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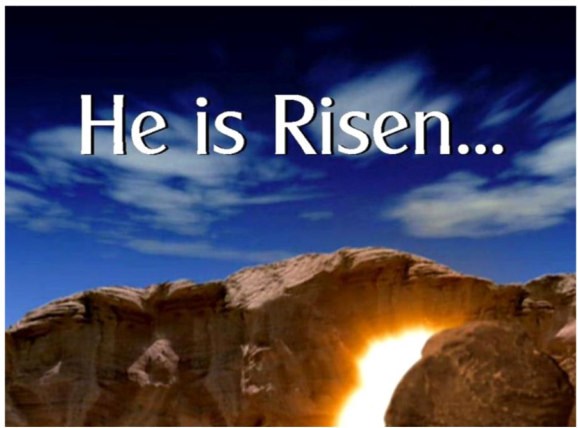
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Heart of the community, success for each, a place for all.

Important Dates In April

Apr. 6	Club & Team Photo Day
Apr. 7	Celtic Cup Boys Soccer Tournament
Apr. 8	Celtic Cup Girls Soccer Tournament
Apr. 11-15	Food Drive
Apr. 13	Paid Civvies Day
Apr. 14	Coffee House
Apr. 18	Term 2 begins
Apr. 21	Semi-Formal (Pearl Night Club)
Apr. 22	PD Day
Apr. 26	School Council
Apr. 28	Mid Term Report Distribution



CHAPLAIN'S CHAT WITH MR. ED

Lent was truly a time for students and staff to prepare, through our Morning Prayers and other n-school activities, for the coming celebrations of the Easter Season.

Our Chapel and the classroom Prayer Centres are decorated with White cloths and will remain until the end of the Easter Season on Pentecost Sunday in May.

Our services of the Stations of The Cross were postponed (and will be rescheduled) due to the Snow Day on Holy Thursday.

We are looking ahead with excitement to Catholic Education Week in May as we will welcome St. David Grad, Fr. Freitas (Pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Cambridge) to be the Celebrant for our full-school Mass on May 3rd.

May God continue to bless you and our entire Celtic community in a special way during the Easter Season.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Amen.

St. David, pray for us.

Mr. Ed

CELTIC ALUMNI

Celtic Alumni! Do you own a business or offer a professional service or know a St. David alumni that does? Why not be part of our Celtic Alumni Business Director, to be launched 4pring 2016? Forward a business card, contact info and the years you attended St David to stacey.brohmanway@wcdsb.ca


SCHOOL COUNCIL

Attention St. David Alumni and Grads

Do you have a favourite memory or anecdote of your time at St. David? As part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations we'd like to compile a "Memories of St. David" anthology.
If you'd like to share the story of your best moments at St. David, simply send e-mail us at stdavidsc@gmail.com.


Don't forget the 50th Anniversary weekend celebration May 5th and 6th!

50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS




ST. DAVID SPIRIT SCARVES
now available online \$25






UPCOMING EVENTS

Alumni Weekend
Friday, May 6th Silent Auction
Dinner with Chef D \$75
Alumni Social Only \$10



TICKETS NOW ON SALE
<http://stdavid.wcdsb.ca/school-cash-online-login/>

& Saturday, May 7th
Outdoor Mass & Alumni Soccer Game
Coffee House, School Tours & Food Trucks
Buick Drive For Your Students Event




We are requesting help from our community
to gather the funds needed
to purchase the bronze statue
When I was a Stranger.

Monetary Donations (with receipts issued)
Waterloo Region Catholic Schools Foundation
at the following web address:
<http://www.wrcsf.ca/funds>




SDCSS 50th Anniversary - Alumni
St. David C.S.S. is celebrating 50 years of Excellence in Education.
To commemorate this special event, the school community is
requesting donations towards the purchase of a bronze statue of
Jesus for the courtyard, created by local artist Timothy P. Schmalz.




Donations of Silent Auction Items
for our fundraising dinner in May 2016
[can](#) be brought to the school by Monday, May 1st.

