



# Celtic X-Press LITE

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

**Important Dates In January**

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| Jan. 4       | Classes Resume   |
| Jan. 8       | Morning Mass<br>Fr. Valk 7:30                          |
| Jan. 11      | Grade 10 UCEP<br>Presentation (lunch,<br>lecture hall) |
| Jan. 18 – 19 | Grade 9 EQAO Math                                      |
| Jan. 22—26   | Quiet Days   |
| Jan. 27 – 31 | Semester 1 Final Evaluations                           |
| Jan. 26      | School Council<br>6pm—Library                          |
| Feb. 3       | PD Day   |
| Feb. 4       | Semester 2 Begins (yes it's a<br>Thursday!)            |

**CHAPLAIN’S CHAT WITH MR. ED**

Pope Francis has designated this year as the “Year of Mercy”. What does that mean to us at St. David? We should show mercy to others by offering forgiveness and kindness in those relationships where it is needed but also to give others the chance to show mercy to us. We should ask forgiveness and seek reconciliation from those whom we have wronged. “...forgive us as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us...” Show mercy and it will be shown to you.

As we look ahead to the not too distant future we see the end of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester looming on the horizon. Class work and assignments are wrapping up and exams are right around the corner.

Do your best to study, eat and sleep well during this time...it will pay off for you in the long run.  
January will be a busy month with our regularly scheduled Masses; 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday before the start of the school day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday with 2 classes in our Chapel, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday with one class during Period 2.

When we think about the start of a new calendar year we sometimes think about resolutions and how we want to try and live our lives differently in the New Year which has just begun.

As we turn the page on First Semester and dive head first into Second, may the Peace, Love and Joy that we experienced during the Christmas Season continue to give us the courage and strength we need to move forward... taking one step at a time.

Lord, be merciful.

St. David, pray for us.

Mr. Ed



**SEMESTER 1 FINAL EVALUATION SCHEDULE**

**Semester 1 Final Evaluations: Grades 9 to 12**

Quiet Days: January 22, 25 & 26, 2016

| January 27 (E)<br>Evaluation AM   | January 28 (E)<br>Evaluation AM   | January 29 (E)<br>Evaluation AM   | February 1 (E)<br>Evaluation AM   | February 2<br>Assessment and Evaluation |
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| Period 1<br>Final Exams 8:25-10:30am<br>Bus departures at 11:00am<br>Credit Rescue 12:00-2:00pm | Period 2<br>Final Exams 8:25-10:30am<br>Bus departures at 11:00am<br>Credit Rescue 12:00-2:00pm | Period 3<br>Final Exams 8:25-10:30am<br>Bus departures at 11:00am<br>Credit Rescue 12:00-2:00pm | Period 4<br>Final Exams 8:25-10:30am<br>Bus departures at 11:00am<br>Credit Rescue 12:00-2:00pm |   |

Total Instructional Hours Semester 1: 110 hours/course; All final evaluations begin @ 8:25 am; bus information will be posted

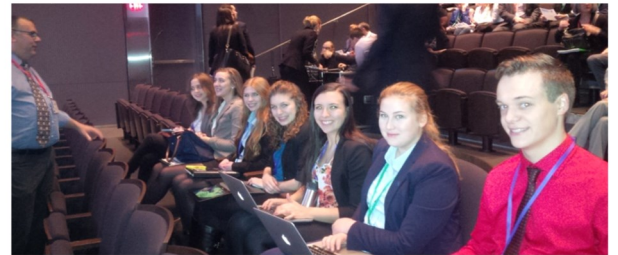
## INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES FOR FINAL EXAMS

In the event of any yellow bus cancellation due to inclement weather during the final evaluation schedule examinations will not be written that day. All scheduled exams will be moved ahead by one day, maintaining the order of periods.

Example: *If there was a yellow bus cancellation on Friday January 23rd ..... No examination would be written and the normal day schedule would run for students who are able to attend. The period 1 examination would be written on Monday January 26th, period 2 on Tuesday, January 27th .....*

