assist. If you have the ability to support our efforts either financially or through volunteering your time, we welcome your engagement.

Vic Degutis, President E: VicDegutis@outlook.com C: 519.588.2426



Our Promise

The Catholic Community Foundation Of Waterloo Region Inc. values community and has a responsibility to offer a "hand up", empowering the life journey of the marginalized and vulnerable within the Region of Waterloo, with a focus on youth.

We believe in inclusion and equity and alignment with the 7 Social Teachings of the Catholic Church.

We are committed to cooperating and collaborating with community partners in all sectors to support and evolve common goals.



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Calendar of Events

Thursday, June 16

Flag Day

EQAO

School BBQ

10:30am: MCU Club

10:30am: GSA Club

10:30am: Chess Club

10:35am: Grad Gown Distribution

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

10:35am: Grad Gown Distribution

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)

Monday, June 27

Assessment and Evaluation Credit

Recovery/Rescue

7:00pm: Convocation at Forward Church

Tuesday, June 28

Assessment and Evaluation Credit

Recovery/Rescue

Wednesday, June 29

BENN Newsletter release

Friday, July 1

Canada Day

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

Did you know?

The 2022-2023 school year calendar for the WCDSB is available on the [Board website](#). [Click here to see the elementary and secondary calendars.](#)

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