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

Important Dates In December

Nov. 30	Advent Wreath Lighting
Dec. 1	Coop Career Fair Library
Dec. 3	Grade 8 Parent/Student Night 6:30pm – 8:00pm
Dec. 4	Practice Literacy Test Gr. 10 Students
Dec. 7 – 11	Teen Gift Drive Grad Photos (by appointment)
Dec. 10	Advent Reconciliation Chapel
Dec. 11	Morning Mass 7:30am
Dec. 14 – 18	SAC Christmas Spirit Week
Dec. 18	Christmas Assembly Period 3
Dec. 19 – Jan. 3	Christmas Break
Jan. 4	Classes Resume
Jan. 18 – 19	Grade 9 EQAO Math
Jan. 27 – 31	Semester 1 Final Evaluations
Feb. 4	Semester 2 Begins (yes it's a Thursday!)

1965 — ST. DAVID 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS — 2015



On November 27th we opened the time capsule that was sealed 25 years ago, November 29th, 1992. The time capsule was installed as part of the official opening of the major addition to the building. City of Waterloo Councillor Mark Whaley, who as the 1st Student Council president of St. David, joined our current co-presidents, staff, students and alumni for this exciting event, which was also streamed live on the internet. The contents of the time capsule were available for students to examine during their lunch and will be installed in one of the display cases in the foyer for the remainder of the school year. A new time capsule will be installed on May 6th, 2016.

Use with following URL to view the recording of the time capsule opening or visit our Website—50th Anniversary-Time Capsule;

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_hY7hNd8lkPyjHmsy-7SNA

Remember to continue to follow upcoming 50th Anniversary events on our website.

ST. DAVID CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

TIME CAPSULE

In recognition of completion of the renovation of and addition to St. David Catholic Secondary School we dedicate this time capsule.

Contained herein are a number of items that reflect life at St. David up to 1992.

November, 2015 will represent the 50th anniversary of St. David and as a celebration of this event this time capsule will be opened.

Dedicated November 29, 1992.



CHAPLAIN'S CHAT WITH MR. ED

Greetings Celtic Community,

As November winds to a close we take a moment and look back on the busy, busy month it has been.

The Grade 10 Retreats are completed for this semester with all five classes having spent the day at Hidden Acres. The group had great weather and spent their day sharing in the activities. We also had our annual Remembrance Day Service. Under the direction of Ms. Pauline Gay the students and staff put together one of the most beautiful Remembrance Day services in a number of years. We had great speakers, a touching musical performance, and as usual; an Honour Guard & Color Party made up of students in full Cadet uniform. Well done all!

We are looking ahead to the start of the Advent Season. We have the lighting of the first candle on the Advent Wreath during an assembly in the cafeteria. The wreath will be placed, along with our Nativity Scene, in the main foyer.

We will be hosting several Priests in the coming weeks as we offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation for students and staff as part of our Advent observance.

Pray that our school as well as our homes & hears will be ready to welcome the Christ child at Christmas. May His coming be a source of peace and joy in our lives.

May God bless you with a Happy Advent and a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Ed

PARENT INFORMATION EVENT



**Does Your Child Have:
An iPod, iPad, Android, Xbox, PSP,
Social Media, or Access to the Internet?**

Then Please Join Us:

Monday, December 14th at 6:30 pm

Holy Rosary Catholic Elementary School

485 Thorndale Dr., Waterloo

Social Networking Safety with Paul Davis

50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

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>

Donations of Silent Auction Items
for our fundraising dinner in May 2016
can be brought to the school
throughout the winter.

Donations of Products and 'In Kind' Gifts
are being accepted to help
green the school environment
and refurbish our learning environment.

Information about our 50th
Celebrations

<http://stdavid.wcdsb.ca/50thportal/>

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FIELD TRIP TO A FICTITIOUS FRANCE

Toto, I've a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore. Stepping off the bright yellow school bus into the picture perfect town of Elora, the last place the grade tens and elevens of St. David's French Program could imagine they were was in Canada.

Among the quaint shops and sundry statues, surrounded by a mist of playful banter in fluid French, you couldn't help but feel as if you were standing in the centre of a rural street in the heart of France itself. Though our minds were in a francophone city, the class was no more than half an hour away from St. David's.