Information about our 50th Celebrations
<http://stdavid.wcdsb.ca/50th-portal/>

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ST. DAVID SPIRIT WEAR
now available online
<http://gamedayretail.com/>

April products include:
hoodie & t-shirts
golf shirts
coffee mugs

ACOUSTIC CHARITY CONCERT

On March 10, over 200 students contributed \$5 each to take in our annual **Acoustic Charity Concert** during period 4 in our cafeteria. They got to watch over 15 musical acts, ranging from solo work to full bands, from Pink Floyd covers to original songs. Our donations were matched dollar for dollar, and in doing so, we raised over \$2000 for Syrian Refugee Resettlement. Congratulations Celtics for carrying on such a worthwhile pre-March Break tradition.



Coffee House

Our spring Coffee House takes place on **Thursday, April 14** starting at 7:00 p.m. in our caf.

CELTIC CUP SOCCER TOURNAMENTS



On Thursday, April 7th, and Friday, April 8th, the Celtic Boys' and Girls' Soccer Programs will be hosting the Celtic Cup on the St. David Turf. This has been an annual tournament since 2009, and allows our teams to play early pre-season games outdoors against some quality local competition. This year our boys will face Sir John A. Macdonald, Bluevale and Sacred Heart (Walkerton) on April 7th, while the girls compete against Sir John A. Macdonald, Bluevale, and Forest Heights on April 8th. Games are scheduled all day from 8:00am to 6:00pm for both events. We hope to see you there! Go Celtics Go!

GUIDANCE NEWS

Follow us for all guidance related information, upcoming events and important dates.

Twitter: @STDAVIDGUIDANCE

Website: <http://stdavid.wcdsb.ca>

Remind

All students are encouraged to join “Remind”, a texting service which allows us to share relevant academic and extra-curricular information to our students. Students simply text the number and message below: **778-651-9722**

Type the appropriate message according to your graduating year:

Class of 2016 – @sdav2016 (grade 12’s)

Class of 2017 – @sdav2017 (grade 11’s)

Class of 2018 – @sdav2018 (grade 10’s)

Class of 2019 - @sdav2019 (grade 9’s)

Post Secondary Applications

Students are reminded to check the status of their applications online at the college and university application websites. All communication between the student and the post secondary institution will be delivered through these websites and emails. Students who have not yet applied to college may be able to do so at this time. This will depend on the availability of the course to which you want to apply. Please visit the ontariocolleges.ca website apply to determine if your desired program is still accepting applications.

University acceptances continue to be issued until the end of May.

Community Service Hours

All graduates are reminded to complete their 40 hours of community service and submit them to guidance or online at hourrepublic.com.



Attention
Graduating Class:
Save the Date!

Tuesday, June 28th @ 7:00pm

Invitations will be mailed to potential graduates who have completed their minimum community service hours and have paid their graduation fees.

SPRING SEMI-FORMAL

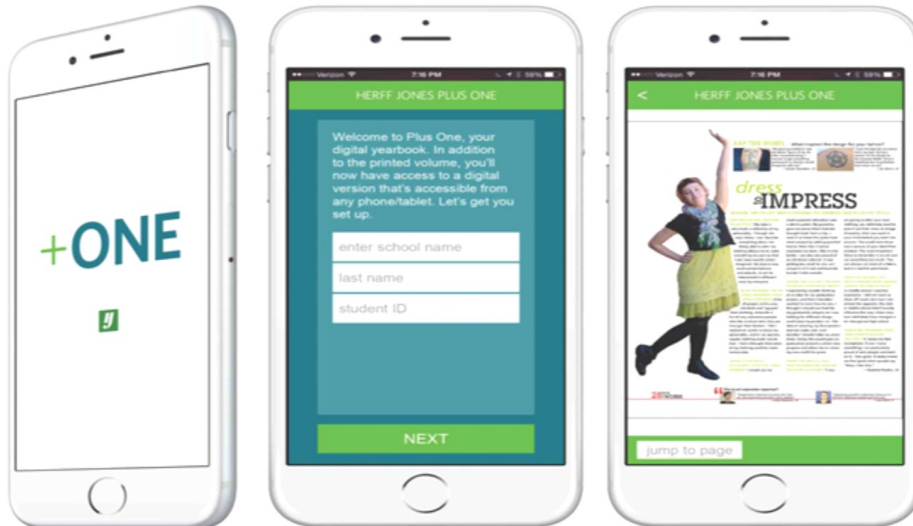
It's Semi Time! St. David Semi-formal at The Pearl on April 21st is fast approaching. Tickets to our carnival-themed dance will be on sale Monday, April 4th to Wednesday, April 13th for \$25 outside the SAC office. These tickets are non-refundable and non-transferrable. Tickets will not be available after Wednesday, April 13th.