## MODEL UNITED NATIONS

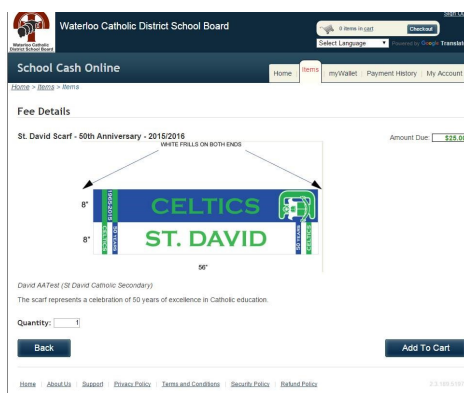
On December 11<sup>th</sup>, twelve of our students participated in CIGI's first regional high school Model United Nations conference. During the conference our students took on the role of international UN delegates representing several nations. Students discussed, debated, and worked toward creating resolutions that would address complex issues such as the Syrian refugee crisis, climate change, and nuclear disarmament. As members of various UN committees our student showed of their skills. Two of our students received special recognition for their performance in committee. Sarah Ingle was named best diplomat and received recognition for her position paper on Nuclear disarmament. Both Sarah Ingle and Meghan Dietrich were also recognized as one of the top 20 delegates and received an invitations to participate in Canada's largest international university model UN held in Ottawa this March. Our next conference will be in April when we participate in North America's oldest, largest, secondary-school level Model United Nations conference; the Forty-Fourth Southern Ontario Model United Nations Assembly (SOMA) held at the University of Toronto.



## 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EVENTS



ST. DAVID SPIRIT SCARVES  
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### 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 50<sup>th</sup>  
Celebrations

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

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

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

## PARENT WORKSHOP

### PARENT COMPUTER WORKSHOP

St. David CSS is offering a free workshop for parents who would like to know the basics of how their child can access school files from home and gain a better understanding of the apps that are available to their child through access to Google Apps for Education (GAFE) accounts.

The workshop will run one or two evenings in late January or early February. If you are interested in attending this workshop, please e-mail Larry Scanlon ([Larry.Scanlon@wcdsb.ca](mailto:Larry.Scanlon@wcdsb.ca)).

More details to follow once it is determined there is enough demand for the workshop.



## INTRAMURALS UPDATE

Hey there Celtics! Intramural dodge ball has started! We have 18 amazing teams with over 150 players. All the teams are doing great so far! Keep up the great effort! We love seeing the positivity in the gym at lunch from everyone. Intramurals are Tuesdays-Fridays in the gym at lunch. Make sure you come support your Celtics and cheer on the teams! Don't forget to sign up for the next round of intramural indoor soccer in semester 2!



## CO-OP CAREER FAIR

On Tuesday, December 1, 2015 twenty-five students from Mrs. Nijhuis', Ms. Hannoush's and Ms. Brenner's Co-op classes hosted a Career Fair in the St. David Library. Students represented their Co-op employers very professionally and showcased what they do on a day to day basis at their placements. Approximately 300 students toured the showcase and took part in a scavenger hunt to learn more about the Specialist High Skills program and pathways required for the various careers that were represented.

Congratulations to our Career Fair board winners: Abby Stemmler representing So Chiq Studio, Waterloo and Mathew Kapp representing CanadianTire, Waterloo.

Following the Career Fair employers with their students enjoyed a complete turkey lunch prepared by our Hospitality students under the mentorship of Mr. Griffin.



## LINK CREW

In the Christmas spirit, LINK leaders treated our Grade nine students to one last hurrah in 2015! Our Make-Your-Own-Sundae Christmas event is a long-standing favourite of Celtics.



Grade nines were treated to ice cream sundaes with all the fixings, served up by our fantastic LINK crew.

Christmas music and a festive atmosphere created a nice backdrop for Grade nines to have a little fun and a sweet treat, and for LINK leaders to reconnect and witness how comfortably our Grade nines have settled in to high school life!



## STUDENT LITERARY WORKS

### The Mirror Lies

Mirror mirror on the wall  
What hazardous fates do you enthrall  
Singing a hoax tune for all to hear  
Captivating lives with their own fears

A saving grace isn't what you are  
But a fantasy that makes them fall far  
Your chameleon eye hides the truth  
Denning beauty that comes with youth

Imitation of beauty is what they win  
Making people chisel pieces, the longer they look in  
Casting a shadow over their head  
Too late do they realize, but their already dead

Look deep inside, both young and old  
There lays the truth needed to be known  
Yet the truth goes untold  
Beauty is hidden within, going unknown

J. Brenner

## ARTS NIGHT

On Dec. 9, 2015, our arts students filled the foyer with original art and took to the stage to share their love of music, drama and media arts. Our Christmas Arts Night was a huge success, as was witnessed by a packed crowd in our cafeteria. This was a celebration of the incredible talent we have here at St. David, as well as the hard work that our students put into their craft. Our next



## 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 Pathways Information Nights

Grade 8 students and parents are invited to a presentation on the many pathway opportunities available at St. David. The dates and times are as follows:

**St. Teresa Elmira –Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm to 8:30pm**

**St. Teresa Kitchener- Jan. 18 – 6pm to 7pm**

**St. Luke – Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> – 6pm to 7pm (for parents and students from St. Matthew, St. Agnes, St. Clements, St. Boniface, Sir Edgar Bauer)**

Please join us for an informative evening!