In reality, we were at The Gorge Cinema and Café Crêperie, just inside Elora. The day trip, partially funded by a grant from *The Official Languages in Education Program*, aimed to let students experience French outside of the classroom. The event took place on Tuesday, November 24th and covered the majority of the school day.

The excursion began with a special viewing of *Belle et Sébastien*, a recent blockbuster on the other side of the world. In the tiny charming theatre we were once again transported to another location, though the presence of popcorn gave away the truth, as snacks are a faux pas in a real French cinema. Every student who watched the film, grade ten and eleven alike, remarked at their perfect understanding of the French dialogue, and no, not just because of the English subtitles.

Two hours and a tidal wave of emotions later, the movie was finished and it was time for lunch. Ten steps across the crumbling snow dusted streets and we'd reached our next destination; the authentic Café Crêperie.

Greeted by owner and French Canadian Jacques Dion (what are the odds), our language skills were once again put to the test: we needed to order without using English. Our classroom lessons pulled through as everyone successfully ordered a crêpe. A few students even tried their hand at creating one themselves!

By the end of the day, no one wanted to leave the picturesque little paradise we'd all grown to love. The arrival of the school bus threw the classes for a loop, as we'd been expecting a lumbering airplane to take us back to Canada. Though the experience is now over and Elora miles away, we'll always remember the day we brought language alive on a fieldtrip to our own fictitious France.

(Candice Rubie)



Jacques Dion and Liam O'Connor pose together with the crêpe O'Connor succeeded in creating moments earlier thanks to the guidance and assistance of Dion.

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

November was a busy month for social justice initiatives. Bullying Awareness week saw a variety of activities happening in the classrooms. The Wayve team invited One Movement Dance Team to our school and their presentation was inspiring. We also did a safe school survey with our period 1 classes. The results have come back with 93.8% of our students feeling safe in our school. This is a number to be proud of.

Upcoming for December is our annual Teenage Gift drive for the St. Agnes St. Vincent DePaul society. This will run from December 1-11th. Please be generous to help a teenager in our community have a special Christmas this year.

CHARITY DODGEBALL 2015

On Monday, November 23rd, 2015, Saint David Catholic Secondary School's Dodgeball Tournament was held. There were 35 teams of 6-10 people per team, in which were separated into 2 divisions based on choice of Advanced or Recreation. As a group, we have raised \$3512.60 for Out Of the Cold. Prizes were awarded to teams with the best costume, best spirit, overall division winners and finally and one to an individual with the best move. To end off the day, we hosted an All-Star game, in which one representative from each team was selected within their team to participate. This was a very energetic day for many, and an experience that will never be forgotten. Finally, we would like to thank everyone who contributed to allow for this event to take place especially the Recreation and Fitness Leadership class. Go Celtics Go!!



CELTICS ATHLETICS UPDATE

The District 8 fall season has ended. Our teams and athletes represented St. David with pride and enthusiasm. Special thanks goes out to our coaches, staff supervisors and volunteer coaches who make it possible to run our athletics program at St. David. Here’s a summary of some notable successes:

Junior Girls Basketball	District 8 finalists and qualified for CWOSSA
Senior Girls Basketball	CWOSSA Silver Medalists
Boys Golf	Won District 8 championship (Connor Doucette finished 2 nd), Team Silver Medal at CWOSSA, qualified for OFSSA
Girls Golf	Quinn Doucette qualified for CWOSSA and OFSAA
Varsity Girls Field Hockey	District 8 finalists
Senior Boys Football	District 8 finalists
Junior Boys Soccer	District 8 finalists
Varsity Tennis	Gabriella Hudec – District 8 girls champion, CWOSSA Silver medalist, qualified for OFSSA



Even though the weather is cooling down St. David Celtics teams are heating up the courts, rinks and gyms around Waterloo Region. District 8 winter sports starts the week of November 30 with 11 teams competing in five different sports. Good luck to all our athletes.

Stay up to date with Celtic Athletics by following us on Twitter. Team schedules can be found on the District 8 website (District8.ca).

Larry Scanlon
St. David Athletic Director

Twitter - @StDavidAthletic

SKILLS WORK! FOR WOMEN

On Monday, November 23, 2015 three students from Career Studies and Co-op classes met and networked with tech and tradeswomen from across Ontario in Guelph at The Frank Hasenfratz Centre of Excellence in Manufacturing.

