



Wednesday, January 25, 2023 – Volume 15, Issue 11

## Message from Administration

On behalf of the Admin team, we wish all our students best of luck on their Final Evaluation/Culminating Tasks!

As has been communicated, the E-Days run from Friday, January 27 to Wednesday, February 1st. Buses will run for the mornings only to accommodate 8-10am Evaluations.

Thursday, February 2nd is a scheduled Credit Recovery Day with NO BUSES running. Friday February 3rd is a PA Day.

We would also like to wish everyone a wonderful start to the second semester, with classes beginning on Monday February 6th (Full uniform)!!

## Admin Team

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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.

**Due to deteriorating weather conditions, all St. Louis Adult Learning and Continuing Education programs scheduled for this evening are cancelled.**

# Additionally, all Community Use of Schools permits are cancelled as are all tutoring programs and athletic events.

## SAVE THE DATE



**Attention 2023 Graduates and grade 12s that are planning to attend the 2023 Convocation:** We are planning the event for the evening of Tuesday June 27. It will be held at Forward Church. There will be limits to the number of guests, likely 2 guests/grad. More details will be sent out as plans finalize. For now, please mark June 27 on your calendars to avoid conflict with other family events or commitments. We look forward to celebrating our Graduating Class of 2023 as a community!!

Just a reminder that there is no school-sponsored or school-endorsed Prom this year as has been the practice for the last several years.



## 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

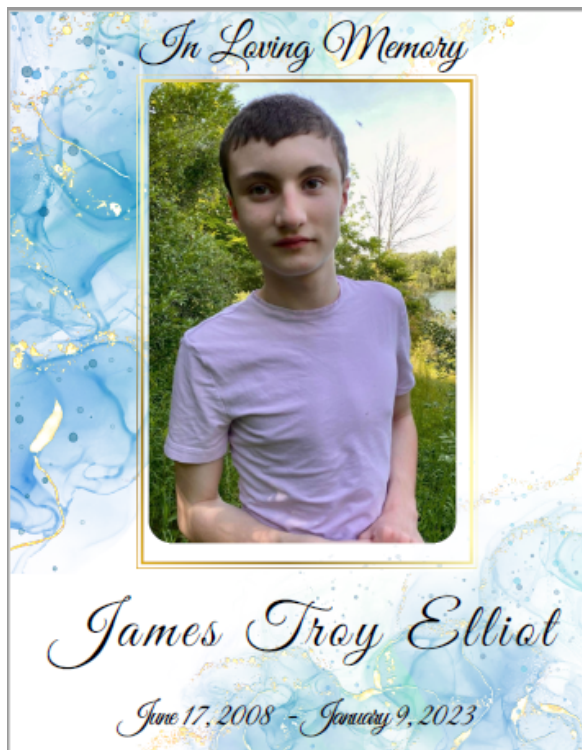
12:45 - 2:00 Period 4



## Bereavement Notice

It is with heavy hearts that we share news of the passing of one of our own Saints.

James Elliot was a grade 9 students at St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School. Before attending St. Benedict, James was a student at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School in Cambridge. James will be missed dearly by the staff and students who knew him. We pray for his family and loved ones as they continue to mourn the loss of their beloved James, especially Leslie (mother), Greg (father), and Stevie (sister). Please take a moment to read some excerpts from James's celebration of life last week and keep the Elliot family in your prayers.



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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](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'.

# 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.

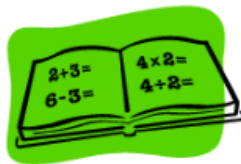
# MATH CLUB



## 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

## Senior boys win tournament



Congratulations to the senior boys basketball team on a stellar performance last weekend. They were in Simcoe and went 4-0 to win the tournament.

It was a great overall team effort to get us to the finals and then Malek Hamad took over in the first half going 5/5 from 3 and scoring a couple of other buckets to pull us away.

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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!