### Grade 11 Pathway Information Visits

Guidance counsellors will be meeting with Grade 11 students in January to discuss pathway and course planning to prepare for course selection in February.

### **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](http://www.electronicinfo.ca)

[www.apprenticesearch.com](http://www.apprenticesearch.com)

[www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca)

### **Financing Post-Secondary Education**

#### **SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

Scholarship and bursary information can be found at and [www.studentscholarships.org](http://www.studentscholarships.org), [www.yconic.com](http://www.yconic.com) and [www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.volunteerkw.ca) for local volunteer opportunities. **Grade 12 students need to complete these hours in order to be eligible to graduate.**



## ST. DAVID SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESENTS.....

The St. David Family of Schools invite you and your family to a very special presentation . . .

**Alyson Schafer**  
Parent Talk Series

PRESENTS

# HONEY, I WRECKED THE KIDS



Misbehaving children always make us question if we are parenting properly. We feel like we are messing up all the time! In this talk based on her bestselling book, Alyson discusses why millennial children are a different kind of child from past generations and how to parent them effectively.

Parents will learn:

- The conditions that have lead to our current parenting confusion
- The 4 misbehavior “dances” we do with our children
- New effective discipline techniques to replace punishment and reward
- To feel more confident and positive about their parenting!

### EVENT DETAILS

Thursday February 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm

St. David CSS, 4 High Street, Waterloo

*Alyson Schafer is a psychotherapist, best selling author and internationally acclaimed parenting expert with an approach that empowers families to live as a democratic unit. Her style is fast, witty, warm and engaging. She is the resident expert on The Marilyn Denis Show, CTV News Channel and ParentDish.ca. She is an international speaker including the inaugural TEDxKids in Brussels and often free parenting tips at [www.alysonschafer.com](http://www.alysonschafer.com)*



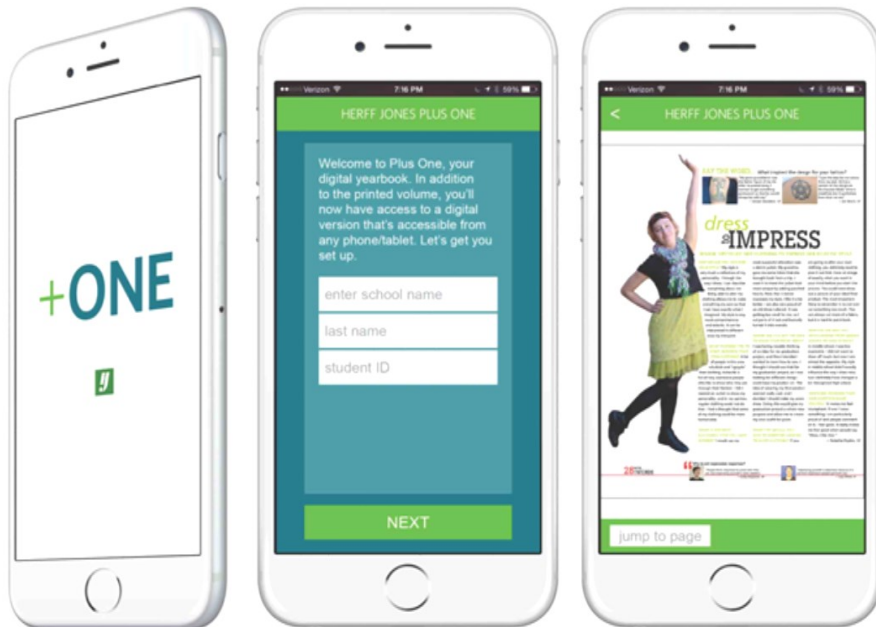
To guarantee seating please contact your local school office and let them know how many will attend.

Alyson's one hour presentation starts at 7:30, with a chance to meet the author and ask questions afterwards.

Child care is available for children age 3 and up. Please let your school office know how many children require supervision.

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## YEARBOOKS



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(For example, 123-456-78)

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

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](http://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 |