



Wednesday, February 22, 2023 - Volume 15, Issue 13

## So what are we doing on this snow day?

Putting out the BENN--a day late... sorry!

Enjoy!

## Looking for a quick way to navigate all things WCDSB for parents?

Check out the Board website for information and information pertaining to Aspen Portal, Brightspace, School Cash Online, Transportation updates, and other resources:

<https://www.wcdsb.ca/parents/>

## Admin Team

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## 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.

## Semester 1 report cards

Report cards were distributed in period 1 Tuesday. If your son or daughter has not received theirs, please check with the Main Office.

## Grad Yearbook Quotes

Attention Grads! Leave your mark on this year's yearbook with a Grad Quote.

Teachers in your grade 12 classes should have the link in their LMS, or you can grab the QR code from the poster outside the Skybox (where grad photos were taken), or room 216.

**You have until Monday, February 27 to submit your grad quote.**

## Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test information

The administration of the Spring Session of The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test will be held on April 19th. All resources for the testing can be found on our website under Student Services, Literacy Test Preparation. There will also be support during Lunch beginning Wednesday, March 1st and every Wednesday to follow before the testing. We will also have tutoring available after school Mondays – Thursdays that will also support the Literacy Test. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Andreia Borba at [andreia.borba@wcdsb.ca](mailto:andreia.borba@wcdsb.ca).

# Positive Parent-Teacher communication

As always, parents/guardians are valuable partners in a child's education. We invite you to keep the lines of communication open as you can be an effective resource to support the learning your child. As per our WCDSB Administrative Procedures Memorandum #APC001, Communication Guidelines, all public and interpersonal communications must recognize the dignity of the individual and be conducted fairly, honestly, and respectfully.

When a parent, guardian or other board stakeholder has a concern or suggestion, it is expected that the matter will first be taken up with the staff member. The process outlined below should be followed.

1

Speak directly to the staff member. If the issue is not resolved, proceed to step two.

2

Speak to the Principal. If the person with the concern has not yet addressed the issue with the staff member involved, the Principal will ask them to do so.

3

If, having spoken to the Principal, the person with the concern believes the issue is not resolved, they may speak to the Superintendent of Learning responsible for the school.

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If, having spoken to the Superintendent of Learning responsible for the school, the person with the concern believes the issue is not resolved, they may speak to the

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If, having spoken to the Director of Education, the person with the concern believes the issue is not resolved, they may register as a delegation to address the Board of Trustees. Information on how to register as a delegation to the board is available in the WCDSB website. Please note that stakeholders are free to address the Board of Trustees as a registered delegation at any time, subject to any pertinent laws, regulations or board policies.

## 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!

Twitter

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

Instagram

[@bennies\\_sac\\_updates](https://www.instagram.com/bennies_sac_updates)



Did you order a

## YEARBOOK?

The 2022-2023 Yearbook is going to be  
**AMAZING!**

If you have not purchased a Yearbook for  
this school year and would still like to,  
please do so through School Cash Online.

They will only be available for purchase  
until **Tuesday, February 28** - so act now!

See Ms. Weiditch for details.



Copies of last year's yearbook. If you thought it  
was great, wait until you see this year's!!



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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.



# LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

**TAKE OUR SURVEY TODAY**  
THE STUDENT EQUITY ENGAGEMENT  
COUNCIL IS A STUDENT-LED INITIATIVE  
THAT LETS THE VOICE OF OUR SCHOOL  
COMMUNITY BE HEARD. OUR HOPE IS TO  
ELIMINATE INEQUITY AT ST. BENEDICT.



SCAN ME

News from Guidance

## Course Selections for 2023 - 2024

All students and guardians will be receiving an email with links to the course selection virtual information. It will also be posted in the Guidance google classroom. As we move into semester 2 it is a good time to continue research and have conversations about your choices for the next school year.

Guidance counsellors have visited grade 9, 10 and 11 classes to discuss course selection information.

Grade 12 students who are interested in returning to St. Benedict for a 5th year are invited to complete their course selection in myBlueprint.

The decisions that students make now regarding their choices for next year are what drive the scheduling decisions that are made about both the courses and the numbers of sections of each course that we offer at the school next year. Course changes are not always easily corrected once the school year is under way.

Students will be choosing their courses on-line through myBlueprint and parents can verify course selection by email.