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## Sports Results

### JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

St. Benedict CSS 50, Monsignor Doyle CSS 40

St. Mary's HS 72, St. Benedict CSS 62

St. Benedict CSS 98, Our Lady of Mt Carmel 23

### SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

St. Benedict CSS 72, Monsignor Doyle CSS 35

St. Mary's HS 64, St. Benedict CSS 50

St. Benedict CSS 72, Our Lady of Mt Carmel 13

### JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Monsignor Doyle CSS 3, St. Benedict CSS 0

Rockway MC 3, St. Benedict CSS 0

St. Mary's HS 3, St. Benedict CSS 1

### SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

St. Benedict CSS 3, Monsignor Doyle CSS 0

St. Benedict CSS 3, Rockway MC 1

St. Mary's HS 3, St. Benedict CSS 1

### BOYS HOCKEY

Monsignor Doyle CSS 4, St. Benedict CSS 1

St. Benedict CSS 5, St. David CSS 0

St. Benedict CSS 5, Resurrection CSS 2

### GIRLS HOCKEY

St. Benedict CSS 4, Resurrection CSS 3

St. Benedict CSS 6, Monsignor Doyle CSS 5

St. David CSS 10, St. Benedict CSS 0

# Clubs



## 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 as soon as possible.

Students interested in writing the competition should commit to Coders Club at lunch in 216 Mondays and Wednesdays to work on practice problems.

See Mr. Milardovic in room 216 for more information.

## UW Math contests coming!

On Wednesday, February 22, 2023, the Gr. 9, 10 and 11 students will be taking part in the University of Waterloo Pascal, Cayley and Fermat Math Contests. Cost per participant – \$6. Please, register through SchoolCashOnline. This event is open to all students!

The deadline for the registration is **Thursday, February 2nd, at 2:00 p.m.** Don't miss it!

# Student Activities

Tickets to the

# Enchanted themed Semi Formal

are

# sold out

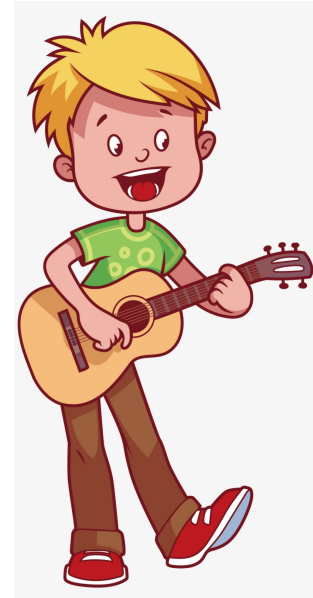
Please note there are no refunds, exchanges, or transfers to other students. Bring your student ID card for entry to this event.

# 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

## Calendar of Events

**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

**2:15pm:** Student Equity and Engagement Council

**Friday, January 27**

Exam 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

**Monday, February 6**

Semester 2 Begins

**10:45am:** Lights Out! Club

**10:45am:** Coding Club

**10:45am:** EcoClub

**2:00pm:** Weight Room Club

**3:00pm:** Jr. Girls Volleyball vs Msgr Doyle CSS

**3:00pm:** Jr. Boys Basketball @ Resurrection

**3:00pm:** Sr. Girls Volleyball vs Mary Doyle CSS

**Tuesday, February 7**

**10:45am:** Model UN

**10:45am:** GSA Club

**10:45am:** MCU Movies club

**1:00pm:** Swimming Mini-meet

**2:00pm:** Weight Room Club

**6:00pm:** Catholic School Advisory Council Meeting

**Wednesday, February 8**

**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, February 9**

**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

**Friday, February 10**

**10:45am:** Star Trek Club

**2:00pm:** Weight Room Club

**2:15pm:** Doctor Who Club

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

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**3:00pm: St. Girls volleyball vs Msgr Doyle CSS**

**4:30pm: Sr. Boys Basketball @ Resurrection**

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