



Wednesday, January 11, 2023 – Volume 15, Issue 10

H A P P Y N E W Y E A R !

Message from Administration

Welcome back after what we hope was a peaceful and joy-filled Christmas Break. We are quickly moving into a critical time for semester final evaluations. Please encourage your student to check with their teacher regarding due dates, course expectations and evaluation schedule activities, to ensure a successful completion of the semester. A reminder that students are expected to be in all scheduled classes during the school day.

If a student is signed out by a parent/ guardian, the expectation is that they are home under the care and supervision of the parent/ guardian. As always, we invite communication with teachers, support staff, guidance, and administration if you have any questions or concerns. Staff can be contacted through email firstname.lastname@wcdsb.ca.

Blessing for a healthy and hope filled New Year!

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Vice Principal

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Semester 1 Final Evaluation Schedule

Friday, January 27

7:55 – Warning Bell

8:00 – 10:00 Period 1 Evaluation Activities

Bus Depart at 10:30

11:15AM–2:00PM

Credit Rescue as arranged by teacher and student

Monday, January 30

7:55 – Warning Bell

8:00 – 10:00 Period 2 Evaluation Activities

Bus Depart at 10:30

11:15AM–2:00PM

Credit Rescue as arranged by teacher and student

Tuesday, January 31

7:55 – Warning Bell

8:00 – 10:00 Period 3 Evaluation Activities

Bus Depart at 10:30

11:15AM–2:00PM

Credit Rescue as arranged by teacher and student

Wednesday, February 1

8:00 – 10:00 Period 4 Evaluation Activities

Bus Depart at 10:30

11:15AM–2:00PM

Credit Rescue as arranged by teacher and student

Thursday, February 2

8:00 – 10:00

Credit Rescue as arranged by teacher and student

No Buses Today

NOTES

- No final exams for grade 9 and 10 classes, however final evaluations may occur on exam days
- Teachers will communicate final evaluation day expectations with students/guardians for their class
- There will be no transportation provided for students during the afternoon credit recovery period, however bus tickets are available in the main office for students that need them in the afternoon
- All Students are to be in full uniform during final evaluations and credit rescue
- In the event of a school closure or yellow bus cancellation due to inclement weather during the final evaluation schedule, the final evaluations will be moved forward one day. There will be no change to the order in which the evaluations will be written.

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.



Stay Connected with St. Benedict's!

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[@StBenedictCSS](https://twitter.com/StBenedictCSS)

Instagram

[@bennies_sac_updates](https://www.instagram.com/bennies_sac_updates)



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



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Interested in being a Student Trustee next year?

**APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE
THROUGH GOOGLE CLASSROOM!**

JOIN PXCVISN

APPS ARE DUE JAN. 26TH @ 3PM



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WELCOME NEW KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

**CHILDREN BORN IN 2019 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR YEAR 1 KINDERGARTEN AND
CHILDREN BORN IN 2018 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR YEAR 2 KINDERGARTEN**

WCDSB Kindergarten Registration is OPEN! Register Online Today!!!

It's Time to Sign Up for School!!

It's time to sign up for the 2023-24 school year – and registering to attend one of Waterloo Region's 43 Catholic elementary schools has never been easier.

- Children born in **2019** are eligible for **Year 1 Kindergarten (JK)**.
- Children born in **2018** are eligible for **Year 2 Kindergarten (SK)**.

Parents can access the Online Pre-Registration form by clicking on the [Register for School](#) link on the [WCDSB Homepage](#) and then choosing [Kindergarten Registration](#).

To finalize your child's registration, please contact your [local Catholic school](#) directly.

News from Guidance

Who is your Guidance Counsellor?

Counsellor's Name	Ext	Last names
Mrs. O'Toole	5190	A – DI
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>

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
- scholarshipscanada.com
- schoolfinder.com
- disabilityawards.ca
- 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 overcame 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](#) 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'.



University Application reminder!

Grade 12 University applications are due Thursday, January 12, 2023.

Students require a PIN number to apply to university. You should have already received your PIN. If you didn't get yours, please see Guidance ASAP!

University application website:

www.ouac.on.ca/ouac-101

University application tutorial website:

<https://www.ouac.on.ca/101-tutorials/#login>

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

Monday to Thursday

2:20 PM—3:20 PM

Rooms 206 & 207

The Ministry of Education has recently announced a grant for schools to provide FREE after school tutoring at St. Benedict. This is welcomed news and may provide some additional support to students. We are hopeful that this will be a fun and engaging opportunity for your child to build skills,

confidence, and strategies for success.

Tutoring will take place in rooms 206 & 207 after school from 2:20 pm – 3:20 pm every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. All students in Grade 9–12 are welcome to attend. We will run this free program until March 9th.

If you have any questions, please contact the Main Office.

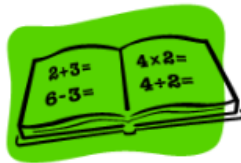
MATH CLUB



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

Swimmer Success at D8

Congratulations to the swim team on another stellar performance at District 8.

Highlights include Saeed Rasheed getting 3rd place overall in the open boys division, Jake Murray getting 2nd place overall in the jr boys division, and Hailey Murdoch getting 1st place overall in the open girls category.

More shout outs go out to Olivia Murray and our senior and junior girls relays who all qualified to go to CWOSSA by getting 1st place in their races.

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!

