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St. Benedict CSS Arts Department proudly presents

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The Musical

**Playing Thursday, December 8
to Saturday, December 10**

7:00pm show time Tickets are \$15/person

[Ticket Information](#)

Grade 8 Parent & Student Night

December 1, 2022

6:00 - 8:00 PM



6:00 Welcome and Presentation

6:30—8:00 Open House

*** PLEASE PARK AT REAR OF SCHOOL AND
ENTER THROUGH GYMNASIUM DOORS. ***



For a preview of our school and programs, [click here](#).

COVID Test Kits Available

Any students/families interested in picking up free COVID test kits, they are available inside the main office. Please help yourself.



Chaplain's Chat

Christmas is just around the corner. There are families in Cambridge who will struggle financially this Christmas. We are joining together with the Cambridge Fire Fighter Basket Fund to provide toys for Cambridge children.

From November 21 to December 2 we are encouraging St. Benedict students to donate new (unwrapped) toys in their first period classrooms. We will then forward the toys to the Basket Fund. Our November Civvies Day donations will also support the Basket Fund.

If you would like to donate financially to this important cause, make your way to School Cash Online and then find the heading "November Civvies Day – Toy Drive for Cambridge Fire Fighter Basket Fund". Cash donations will help fund food hampers.

School Cash Online will be open from November 21 to December 2. Thank you for your support and generous donations.

2022-2023 School Year Bell Times

7:55 Warning Bell
8:00 - 9:15 Period 1
9:20 - 10:35 Period 2
10:40 Lunch
11:20 Warning Bell
11:25 - 12:40 Period 3
12:45 - 2:00 Period 4



Stay Connected with St. Benedict's!

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[@StBenedictCSS](#)

Instagram

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ATTENTION GRADE 12'S

Graduation Photos

APPOINTMENT BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN
FOR DEC 5-9 & 12-16

SESSION 1 (OF 2) @ SBCSS IN THE SKYBOX
SIGN UP THROUGH THE LINK TREE WITH
CODE TBO




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**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**

The Catholic School Advisory Council is in need of Bingo volunteers, if you have had some experience working with the Cambridge Gaming Association or have interest in serving on council in this capacity, please email Melanie.Baker@wcdsb.ca.

How To Find Your Locker Info

*A reminder
winter
is
coming*

- Log into your Aspen Student Portal Account:

<https://wcdsb.myontarioedu.ca/aspen/logon.do>

- Click on “My Info” tab located at the top of the screen

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News from Guidance

Who is your Guidance Counsellor?

Counsellor's Name

Ext

Last names

Mrs. O'Toole	5190	A – Df
Ms. Arkell	5636	Do – Ke
Mr. Betik	5633	Kh – Pa
Ms. Varriano Lane	5635	Pe – Q, International students
Mrs. O'Neill	5634	R – Z

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>

Ontario Universities Virtual Fair

Ontario's universities are excited to host a collection of in-person and virtual events in the fall of 2022.

Ontario Universities' Fair (OUF)

Regional Fairs

Various locations and dates throughout September and October (TBD)

Can't make the OUF? Ontario's universities are coming to you this fall!

The Regional Fairs travel across the province, offering fair-style events that allow you to gather information about Ontario's universities. Learn about programs, campus life and anything else that may help you decide which Ontario university to choose.

Locations, dates and times TBD.

Virtual Event

December 1, 5 – 8pm

Join us for any (or all!) of your virtual information sessions.

Each event is divided into 6 time slots where students can learn about the universities of their choice and ask questions.

Financing Post-Secondary: Scholarships, Bursaries, and OSAP

Got a 'rich uncle' with a bank full of cash waiting for you to cover your post-secondary costs? Well, I did not either. The reality is that post-secondary education is costly and takes planning, so we hope you've begun. Many students supplement their post-secondary savings through scholarships, bursaries, and loans. This article will get you pointed in the right direction to access the necessary resources for information.

Most scholarships for first year students are 'entrance' scholarships and are automatically awarded based on marks. Some awards, called bursaries, are based on financial need, but may also include other components such as volunteer service, leadership, or being associated with a service group, employer, or union. These are very individual, and you can search these out using the resources set out below.

The following sites are Canadian websites where you can register and search online for a variety of scholarships, bursaries, and contests to help fund post-secondary education.

