



Wednesday, April 19, 2023 - Volume 15, Issue 17

Message from Administration

Good afternoon SBCSS Community,

On April 18 we were made aware of some graffiti found at the school, suggesting a threat to the school community on April 20.

As always, we take all threats seriously and continue to investigate.

We have been in contact with WRPS, they are investigating and as always are prepared to be responsive to any urgent needs.

Writing threats of violence or statements of hate on bathroom walls is harmful and creates a negative impact to the community.

The school is taking all necessary steps to ensure our processes for school safety are in place. Please discuss the seriousness of this situation with your child and report any relevant information to the school or call police at [519-570-9777](tel:519-570-9777).

To provide anonymous information, please call Crime Stoppers at [1-800-222-8477](tel:1-800-222-8477) or submit information online at www.waterloocrimestoppers.com.

Thank you for your continued support. If your child needs additional support at this time, please reach out to school staff.

Admin Team

Mrs. M. Ingoldsby
Principal
A-BI

Mr. J. Figueiredo
Vice Principal
Bo-G, International

Mrs. C. Kamta
Vice Principal
H-N

Mr. R. Roque
Vice Principal
O-Z

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

A friendly reminder

Please remember to leave accessible parking spaces available for those who need it.



Upcoming Civvies Day

This month's civvies day will be in support of United Way! Donate today or bring money in on the day to take part for this civvies day on Wednesday, April 26. Please follow dress code guidelines in our student handbook (found on school's website).

What once was lost can be found...?



The St. Benedict Lost and Found is overflowing! Starting next week, all items in the lost and found will be sorted and placed on display in the PHE Hallway for everyone to find their long-lost items. Please come down to search for your lost sweaters, shorts, uniform items, water bottles, shoes and more. Any unclaimed items at the end of the week will be donated to a local charity group.

Skills Ontario Qualifying Competition

On Saturday April 1, 2023, 8 WCDSB secondary school students participated in the Skills Ontario Qualifying Competition at Fanshawe College in London.

Students represented the Waterloo Catholic District School Board with tremendous efforts in the following contests: TV & Video Production, Culinary Arts, Carpentry-Individual, and Welding.

WCDSB will see 3 students advance including Jordan Lacroix with a silver in the Culinary Arts And Nathan Rivas Perez with a bronze place finish in the same category.

We wish both Jordan and Nathan all the best as they move on to the Provincial Competition in May.

Grad and Prom Information

Dear grade 12 students and guardians,

The purpose of this communication is to provide some clarity regarding prom. Like last year, a group of students and parent volunteers are organizing a Prom for St. Benedict students. This is consistent with the practice of many of our local schools for the past several years.

To ensure that all students in grade 12 have access to the information and the opportunity to attend the event, we are working with the organizers to provide further details on the event that is being planned. Please [click on this link](#) to access information about Prom 2023.

The school will provide further details about the graduation liturgy, breakfast, and convocation ceremony at a later date.

Grad Fee deadline Friday

Attention graduating class of 2023! **The deadline for paying convocation fees is Friday, April 21!** Fees can be paid via School Cash Online and cover the cost of your cap, gown, grad breakfast and more! Be sure to get that in ASAP. Let's make Convocation 2023 the best celebration ever!

[See the Convocation information slideshow here.](#)

District 8 Athletics seeking Sponsors

District 8 Athletic Association – after a ten year absence, will be hosting its annual coach appreciation event which will return in the Spring of 2023.

The purpose of the event is to honour and thank current and past teacher-coaches and community volunteer coaches who dedicate their time working in high school athletics at the eight member schools of District 8.

The coaches appreciation event, once run annually, ended more than ten years ago after its funding model became unsustainable. The updated version of the event will be delivered in partnership with District 8 and the Catholic Community Foundation of Waterloo Region.

Together, the Catholic Community Foundation of Waterloo Region and District 8, with support from its member schools, will be seeking community sponsors who share the same appreciation for the opportunities that school sport can offer to students.

If you are interested and able to donate – please contact St. Benedict athletic director – Tim Jankura (timothy.jankura@wcdsb.ca) – he can provide more details and answer any questions you may have.



Dual Credit Parent Info Night

Dual Credit programs at WCDSB are ministry-approved programs that allow students, while they are still in secondary school, to take college or apprenticeship courses that count towards both the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) and a post-secondary certificate, diploma, degree or a Certificate of Apprenticeship.

Join by clicking [HERE](#)

Please join us virtually
April 26th, 2023 from
6:00pm-7:00pm for an
information session and
question period



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Beyond Graduation 2023

The time to plan for your loved one with a disability is now. Join us for an evening of connecting with community supports and agencies in our Waterloo Region. We want to help support your child's transition from high school to adult life.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20TH
ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL
CAFETERIA

6:30PM- 7:30PM

Snacks and Refreshments will be provided
Supervised Children's Activity Area

For more information : ☎ **519-577-3660**
🌐 **Email: filomena.cruz@wcdsb.ca**

RSVP by April 1, 2023:
<https://forms.gle/aD3xC6BnBEYyj7P48>

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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.