The site can be accessed as follows:

1. Go [www. myBlueprint.ca/waterloocatholic](http://www.myBlueprint.ca/waterloocatholic)
2. Login using your school login or GAFE account login

Please note that course selections must be submitted to the school and email verification by a parent, by Tuesday February 28th. Students are encouraged to consult the course calendar on the website, as well as subject specific teachers and guidance counsellors for help making the correct decisions.

If students wish to make an appointment with their Guidance counsellor, please visit the Guidance webpage and complete the google form.

## Summer Elearning through St. Louis

Registration for Summer School Elearning courses is now available through the Waterloo Catholic District School board's St. Louis Adult Learning & Continuing Education Centre. Please visit their website <https://stlouis.wcdsb.ca/summer-programs/summer-credit/> for a list of courses and how to register. Registration begins end of February 2022.

Students wishing to take a required course in summer school should include the required course in their myBlueprint planner and the SUMMER placeholder code. They should also include an alternate course. Once registration has been confirmed the Guidance Counsellor will update the planner.

## Community Service Hours – for 2023 Graduates



It is a requirement of graduation that each student complete 40 hours of community service. There are many opportunities to fulfill this requirement. Potential graduates should submit their hours to the Guidance office as soon as possible, so it can be recorded for graduation.

The WCDSB Community Involvement Activity Record can be found here –

<https://lf.wcdsb.ca/Forms/APO015-01F>

## 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](http://scholartree.ca)
- [scholarshipscanada.com](http://scholarshipscanada.com)

- [schoolfinder.com](https://www.schoolfinder.com)
- [disabilityawards.ca](https://disabilityawards.ca)
- [studentawards.com](https://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](https://www.osap.ca) for more information. In order to plan, you can use the [OSAP Estimator](https://www.osap.ca/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 of Waterloo Grade 10 Family Night

The University of Waterloo will be hosting a virtual evening for Grade 10 students and their parents on Thursday February 23 from 5:30 – 8:30 PM. This is a great opportunity for grade 10 students who are thinking about attending any of Ontario's universities. Information covered will include finding a



program that is a good fit, navigating the application process, and financing post-secondary education. This is also available as an online event.



## Check out Grade 10 Family Night

**Students, parents and supporters welcome**

Learn about

- applying to university,
- studying what you love,
- financing your education, and
- tips from current Waterloo students.

### IN PERSON

Hagey Hub and  
Humanities Theatre (HH)  
University of Waterloo

### VIRTUALLY

MS Teams Live  
(Link will be sent  
with registration)

### WHEN

Thursday, February 23, 2023  
Presentation: 6:30 to 8 p.m.  
Information fair (in-person only):  
5:30 to 6:30 & 8 to 8:30 p.m.

### REGISTER TODAY

[uwaterloo.ca/future/grade-10](https://uwaterloo.ca/future/grade-10)





**Experiential Learning**  
Your Path • Your Choice • Your Future



Do you have a Job Skill that  
you want to show off?

Sign-up for the:

## **JOB SKILL DEMONSTRATION REGIONAL CONTEST**

**What's your task?**

Create a 10 minute video highlighting a job skill which  
will instruct your audience in that skill

Examples:

Creating a floral display • Servicing small engines • Altering a  
dress pattern • Installing a light and switch • Creating a visual  
element for a video production • Hairstyling • Baking/ cooking •  
Constructing a web page • Soldering copper tubing •  
Constructing a brick structure • Installing / repairing drywall •  
Installing a lock set on a door

**This contest is open to WCDSB students from Gr. 9 - 12s**

The gold medal winner will move on to represent the WCDSB  
and compete at the Skills Ontario Competition in Toronto



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Submit your video using the Job Skill  
Competition Submission Form.

**DEADLINE – MARCH 8TH @ 4PM**

Questions?  
email [leonard.bumbacco@wcdsb.ca](mailto:leonard.bumbacco@wcdsb.ca)



# Academics



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Small Group ♦ After School

# 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.

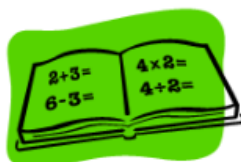
# MATH CLUB



**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!!!!



**Brand  
new!**

# **Challenge the Status Quo!**



## **Girls-Only Transportation Tech.**

**New for 2022/23, Bennies is offering  
Girls-only Auto courses in both Grades 10 & 11!**

Learn basic vehicle terminology, maintenance,  
repair, and much more...