Highlights at this event included:

An electrician had the students identify basic tools required to wire an electrical box, and then they had the opportunity to wire the box. An expert in food processing had the students come up with the steps needed to package orange juice from orchard to juice box. Another mentor had the students select flooring and paint for a model home, teaching the students the importance of accurate measurement.



From left to right: Beth Lemieux, Rylea Bechtel, Kaitlyn

In addition, students were able to hear the tradeswomen’s stories of the pathways they took to their chosen careers, and then ask them questions.

At the end of the day, the students had a greater awareness of the many trades available to them and they, as young women, had the ability to pursue them.

(R. Brenner)

MATH CLUB



"St. David's Math Club: Our first math competition of the year was a great success. Over thirty of our Celtics participated in the University of Waterloo's Canadian Intermediate/Senior Mathematics Competition. Looking forward to seeing the results. Way to go Celtics!

(Mr. J. Gmach and Mr. C. Bendia)".

STUDENT LITERARY WORKS

The following is an excerpt from St. David student Kiera Publicover's short story based on her experience on the Dominican Experience.

"It was simply supposed to be a week long experience. I never expected it to change my life, my views, my priorities. The Dominican Encounter with Faith and Hospitality reminded me of what, as society, we have forgotten."

What We Have Forgotten

I thought traveling would be a good idea. I wanted to go out of my comfort zone; I thought it would make me a more interesting person! Now all I want is a nice warm shower. I guess, if anything, I learned a little. Nothing too interesting though: like don't buy overly ripe mangoes from street stands in Santo Domingo.

Actually, scratch that.

I did learn something important, something really, really important. It all started on a horribly humid day...

To read the entire short story, please visit the 'Student Works' page under 'Academics' on our home page or the following link <http://stdavid.wcdsb.ca/student-works/>.

CELTICS ON BROADWAY!

The reviews are in! Celtics on Broadway was a smashing success!

The St. David Arts department's biennial musical theatre cabaret, Celtics on Broadway, took the stage on November 25th and 26th. There were two matinee performances for grade 6-8 students from our associate schools, with a public performance on the evening of the 26th. This production, which involved over 80 of our talented St. David arts students, from all grades, presented an eclectic collection of 22 musical theatre hits that ranged from familiar favourites to truly obscure gems. Celtics on Broadway was the culmination of hours of work in music, choreography, staging, tech, costumes, hair, and behind the scenes tasks that are too numerous to mention. The result was a beautiful production that showcased the strengths of our most talented Celtics.

We look forward to our Arts Department's next endeavour, as the Drama club prepares to participate in the Sears Drama Festival in March.



GUIDANCE NEWS

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

Twitter: [@STDAVIDGUIDANCE](#)

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

Remind: Students are asked to sign up for their class remind account to receive important information.

Students please text 778-651-9772 and message your class code:

Grade 9: @sdav2019

Grade 10: @sdav2018

Grade 11: @sdav2017

Grade 12: @sdav2016

Grade 8 Parent Night

On Thursday December 3 St. David will be hosting our Grade 8 Parent Night. The evening will run from 6:15 – 8pm. All grade 8 students and their parents are encouraged to attend. We look forward to meeting our future Celtics!

Post-Secondary Application Information

Students are encouraged to complete their post-secondary applications over the Christmas holidays.

Applications deadlines:

OUAC (Ontario University Application Centre): January 13, 2016 (requires PIN number which can be picked up in the guidance office).

Ontario Colleges: February 1, 2016

Remember these very helpful websites for post-secondary exploration and research:

www.electronicinfo.ca

www.apprenticesearch.com

www.ontariocolleges.ca

Financing Post-Secondary Education

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Scholarship and bursary information can be found at and www.studentscholarships.org, www.yconic.com and www.scholarshipscanada.com. There are also many community scholarships available through various clubs and groups and part time jobs that students may be part of. Parents are asked to check with their employer for post-secondary scholarships and bursaries. Information about receiving the 30% tuition reduction based on household income and student loans can be found under www.osap.gov.on.ca. The aid estimator is an excellent tool.

Schulich Scholarship: This scholarship is offered to students going on to study in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) areas of study. To be considered as the St. David nominee, please submit your [Awards/Scholarship/Bursary Information Form](#) to guidance and provide your name to Mrs. Kueneman.