4

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



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with
St. Benedict's!**

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[@StBenedictCSS](#)

Instagram

[@bennies_sac_updates](#)



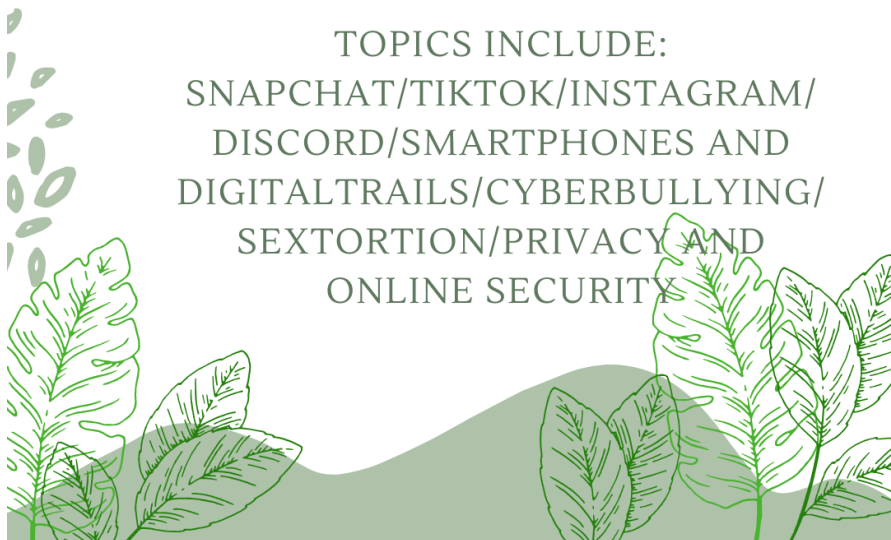


**Social Media
and Online Safety
An Evening for Parents with
Paul Davis**

**S T . B E N E D I C T S
H I G H S C H O O L
M A Y 4 , 2 0 2 3**

5:30 pm -Liturgy and
Refreshments
6:00 pm Parent Presentation
CSAC Meeting to follow

TOPICS INCLUDE:
SNAPCHAT/TIKTOK/INSTAGRAM/
DISCORD/SMARTPHONES AND
DIGITALTRAILS/CYBERBULLYING/
SEXTORTION/PRIVACY AND
ONLINE SECURITY



News from Guidance

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
- 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 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://osap.ca) for more information. In order to plan, you can use the [OSAP Estimator](https://osap.ca/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

ST. BENEDICT CSS

HOMWORK CLUB

ENGLISH
MATH
SCIENCE



MONDAY & WEDNESDAY
2:00-3:15
ROOM 210

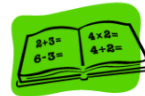
MATH CLUB



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 Saints soccer season starts superbly

The senior boys soccer team started off the season with an impressive win over Woodland Christian this Monday in a wintry spring battle on the field for their first game of the season.

Ryan Emira, Ibi Khalil, Anthony Ostrun, Kyan Resendes, Eyosyas Million and Bilal Shakeel all scored goals and Jason Newton kept a clean sheet. Keep it up Boys!

Sports Results

VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER

Woodland CHS 2, St. Benedict CSS 1

SENIOR BOYS SOCCER

St. Benedict CSS 7, Woodland CHS 0

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!

Clubs



Doctor Who Club this Thursday!

Due to this Friday's PD Day, our next meeting will be this THURSDAY, after school, in room 226.