For more information contact:

Mr. Anatol or Mr. Dutto

## **Which computer course is which?**

*As the time approaches for students to start picking courses for next year, students can often be overwhelmed by the number of choices available to them. Here is some information on courses relating to computer technology.*

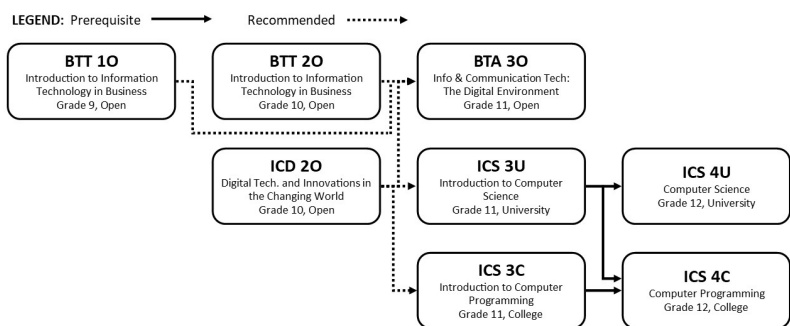
Computers are a part of our daily lives, and students are so familiar and comfortable using them that they often take for granted all of the skills involved in developing the hardware and software that make them work. St. Benedict offers two sets of courses that allows students to explore computer technology and focus on the types of skills and knowledge that they would like to develop. Computer

science and computer engineering are two related but very unique streams of study that students can choose from, and by combining both, can work towards their Specialist High Skills Major certification.

In computer science courses, students will learn to program and design software using industry-standard programming tools and applying the software development life-cycle model. They will develop creative solutions for various types of problems as their understanding of the computing environment grows, and be encouraged to participate in contests and competitions to test their skills.

The grade 10 course focuses on essential computer basics and some coding in Scratch and Python. In the grade 11 course, the focus is on developing strong program development fundamentals using Python. The grade 12 course focuses on object oriented programming in Java. More details about all these courses can be found on the Computer Studies page on the school website.

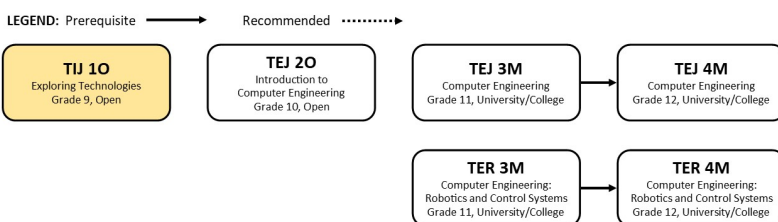
### Computer Studies Pathway



Click on the image to go to the course catalogue section for Computer Studies on the school website.

By contrast, in computer engineering courses, students will have the opportunity to examine the inner workings of computer technology through the creation of circuits and logic sequences, as well as program physically devices such as Arduino microcontrollers and robots. Skills in problem solving and design are applied in hands on projects geared towards university preparation are at the core of these M level courses.

### Computer Engineering Pathway



Click on the image to go to the course catalogue section for Computer Engineering on the school website.

Students also have the opportunity in grades 11 and 12 to take emphasis courses specifically in robotics. When the traditional computer engineering and robotics courses are combined, they lead to our University of Waterloo recognized [Engineering Certificate](#).



There is no shortage of great things to learn when it comes to computers and computer technology and St Benedict is here to support students in exploring their interests. Hopefully this brief overview of these two streams can help making course choices for next year a little clearer. If you would like to talk about computer science please contact [Mr. Milardovic](#) or if you would like to talk about computer engineering and robotics please contact [Mr. Strassburger](#); and as always, reach out to your guidance counsellor to discuss all of your course options.

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## WHAT DOES THIS CODE DO?

```
print("How old are you?")
age = input()
age = age + 1
print("Next year you will be",age)
```

## FIGURE IT OUT?

# I SEE YOU IN ICS

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

- ♦ See the Computer Studies section on the school website  
Academics ► Computer Studies
- ♦ See Mr. Milardovic in room 216

### PROGRAMMING COURSES AT ST. BENEDICT'S

#### GRADE 10

### ICD20 open

(formerly ICS 20)

Digital Technology and Innovations in

#### GRADE 11

### ICS3C college

Introduction to Computer Programming

### ICS3U university

Introduction to Computer Science

#### GRADE 12

### ICS4C college

Computer Programming

### ICS4U university

Computer Science

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# Are you up for adventure?