- [scholartree.ca](https://www.scholartree.ca)
- [scholarshipscanada.com](https://www.scholarshipscanada.com)
- [schoolfinder.com](https://www.schoolfinder.com)
- [disabilityawards.ca](https://www.disabilityawards.ca)
- [studentawards.com](https://www.studentawards.com)

The Scholarship Report is a service Guidance subscribes to at Bennies. It is a wonderful resource that you can use to search for scholarship opportunities by the month. It also provides a great deal of post-secondary information for all pathway opportunities. As the Scholarship Report is a proprietary service, access to it must be for the St. Benedict Community. In order, to view the report, go to the Scholarship page on the website and hit the link to the report. You will need a **PASSWORD** that is for St. Benedict students only. The password can be obtained through guidance.

What can you do now?

- Determine your post-secondary costs including tuition, books, room and board, travel, etc.
- Check parents' places of employment/ your place of employment or service groups for scholarships or bursaries
- Check with the schools in which you are going to apply
- Check Bennies website, through the Students Services tab, AND the Guidance Google Classroom (code – MXMOHZX)
- Create a scholarship/bursary resume where you collect all of your accomplishments, achievements, involvements, and potential barriers overcome in chronological order; you should line up references from teachers, community members and coaches who can speak to your involvement and character
- Talk seriously, with your family about your plan to fund post-secondary which may include applying for OSAP

OSAP – The Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) is a financial aid program that can help you pay for college or university. Applying, for OSAP is done individually and one may be eligible for grants (free money!) and/or loans. OSAP applications will open in April or May 2023 for the 2023–2024 school year. Check out the OSAP website [OSAP](https://www.osap.ca) for more information. In order to plan, you can

use the [OSAP Estimator](#) tool for a quick guide to see if you eligible for loans or grants. This can be completed anytime.

Post-secondary education is an investment in yourself. Planning, as best as possible, will help reduce stress and strain, and is certainly more reliable than finding a 'rich uncle'.

WE BUILD A DREAM
**CAREER
DISCOVERY
EXPLO**

BINGEMANS

425 BINGEMANS CENTRE DR,
KITCHENER, ON N2B 3X7

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM
KICK OFF AT 6:00 PM
LIGHT DINNER WILL BE SERVED
EVENT ENDS AT 8:00 PM

#DREAMBIGWATERLOO

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2022

THIS EVENT IS FREE FOR YOUNG WOMEN, GIRLS, AND THOSE
THAT IDENTIFY AS FEMALE IN GRADES 7 - 12 (AND THEIR
PARENTS/GUARDIANS!)

REGISTER
ONLINE



Academics



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TUTORING



- FREE!
- At St. Benedict CSS
- Students of all grade levels are welcome
- Get help in your current courses
- English, Math, Science and much more!

DROP IN

Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays

2:20 PM—3:20 PM

Rooms 206 & 207

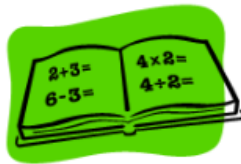
MATH CLUB



EVERY Thursday in ROOM 309

Grade 9, 10, 11, 12 students who want to:

- be able to answer those tough questions from class
- preview up-coming math contests
- prepare for tests, assignments or final exams
- have all your questions answered
- get ready for college or university



Meet with Dr. CHERNYSH
Thursdays after school
in room 309...
See you there!!!!

Athletics

Senior B-Ballers Start Strong



Please congratulate the members of the senior boys basketball team for starting their season 4 and 0 as they won the sir Wilfred Laurier senior boys tournament. The boys dominated their competition winning by an average of 28 points per game.

Clubs

Sports Results

JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

St. Benedict CSS 56, Woodland Christian HS 32

SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

St. Benedict CSS 86, Woodland Christian HS 51

BOYS HOCKEY

Resurrection CSS 5, St. Benedict CSS 2

GIRLS HOCKEY

Resurrection CSS 3, St. Benedict CSS 2

Check out the [calendar](#) on the bottom of the newsletter and on the school website for up-to-date information about game times for all your St. Benedict teams!



Student Activities

Saints! Are you ready to show your Christmas spirit once again this year?