Community Service Hours

Christmas holidays are a great time to volunteer and accumulate community service hours. Visit www.volunteerkw.ca for local volunteer opportunities. **Grade 12 students need to complete these hours in order to be eligible to graduate.**

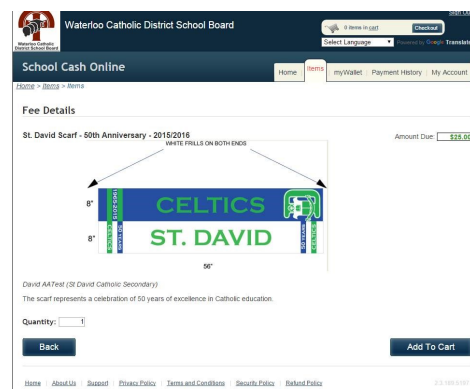


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<http://gamedayretail.com/>

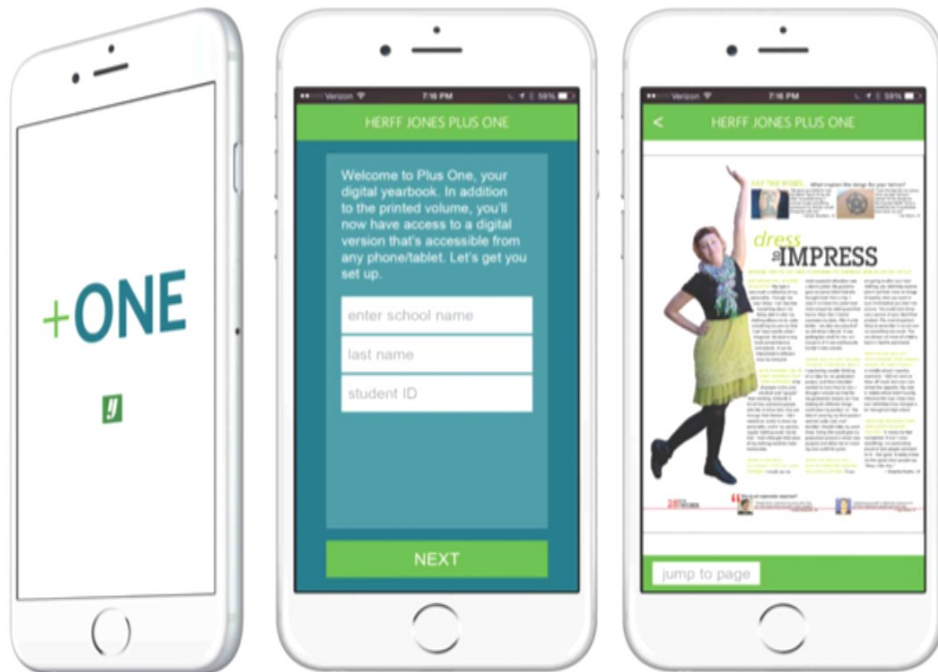
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coffee mugs



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FALL ARTS NIGHT

ARTS NIGHT

Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Adults: \$5 Students: \$3
(tickets at the door)

SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR



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

There are **193** students enrolled in the program this year. Some certifications can be done online or on students’ own time. As a special note, there is Standard First Aid training & CPR-C being offered over the Christmas holidays – Dec. 20 & 21 (Sunday, Monday) by St. John’s Ambulance. These dates have NOT been organized through SHSM, but SHSM will cover the training, if the students call and sign up. See www.highskills.ca for more information and to sign up!

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MAJOR	EVENING / WEEKEND	ONLINE	
Arts and Culture	CPR Level C & Standard First Aid	Health & Safety Basic	WHMIS
Business	CPR Level C & Standard First Aid	Ergonomics	WHMIS
Construction	CPR Level C & Standard First Aid	WHMIS	
Health & Wellness	CPR Level C & Standard First Aid	Infection Control	WHMIS
Hospitality & Tourism	CPR Level C & Standard First Aid	Smart Serve	WHMIS
Information & Communication Technology	CPR Level C & Standard First Aid	Health & Safety Basic	WHMIS
Transportation	CPR Level C & Standard First Aid	Pleasure Craft Operator’s (Boating License)	WHMIS