The Grades 9–12 multi-level Outdoor Education Physical Education Course (PAD) focuses on the development of a healthy lifestyle through participation in a wide variety of outdoor activities such as fire-building, hiking, canoeing, orienteering, first aid and camping. Students will be given opportunities to practice goal-setting, decision-making, interpersonal skills, leadership, planning and organizational skills.

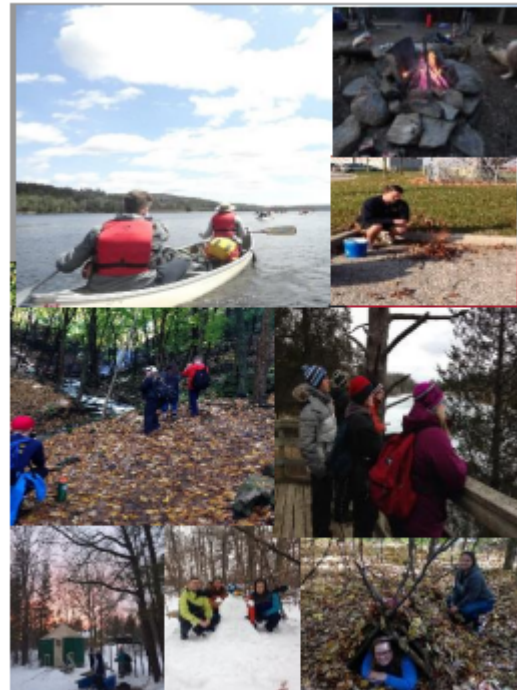
## Not your typical classroom

Imagine a classroom that involves spending time outside, building your own shelter, making a fire using flint, canoeing through Algonquin Park, or hiking in one of our beautiful conservation areas.

Sound appealing? If the answer is “yes”, then please email Ms. Novakovich at [Melissa.novakovich@wcdsb.ca](mailto:Melissa.novakovich@wcdsb.ca) for more information or to get an application form for the course.

**Course code: PAD (open to 9, 10, 11, 12 students)**

Fees apply to help pay for our many excursions and opportunities!



*(Financial assistance may be provided to support a student due to financial hardship or circumstance.*

*Please speak with your Ms. Novakovich directly or ask your parent or guardian to contact a member of the administrative team.)*

**Let the adventures begin!**

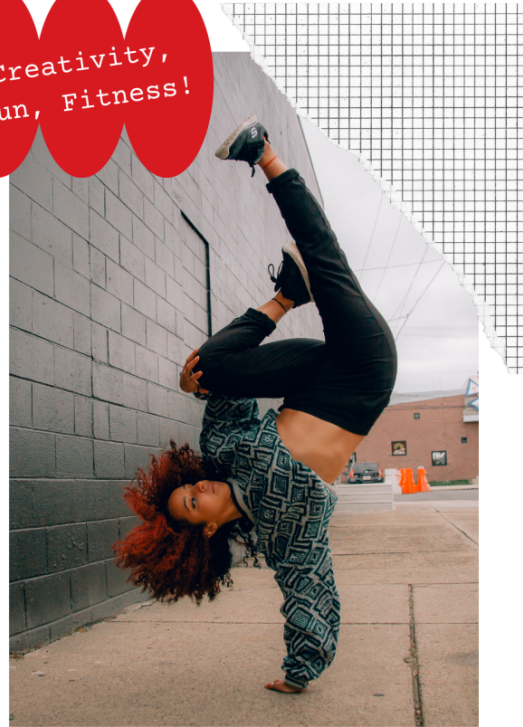
Choose Gr. 10 or 11 or 12  
Dance next year!  
Get an Arts credit!

# DANCE CLASS

For beginners to  
experienced dancers.  
Everyone is welcome!

Various Styles!

Creativity,  
Fun, Fitness!



## Attention Grade 10 Students!

Do you remember how much you loved Grade 9 Geography, especially the disasters topics? Well, this is your reminder that you can take Geography again in Grade 11!