Student Senate is once again running a Christmas Cheer Drive competition! This cheer drive is to help the less fortunate within our community, our proceeds will be going to Cambridge Shelters. Please donate winter items, such as hats and mitts, and hygiene products or donate on school cash online on December 1 to 21. The school that brings in the most items wins bragging rights and a mystery Christmas prize for the whole school. Every item donated counts as one point for our school. Let's show that Bennies has the most spirit!



The donation competition is on from now until December 21st. This initiative is not just unique to St. Benedict, it is a WCDSB board-wide drive. So, let's generate some holiday cheer this holiday season by donating to the Christmas Cheer Drive!!!

Other News

ATTENTION STUDENTS:

Do you need community service hours?

The school presentation of *Elf: The Musical* could use your help for 2–3 hours next Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening. We need ticket sellers, concession booth operators, and ushers. For more details or to sign up, see Mr. Milardovic at lunch or after school in room 216.

News from the Library



From the Librarian's Desk

As we move into the colder weather a few reminders are in order regarding school library policies.

Learning Commons Tables

Students are reminded that our tables are limited to five people per table and ONE student per chair! Please do not move chairs or tables.

Library Meeting Rooms

Students wishing to book a meeting room need their Idea Exchange library card to do so. The student booking the room must remain in the room as they are responsible for the room during the booking. They cannot book a room for a friend.

Device Chargers

The library offers device chargers that can be signed out with an Idea Exchange library card. These chargers have a 2 hour loan period but must be used in the library space. They cannot be taken to a classroom in the school. We ask students please respect this policy.

Library Food Policy

With the return of colder weather, more students are working in the library during lunch hour. A reminder that FOOD IS NOT ALLOWED in the library until after school.

After 2pm students are welcome to bring in light snacks such as granola bars, muffins, or cookies. No meals or containers of food are allowed. We ask you to respect this policy as it helps us keep our

library space clean not only for St. Bennies students but also for members of the public.

Featured Idea Exchange Programs

Note: The following events are hosted by Idea Exchange and are not affiliated with St. Benedict or the WCDSB. Please visit ideaexchange.org to register.

Did you know...

Teen Lounge Is Back!

Teen Lounge runs Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:00 to 3:00 pm. Visit the Lounge after school on these days for snacks, board games, and video games.

Gingerbread House Contest

When: November 28th to December 16th, 2022

Send us a photo of your Gingerbread House for a chance to win a prize! Happy Building!

Rules: All components must be edible.

To Register:

Go to: <https://ideaexchange.readsquared.com/>

Once you have registered, select your age category under "Missions" to submit your photo.

Submissions will be judged in the following categories: Child (6 and under); Youth (7-12); Teen (13-17); Adult (18+).

Entries will be evaluated based on Overall Appearance, Originality, and Use of Food Design.