Sports Results

JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

St. Benedict CSS 61, St. David CSS 51
St. Benedict CSS 73, Pere-Rene-de-Galinee 38
St. Benedict CSS 51, Resurrection CSS 43
St. Benedict CSS 68, Rockway MC 22

SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

St. Benedict CSS 49, St. David CSS 46
St. Benedict CSS 59, Resurrection CSS 54
St. Benedict CSS 88, Rockway MC 36

JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

St. David CSS 3, St. Benedict CSS 0
ES Pere-Rene-de-Galinee 3, St. Benedict CSS 1
ES Pere-Rene-de-Galinee 3, St. Benedict CSS 1

SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

St. Benedict CSS 3, St. David CSS 0
St. Benedict CSS 3, ES Pere-Rene-de-Galinee 1
ES Pere-Rene-de-Galinee 3, St. Benedict CSS 0

BOYS HOCKEY

St. Mary's HS 5, St. Benedict CSS 4
Resurrection CSS 4, St. Benedict CSS 0

GIRLS HOCKEY

St. Benedict CSS 11, St. Mary's HS 1

Clubs

Student Equity and Engagement Council

Are you someone who is passionate about equity? Do you want to be involved in equitable changes within our school community and beyond? Join our Student Equity and Engagement Council (aka SEEC). Starting this week, we will meet on Wednesdays at lunch in Rm. 224. Anyone is welcome to join!



Calling all Coders!

The University of Waterloo's *Canadian Computing Competition* will be held on **Wednesday, February 15**. Students interested in participating must speak to Mr. Milardovic by next Monday, and commit to attending Coding Club on a regular basis to do practice questions.

See Mr. Milardovic in room 216 for more information.

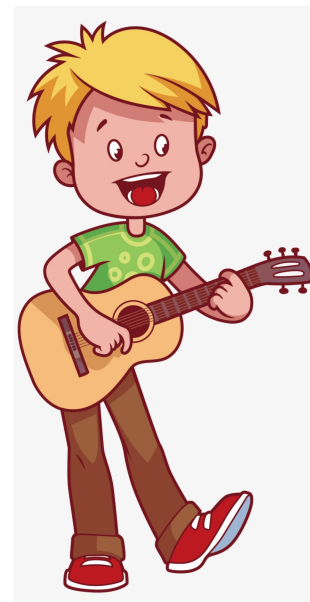
Student Activities

Valentine's Day Coffee House is coming!

Hey Saints! Are you a performer? Interested in participating in our school's Valentine's Day Coffee House? Do you sing, play an instrument, do spoken word, magic or comedy? Come out at lunch to room 104 on February 6th for a meeting with information on the event and how to audition!

Have more questions?

See Mr. Renner or Mrs. O'Brien McKinnon for more details!



Other News

News from the Library



From the Librarian's Desk

Teen Lounge is Back!

The teen lounge will be running again beginning Tues. Jan 10.

The lounge will be open three days a week now; Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 2 to 3pm.

Come enjoy free snacks, play board games or video games or just hang out with your friends.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, January 11

Student Trustee Applications Available

BENN Newsletter Release

3:00pm: Jr. Girls Volleyball @ Monsignor Doyle CSS

3:00pm: Jr. Boys Basketball vs Monsignor Doyle CSS

3:00pm: Sr. Girls Volleyball @ Monsignor Doyle CSS

3:30pm: SHSM Workshop: Art Therapy (ALL)

4:30pm: Sr. Boys Basketball vs Monsignor Doyle CSS

Thursday, January 12

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 & Engagement Council

2:30pm: Boys Hockey vs Monsignor Doyle CSS

3:00pm: Novice Girls Volleyball vs Resurrection CSS Gold

3:45pm: Novice Girls Volleyball vs Resurrection CSS Red

Friday, January 13

10:45am: Star Trek Club

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

2:15pm: Doctor Who Club

Monday, January 16

10:45am: Lights Out! Club

10:45am: Coding Club

10:45am: EcoClub

1:00pm: Girls Hockey vs Monsignor Doyle CSS

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

Tuesday, January 17

10:45am: Model UN

Friday, January 20

10:45am: Star Trek Club

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

2:15pm: Doctor Who Club

Monday, January 23

10:45am: Lights Out! Club

10:45am: Coding Club

10:45am: EcoClub

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

3:00pm: Jr. Girls Volleyball vs St. Mary's HS

3:00pm: Sr. Girls Volleyball vs St. Mary's HS

3:30pm: Jr. Boys Basketball @ Our Lady of Mount Carmel

5:00pm: Sr. Boys Basketball @ Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Tuesday, January 24

10:45am: Model UN

10:45am: GSA Club

10:45am: MCU Movies club

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

6:00pm: Catholic School Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 25

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

Thursday, January 26

Student Trustee Applications Due

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

10:45am: Model UN

10:45am: GSA Club

10:45am: MCU Movies club

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

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

Wednesday, January 18

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

2:30pm: Girls Hockey @ St. David CSS

3:30pm: Jr. Girls Volleyball @ Rockway MC

3:30pm: Sr. Girls Volleyball @ Rockway MC

3:30pm: Sr. Boys Basketball @ St. Mary's HS

3:30pm: SHSM Workshop: Acting for Film & TV

5:00pm: Jr. Boys Basketball @ St. Mary's HS

Thursday, January 19

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 & Engagement Council

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Friday, January 27

Exam Day

Saturday, January 28

Bell Let's Talk Day

Monday, January 30

Exam Day

Tuesday, January 31

Exam Day

Wednesday, February 1

Winter Walk Day

BENN Newsletter Release

Exam Day

Thursday, February 2

Exam Day

Groundhog Day

Friday, February 3

PA Day

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

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