## CGF 3MI Forces of Nature: Physical Processes and Disasters

Select this course for next year if:

- you are interested in learning more about disasters, what cause them and how we react to them;
- you are curious about the impacts of climate change and its connections to disasters
- you want to investigate how to create plans for communities most at risk, etc.
- you like to go on field trips to places like: The ROM, Niagara Falls, The Science Centre, etc.

Other benefits of taking this course:

- you need to select a senior social studies course
- you are working towards a Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)
- you are interested in natural disasters and how we respond to them

## Attention Grade 11 Students!

Ask yourself:

- Are you passionate about current events and what is going on in the world?
- Do you wonder why there is such a difference between the wealthy and the poor around the world?
- Do you think some issues in the world are demanding our attention and action?
- Are you interested in learning more about human rights and other social justice issues, climate change issues, political issues, economic issues, Indigenous issues, etc.?
- Do you enjoy meeting people who are actively trying to make the world a better place?

Other benefits of taking this course:

- you need to select a senior social studies course
- you are working towards a Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

## CGG 3OI Travel and Tourism: A Geographic Perspective

Select this course for next year if:

- Do you love travelling,
- Seeing new places,
- Tasting/Making new foods,
- Learning about various cultures,
- Exploring different natural environments, etc.?
- Going on field trips to China Town, Little India, Greek Town, etc.? (Covid Restrictions Permitting!)

Other benefits of taking this course:

- you need to select a senior social studies course
- you are working towards a Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)
- you are interested in finding a career in the travel and hospitality industry

- you are interested in preparing yourself for University Studies
- you are interested in a degree in Social Science or Social Studies or Political Science
- you are interested in taking a course as an elective where you can learn more about the world we live in

If you thought, "YES" to any of the above points then you should take: **CGW 4UI Canadian and World Issues – A Geographic Analysis**

If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Kot (Room 123), Mr. Mathe (Room 125) or Mr. Abreu (Room 223). The Geography Department looks forward to seeing in senior Geography classes next year!

## Considering a career in health care?

**Consider grade 11 health care – TPJ3M and grade 12 health care TPJ4M**

These courses offer good background information for anyone interested in entering the health care profession. They provide an overview of the anatomy and function of various body systems, an introduction to the health care system including conventional and complementary methods of disease prevention and treatment, some basic health care skills (such as taking vital signs) and an overview of healthy lifestyle choices.

These course can be taken as part of the Health and Wellness SHSM.

### Who can apply?

Any student who is in grade 11 or 12, college or university stream is eligible to take the grade 11 course.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Taylor in the Tech. office or make an appointment with your guidance counsellor.



**Does your future  
in Health Care  
start Here?**

**Grade 11 Health Care TPJ 3M**  
**Grade 12 Health Care TPJ 4M**

## Considering Coop?



**Experiential Learning**  
Your Path • Your Choice • Your Future

## CO-OP-REQUIREMENTS

- Choose desired coop program (in myBlueprint)
- Complete online application (link below)
- 2 teacher references (names to be provided in the online coop application)
- Successful interview – attendance, maturity, acceptable courses and marks

## ONLINE APPLICATION LINK

<https://lf.wcdsb.ca/Forms/EXPLRN002F>

***Due by March 1, 2023***

## SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

- CCEP @Conestoga College
- UCEP @ U of W or WLU
- CAPP @ Conestoga College
- OYAP CONCENTRATED–see your trades teacher
- ACCELERATED OYAP
- SUMMER COOP –must be age 15 before Jul 1

Most current program info: <https://el.wcdsb.ca>

## BENEFITS OF COOP

- Prepares you for your future
- Allows you to make better decisions; can I see myself doing this?
- Gives you valuable work experience
- Provides you with ‘hands-on’ learning using industry-standard equipment
- Multiple certifications earned (WHMIS, Customer Service and more)
- Part-time/summer job offers possible

## SEMESTER SCHEDULE

- PRE PLACEMENT FIRST 3 WEEKS – must be successful to be placed
- PLACEMENT – morning or afternoon.
- Must work 3 hours per day for 2 credits that may not follow school day hours  
INTEGRATION – 5–6 Mondays at school during semester  
\* based on regular school schedule

## PLACEMENTS

- NEED TO HAVE SEVERAL VIABLE OPTIONS
- SOME RESTRICTIONS –economy, age, competitive, transportation, hours
- MAY NEED – Police check, TB test, safety equipment (at your expense)
- Some programs require additional application procedures to be completed ahead of time (like military, police and fire)

## COOP AND SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

For more information go to  
<https://el.wcdsb.ca/programs>

For specific coop questions email Mrs. Crowell at: [michelle.crowell@wcdsb.ca](mailto:michelle.crowell@wcdsb.ca)  
or visit the Coop office ON THE 2ND FLOOR just off the Atrium towards the English wing.