Calendar of Events

Thursday, December 1

9:30am: SHSM Workshop: Introduction to ASL

10:45am: Writing Skills Society

10:45am: GSA Club

10:45am: MCU Movies club

2:00pm: Boys Hockey @ Monsignor Doyle CSS

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

2:15pm: E-car Racing Saints

2:15pm: Games Club

2:15pm: BoulderDash Club

2:15pm: Student Equity and Engagement Council

Friday, December 2

10:45am: Star Trek Club

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

2:15pm: Doctor Who Club

Monday, December 5

Grad Photos Session 1/2

10:45am: Lights Out! Club

10:45am: Coding Club

10:45am: EcoClub

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

2:15pm: Girls Hockey @ St. Mary's HS

3:00pm: Jr. Boys Basketball @ St. David CSS

3:00pm: Jr. Girls Volleyball vs Woodland CHS

3:00pm: Sr. Girls Volleyball vs Woodland CHS

4:30pm: Sr. Boys Basketball @ St. David CSS

Tuesday, December 6

10:45am: Model UN

10:45am: GSA Club

10:45am: MCU Movies club

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

2:15pm: Boys Hockey @ St. Mary's HS

Wednesday, December 7

10:45am: Writing Skills Society

10:45am: Coding Club

1:00pm: Swimming Mini-meet

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

Friday, December 16

10:45am: Star Trek Club

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

2:15pm: Doctor Who Club

Monday, December 19

Christmas Week

10:45am: Social Justice Council Bake Sale

10:45am: Lights Out! Club

10:45am: Coding Club

10:45am: EcoClub

1:00pm: Girls Hockey vs St. Mary's HS

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

3:00pm: Jr. Girls Volleyball vs ES Père-René-de-Galinée

3:00pm: Jr. Boys Basketball @ ES Père-René-de-Galinée

3:00pm: Sr. Girls Volleyball vs ES Père-René-de-Galinée

4:30pm: Sr. Boys Basketball @ ES Père-René-de-Galinée

Tuesday, December 20

10:45am: Model UN

10:45am: GSA Club

10:45am: MCU Movies club

2:00pm: Boys Hockey vs St. Mary's HS

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

Wednesday, December 21

Civvies Day

10:45am: Christmas Ornament Making in the Cafe

10:45am: Writing Skills Society

10:45am: Coding Club

11:15am: Swimming D8 Championship Meet

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

2:15pm: E-car Racing Saints

2:15pm: Graphic Novels Club

3:00pm: Sr. Girls Volleyball @ ES Père-René-de-Galinée

3:00pm: Jr. Girls Volleyball @ ES Père-René-de-Galinée

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

2:15pm: E-car Racing Saints

2:15pm: Graphic Novels Club

3:00pm: Sr. Boys Basketball vs St. Mary's HS

3:30pm: Jr. Girls Volleyball @ St. Mary's HS

3:30pm: Sr. Girls Volleyball @ St. Mary's HS

4:30pm: Jr. Boys Basketball vs St. Mary's HS

Thursday, December 8

10:45am: Writing Skills Society

10:45am: GSA Club

10:45am: MCU Movies club

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

2:15pm: E-car Racing Saints

2:15pm: Games Club

2:15pm: BoulderDash Club

2:15pm: Student Equity and Engagement Council

3:00pm: Novice Girls Volleyball vs St. David CSS

4:30pm: Novice Girls Volleyball vs St. Mary's HS

7:00pm: ELF THE MUSICAL

Friday, December 9

10:45am: Star Trek Club

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

2:15pm: Doctor Who Club

7:00pm: ELF THE MUSICAL

Saturday, December 10

7:00pm: ELF THE MUSICAL

Monday, December 12

Grad Photos Session 1/2

10:45am: Lights Out! Club

10:45am: Coding Club

10:45am: EcoClub

1:00pm: Girls Hockey vs St. David CSS

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

3:00pm: Jr. Girls Volleyball vs Resurrection CSS

3:00pm: Sr. Girls Volleyball vs Resurrection CSS

3:00pm: Jr. Girls Volleyball @ St. Pere-Rene-de-Galinée

3:00pm: Sr. Boys Basketball vs Resurrection CSS

4:30pm: Jr. Boys Basketball vs Resurrection CSS

Thursday, December 22

10:45am: Writing Skills Society

10:45am: GSA Club

10:45am: MCU Movies club

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

2:15pm: E-car Racing Saints

2:15pm: Games Club

2:15pm: BoulderDash Club

2:15pm: Student Equity and Engagement Council

3:00pm: Novice Girls Volleyball vs Monsignor Doyle CSS

4:30pm: Novice Girls Volleyball vs St. Mary's HS

Friday, December 23

Christmas Assembly

10:45am: Star Trek Club

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

2:15pm: Doctor Who Club

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

Monday, December 26

Christmas Break

2:15pm: Student Equity and Engagement Council

3:00pm: Novice Girls Volleyball vs Monsignor Doyle CSS

4:30pm: Novice Girls Volleyball vs St. Mary's HS

Tuesday, December 13

10:45am: Model UN

10:45am: GSA Club

10:45am: MCU Movies club

2:00pm: Boys Hockey vs St. David CSS

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

Wednesday, December 14

BENN Newsletter Release

10:45am: Writing Skills Society

10:45am: Coding Club

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

2:15pm: E-car Racing Saints

2:15pm: Graphic Novels Club

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

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

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

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

Thursday, December 15

10:45am: Writing Skills Society

10:45am: GSA Club

10:45am: MCU Movies club

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

2:15pm: E-car Racing Saints

2:15pm: Games Club

2:15pm: BoulderDash Club

2:15pm: Student Equity and Engagement Council

3:00pm: Novice Girls Volleyball vs Msgr Doyle CSS

4:30pm: Novice Girls Volleyball vs St. David CSS

Friday, December 23

Christmas Assembly

10:45am: Star Trek Club

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

2:15pm: Doctor Who Club

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

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

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