Are you signing in a guest? Pick up a form from SAC between April 4th and April 8th. Have the completed form ready and bring it to school April 11th, 12th or 13th to purchase the ticket for your guest.



The fine print!

YEARBOOKS



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EVERYWHERE YOU GO!

Plus One, Herff Jones' new digital yearbook app, is available to 2015 yearbook buyers. View a mobile/tablet version of your yearbook for easy, on-the-go access.



Download — at no charge — the [Herff Jones Plus One](#) app now.

Sign up with your School Name, Last Name and Student ID.

For Student ID, use: the first 10 characters including the "-"

(For example, 123-456-78)

If you have trouble logging in, please see Mrs. Nijhuis

STUDENT LITERARY WORKS

The St. David Community proudly congratulates Candice Rubie for her winning short story entry "Gloves". Candice is one of our many gifted writers that entered the Young Author's Competition sponsored by the Waterloo Branch of OECA. Candice's entry will now be forwarded to Toronto for the Provincial level competition. Good luck and Congratulations.

Candice has also just won an award from **Creative Communication: A Celebration of Today's Writers**. Last fall, students were invited to submit poetry to be published in an anthology *A Celebration of Poets*. Candice was selected out of several thousand entries as one of the ten best poems in the contest for the U.S. and Canada.

Below is a brief excerpt from Candice's short story (for the complete document visit <http://stdavid.wcdsb.ca/student-works/> :

He heard the girl before he saw her. The echo of her sneakers resonated throughout the empty station, noticeable even over the hum of the eleven o'clock train approaching. There was something about the dated concrete stones that refused to let anyone be a ghost among the other passengers. Even the softest of steps could be heard.

SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR

Specialist High Skills Major



St. David

Specialist High Skills Major is a chance for students to focus their experiences at St. David in a specific sector, through the **courses** they take, a **Cooperative Education** experience, and earning industry recognized **certifications**. We offer 8 majors at St. David:

- Arts & Culture
- Business
- Construction
- Health & Wellness
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Information & Communication Technology
- Justice, Community Safety & Emergency Services (**new this year**)
- Transportation

Specialist High Skills Major NEWS

Not only does participating in the SHSM program provide opportunities for students to earn industry recognized **certifications**, and participate in a **co-op** placement in the sector of their interest, but also **SHSM Red Seal Graduates** are also eligible for **SHSM Scholarships & Bursaries** at a variety of post-secondary institutions:

Brock University (\$500) Lakehead University (\$500)
Landscape Ontario (\$1,000) Niagara College (\$1,000)
Ontario Agricultural College (OAC) (\$1,000) University of Guelph – Humber (\$500)
Saint Mary's University (\$8,000 over 4 years) University of Western - Kings' College (\$250)
University of Waterloo - St. Jerome's University (\$500)

A full listing of Scholarships and Bursaries for SHSM students can be found on the LINKS tab of www.Highskills.ca

SHSM Graduation Award:

The SHSM Team is pleased to announce the Specialist High Skills Major Excellence Award for Graduation!

This award will be presented to the deserving student from each Secondary School who has demonstrated motivation and change, and has grown both personally and academically as a result of their involvement in the Specialist High Skills Major programs.

A \$250 monetary award and framed certificate will be awarded to the student, and school plaque recognizing the student to be displayed in your school.

Pick up an application form in Guidance if you are at 100% and graduating in June.

Certification Opportunities for the remainder of the school year include:

April:

Apr. 5 –Software Engineering Workshop at UW – Information & Communication Technology
Apr. 5 – Infection Control – Health and Wellness
Apr. 5 – Scissor Lift Operator Certificate - Construction
Apr. 5 – Arts & Culture Zoom Career Day –Arts and Culture
Apr. 12 – Promotion Through Photography –Arts and Culture; Business: Information & Communication Technology
Apr. 13 – Conflict Resolution & Lifting Techniques Training - Health and Wellness; Justice and Community Safety
Apr. 19 – Future Building Trade Show - Construction
Apr. 20 – The Role of the Museum & Introduction to Anthropology/Archeology @ the ROM –Arts and Culture
Apr. 20 – How to open an Auto Repair shop – Transportation
Apr. 27 – Concussion Awareness Workshop - Health and Wellness