- Reference letters
- Meet SHSM requirements

# Athletics

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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**

Monsignor Doyle CSS 66, St. Benedict CSS 63

### **SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL**

St. David CSS 53, St. Benedict CSS 40

### **JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

Monsignor Doyle CSS 3, St. Benedict CSS 1

### **SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

St. Benedict CSS 3, Monsignor Doyle CSS 0  
Resurrection CSS 3, St. Benedict CSS 1

### **GIRLS HOCKEY**

Monsignor Doyle CSS 5, St. Benedict CSS 4  
Resurrection CSS 5, St. Benedict CSS 4

### **BOYS HOCKEY**

St. Benedict CSS 5, St. David CSS 0  
St. Mary's HS 4, St. Benedict CSS 3

# Clubs

## DECA Business students compete in Toronto

Congratulations to the DECA team for a successful provincial competition in Toronto this past weekend. St. Benedict students were among 5,000 students from across Ontario at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Toronto that were competing in business competitions.

Special recognition to Leah Kolk and Andrew Abrantes.

Leah Kolk is a Provincial champion in the Independent Business Plan event and qualified for the

International competition in Orlando in April.

Andrew Abrantes earned a top 20 placement in his Accounting Applications role play.

Thanks to all DECA participants for representing our school well.



## *Ladies, start your engines!*

If you've ever wanted to learn more about basic car care, the Bennies "All Girls Garage" club is right for you! Those interested in joining are invited to attend a short meeting next Monday, after school in room 110. See you there!

# Student Activities

## Other News

### News from the Library



With the start of the new semester, the library would like to remind students that there is absolutely no food allowed during school hours. Students entering with packages of food will be asked to leave. Students caught eating in the library will be asked to leave.

After school the only food allowed are simple snacks such as a granola/protein bar or a cookie. No takeout food is allowed in the library at any time.

During lunch hour, once all the seats are taken in the library, this means we are at capacity. You will be asked to leave and spend lunch elsewhere in the school.

Students on spare are welcome to work in the library. We ask that students work quietly. When the library is very noisy, staff cannot hear members who come to the membership desk and we cannot hear people on the phone.

Our tables seat a maximum of FIVE people. Do not move chairs. Students are reminded not to crowd tables or stand in the aisles. If you have a large group, please consider going to the school cafeteria.

### Resource Spotlight

The school library not only offers books and video games but also a wealth of online resources for students. Please become familiar with your school library website and especially the Online Resources webpage which offers students databases and ebooks for their research. These resources are free, authoritative and can be accessed without a password from school. If you need access from home, please contact your teacher or your school librarian, Ms. Pilon at [ppilon@ideaexchange.org](mailto:ppilon@ideaexchange.org)

### 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](http://ideaexchange.org) to register.

### Teen Lounge is Back!

We are once again able to offer Teen Lounge in partnership with Kinbridge Community Association, Fiddlesticks, and Greenway Chaplin. The lounge is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2PM to 3PM Light snacks, video and board games are available. All are welcome.

### Teen Writing Circle

Explore creative writing with other teens.

Saturday, February 25, 2023 2:00PM to 3:00PM

Make friends while doing fun creative writing exercises together. Refreshments provided.

Registration is required: <https://ideaexchange.libnet.info/event/7833143>

# FREE Community Tutoring in Cambridge

## Monday

Preston Heights - 4:30 to 6:30 PM  
2nd Floor - 350 Linden Dr, Cambridge

Christopher Champlain Resource Centre  
(Kinbridge) - 4:30 to 6:00 PM  
8-125 Champlain Boulevard, Cambridge



**FREE Bus  
Tickets**

## Tuesday

Greenway Chaplin Community Centre  
6:00 to 8:00 PM  
116 Rouse Avenue, Cambridge

## Wednesday

Kinbridge Community Association  
3:00 to 4:30 PM  
200 Christopher Dr, Cambridge

## Thursday

Southwood Resource Centre (Kinbridge)  
5:30 to 7:30 PM  
1-241 Southwood Dr, Cambridge

## Online

Every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday  
from 5:30 - 7:30 PM on Google Meet.  
Link: [meet.google.com/mtz-puuy-ixg](https://meet.google.com/mtz-puuy-ixg)



**FREE Snacks and  
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**GET UP TO \$1,000**

**Students in grades 5 to 12!**  
**Do you like solving problems?**

Use your talents to create a solution to a problem that affects you, your family, your friends, the world!