Student Activities

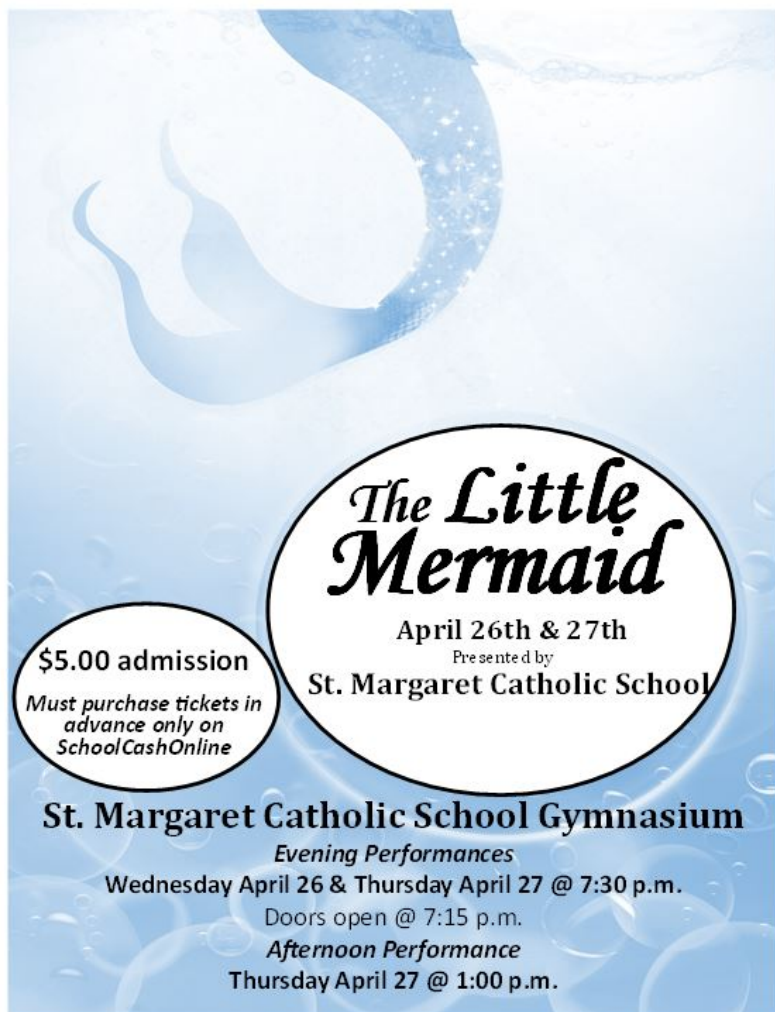
Neon Night Dance

Hey Saints!

Our third and final dance of the year is Neon Night. It will take place on Thursday, May 4th from 6 to 9 pm and doors close at 7:30. Tickets will be available on school cash online on MONDAY!



Other News



Purchase
WEDNESDAY
tickets

Purchase
THURSDAY 1:00pm
tickets

Purchase
THURSDAY 7:30pm
thciktets

Are you pumped about prom?

Hey Saints!

Spring is coming and that means Prom is coming up! Did you hear tickets went on sale starting March 20th and they are on sale for the next 4 weeks?

You can purchase your tickets on [Google Classroom](#) now!

We can't wait to make memories with you on June 8th at Bingemans. See you in Old Hollywood!

News from the Library



From the librarian's desk

Welcome Spring!

A gentle reminder to all students that NO FOOD is allowed in the Library Learning Commons during school hours.

Meeting Rooms: To book one of the meeting rooms, students need a valid Idea Exchange library card. Please remember to return to the membership desk at the end of your booking to pick up your library card!

Resource Spotlight

Need a book for your ISU?

Be sure to check out the booklists on the school library website, [Bennies Bookshelf](#).

The Idea Exchange website offers many different booklists through the new catalogue, [BiblioCommons](#).

You can also find eBooks and audiobooks through [downloadLibrary](#).

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.



Hey, teen chess enthusiasts and beginners! Want another chance to learn chess or practice your skills?

We are running a Chess Club, Tuesdays, 3:00PM to 4:00PM in the library!!

Drop-in.

Snacks, boards, and clocks will be provided.

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



**FREE Snacks and
Refreshments**



For more information contact Chad MackIntosh
Email: chadm@kinbridge.ca
Text or Call: (519) 496-1405

Tutoring Offered By Cambridge Neighbourhood Organizations

• SILVERHEIGHTS
NEIGHBOURHOOD
ASSOCIATION





NEW ←
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



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

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



Calendar of Events

Thursday, April 20

Turn Around Date for Careers/Civics

Term 2 Begins

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

2:15pm: Doctor Who Club

Friday, April 21

PA Day

Monday, April 24

10:45am: Lights Out! Club

10:45am: Coding Club

10:45am: EcoClub

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

Tuesday, April 25

10:45am: Model UN

10:45am: GSA Club

10:45am: MCU Movies club

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

Wednesday, April 26

civvies day

10:45am: Guitar Club

10:45am: Writing Skills Society

10:45am: Coding Club

2:00pm: E-car Racing Saints

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

Sunday, April 30

Catholic Education Week begins

Monday, May 1

10:45am: Lights Out! Club

10:45am: Coding Club

10:45am: EcoClub

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

Tuesday, May 2

10:45am: Model UN

10:45am: GSA Club

10:45am: MCU Movies club

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

Wednesday, May 3

BENN Newsletter Release

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

Thursday, May 4

Midterm Report Distribution

8:30am: Beacon's of Hope Celebration

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

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

2:15pm: Graphic Novels Club

Thursday, April 27

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, April 28

10:45am: Star Trek Club

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

2:15pm: Doctor Who Club

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Council

6:00pm: Neon Night Dance

6:00pm: Catholic School Advisory Council Meeting

Friday, May 5

10:45am: Star Trek Club

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

2:15pm: Doctor Who Club

Monday, May 8

10:45am: Lights Out! Club

10:45am: Coding Club

10:45am: EcoClub

2:00pm: Weight Room Club

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

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