Our goal is to say **YES** to all ideas.

Get started at: [youthcreativityfund.ca](http://youthcreativityfund.ca)



### Apply your creativity towards solving a problem

**You can try to change the world or fix a small problem in your life. We're here to help.**

#### Ask for some funds

\* You pick the problem and then you apply for free funds (\$500 - \$1,000) to creatively put a plan in place to help solve the problem.

#### The deadline is the last day of every month.

We'll meet with you to ask a few questions. If you're ready, we'll send your application to the Program Committee for approval.

#### Ready. Set. Action!

Now's the big moment to try out your idea and celebrate success or embrace failure. Then figure out how to improve and try again.

#### Tell us how you did

After 3 months, we ask you to get back to us, tell us what you did, and what you learned so far.

Get started at:  
[youthcreativityfund.ca](http://youthcreativityfund.ca)

Local charity BEP Waterloo Region (bepwr.ca) runs YCF.

### HEY PARENTS & CAREGIVERS!

**Help develop a culture of creativity in Waterloo Region's youth**

We do that by investing in building the creative confidence of our young people. We all benefit when our youth thrive. They are the talent we need to thrive as a community.

**Invest in our youth now at:**  
[youthcreativityfund.ca](http://youthcreativityfund.ca)



## Calendar of Events

**Friday, February 24**

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

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

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

**Monday, February 27**

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

**10:45am:** Coding Club

**10:45am:** EcoClub

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

**Tuesday, February 28**

**10:45am:** Model UN

**10:45am:** GSA Club

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

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

**Wednesday, March 1**

**9:30am:** SHSM Workshop: Child Safety

**10:45am:** Guitar Club

**10:45am:** Writing Skills Society

**10:45am:** Coding Club

**2:00pm:** E-car Racing Saints

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

**2:15pm:** Graphic Novels Club

**3:30pm:** SHSM Workshop: Graphic Design

**Thursday, March 2**

**8:30am:** SHSM Workshop: Law Day

**10:45am:** Brain Bee Club

**10:45am:** HOSA Club

**10:45am:** Seams Sew Easy

**10:45am:** Chess Club

**10:45am:** Writing Skills Society

**10:45am:** GSA Club

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

**2:00pm:** Concert Band

**2:00pm:** Math Club

**2:00pm:** E-car Racing Saints

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

**2:15pm:** Games Club

**2:15pm:** BoulderDash Club

**Tuesday, March 7**

**9:30am:** SHSM Workshop: Introduction to EMS  
Tools and Techniques

**10:45am:** Model UN

**10:45am:** GSA Club

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

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

**Wednesday, March 8**

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**10:45am:** Guitar Club

**10:45am:** Writing Skills Society

**10:45am:** Coding Club

**2:00pm:** E-car Racing Saints

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

**2:15pm:** Graphic Novels Club

**3:30pm:** SHSM Workshop: Effective  
Networking

**Thursday, March 9**

**9:30am:** SHSM Workshop: Negotiation  
Training

**10:45am:** Brain Bee Club

**10:45am:** HOSA Club

**10:45am:** Seams Sew Easy

**10:45am:** Chess Club

**10:45am:** Writing Skills Society

**10:45am:** GSA Club

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

**2:00pm:** Concert Band

**2:00pm:** Math Club

**2:00pm:** E-car Racing Saints

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

**2:15pm:** Games Club

**2:15pm:** BoulderDash Club

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

**Friday, March 10**

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

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

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



**2:15pm:** Boulder Dash Club

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

**Friday, March 3**

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

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

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

**Monday, March 6**

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

**10:45am:** Coding Club

**10:45am:** EcoClub

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

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

**Monday, March 13**

March Break

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*Be sure to check out the  
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website for updates!*

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