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

Important Dates In March

Feb. 29	2016-2017 Course Selections Due
Mar. 3	Public Health Immunization Clinic #2
Mar. 9	Hoops for Heart
Mar. 10	Acoustic Charity Concert (Period 4)
Mar. 14 – 18	March Break
Mar. 21	Progress Report Distribution
Mar. 24	Stations of the Cross (Period 4)
Mar. 25	Good Friday – No School
Mar. 28	Easter Monday – No School
Mar. 29	School Council 6pm – 8pm
Mar. 31	OSSLT – Grade 10 and Previously Eligible Modified timetable Gr. 9 -12 (noon to 2:20) P/S/T Conferences – by appointment 3pm – 8pm



CHAPLAIN'S CHAT WITH MR. ED

Greetings Celtics,

As we head into the month of March we are beginning a very busy time. We have been participating in our morning reflections for the liturgical season of Lent.

We have shared a passage of Scripture and a reflection each day to start us on the right foot.

We have had several "Class Masses" with more coming up with Priests from the area coming to celebrate the Eucharist with students and staff.

On Wednesdays during lunch we have a small but dedicated group that gathers in the Chapel to pray the Rosary. Prayers are offered for individual and school intentions.

During the month we will have a week of relaxation as we enjoy the Spring Break. We pray that it is a happy, healthy, and safe time for students and staff.

We will also have our Holy Week observances with the Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday. We encourage all Celtics to take part in the Holy Week and Easter celebrations taking place in their local Parish.

May the remainder of Lent be a time of reflection and prayer for all and may the coming Easter season be one of celebration and joy.

St. David, pray for us.

Mr. Ed

2016 OSSLT

Information regarding the OSSLT Literacy Test for Grade 10 students can be found by going to our St. David Website <http://stdavid.wcdsb.ca/> and then select the ACADEMICS tab, and then select OSSLT PREPARATION.

This link provides specific details about the day: schedule, buses, expectations, etc. As well, links are provided for students and parents to review OSSLT questions, exemplars, tips, and other resources pertaining to the Test.

The test is on the morning of March 31st. It is important that eligible students come on time. There is no re-write or alternate date until March 2017. More information can be found at the end of this newsletter.

WCDSB STRATEGIC PLAN 2015-2018

The Waterloo Catholic District School Board has released it's multi-year Strategic Plan for 2015-2018. The plan can be accessed from the WCDSB Home page at

<https://www.wcdsb.ca/> or directly at

<https://www.wcdsb.ca/about/mysp/pdf/WCDSB-MYSP-2016-18.pdf>.

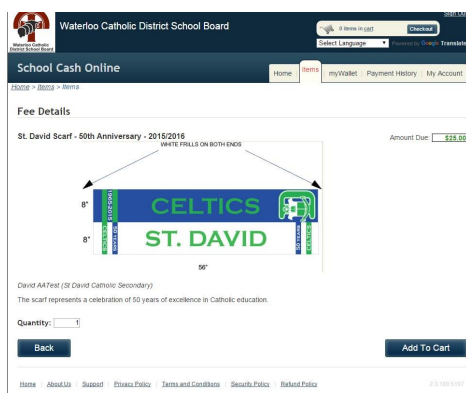
CELTIC ALUMNI

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

50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS



ST. DAVID SPIRIT SCARVES
now available online \$25



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

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

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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SEARS DRAMA FESTIVAL

Congratulations to the cast and crew on all their hard work preparing for the SEARS Drama Festival! Since the beginning of December, students have been rehearsing and working Ed Monk's powerful One Act play Booby Trap. The large cast and crew have had an amazing journey into an exciting drama piece!

The show has taken the cast and crew into a soldier's world as he sits in a combat zone, trapped by a land mine. As he waits to see what will happen to him, scenes from his past, present, and future unfold around him.

Hats off to the incredible acting, lighting, set design, costumes, sound and overall production! It has been a show we will never forget!



ST. DAVID SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Do you know an outstanding teacher at St. David?

Each year the Ontario Teacher Insurance Plan sponsors a province-wide "Teacher of the Year" award. We are looking for an outstanding teacher at St. David to nominate this year.

Nomination is easy. Simply send us an e-mail to stdavidsc@gmail.com. Let us know which teacher you are nominating, and give us a few details of what makes this teacher so good.

We'll review the nominations, select a candidate and fill out the official forms. It's that easy! Nominations close on March 22nd.

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!

CELTICS ATHLETICS UPDATE

The District 8 winter season has wrapping up and it has been very eventful for St. David. Here’s a summary of some notable successes:

Junior Boys Basketball	District 8 semi-finalists and AA CWOSSA semi-finalists
Senior Boys Basketball	District 8 semi-finalists and CWOSSA Silver Medalists
Junior Girls Volleyball	District 8 Semi-finalists and AA CWOSSA Champions
Senior Girls Volleyball	District 8 Semi-finalists and AA CWOSSA finalists
Alpine Skiing	Johnny Moreau qualified for OFSSA in Collingwood February 29 and March 1
Wrestling	Jane Jagas- CWOSSA Champion and qualified for OFSSA in Windsor March 1 and 2, Jaden Spane - CWOSSA Silver medalist and qualified for OFSSA in Windsor March 1 and 2, Cara Andersen - qualified for OFSSA in Windsor March 1 and 2
Swimming	Grace Solylo, Grace Collins, Sarah Helsby, and Elizabeth Van Dam qualified for OFSAA In Windsor (May 8 and 9)
Varsity Girls Hockey	District 8 finalists and District 8 representative at the AA CWOSSAA championship
Senior Boys hockey	District 8 representative at the AA CWOSSAA championship

Thank you to our coaches, staff supervisors and volunteer coaches for all their time and effort to make it possible to run our athletics program at St. David.

Even though the snow is still flying, St. David Celtics teams will start preparations for the Spring Season in March.

We have eight teams competing in District 8 sports starting in April. 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



STUDENT LITERARY WORKS

Two-hundred and Sixty One

By: Danielle Zettler

Nylah's paddle dipped and pulled, propelling her kayak at a leisurely pace towards the towering rock walls, pausing when the light fog began to lift. The sun rising on the lake remained hidden behind the one hundred metres of cliffs causing her to wonder: should she have launched from the north beach instead? The morning breezes caught the nose of her kayak and her loose head of shoulder-length, dense, black curls. She tucked her hair behind her ear and redirected her movement back toward the Mazinaw Rock. It rose out of the water with a beauty she could not have captured with all the pictures she had seen with her extensive google searches in the weeks prior. She understood why the Aborigines would have thrived here. Two-hundred and sixty pictographs as a reminder remained after almost a thousand years. That was why she was here. She was fascinated by historical remains – and no, museums weren't comparable to the real thing. Between night shifts at a 24 hour call centre and the occasional weekend shifts waitressing at a local diner, Nylah built an ever-growing list of wonder. She promised herself everyday she would see it all: the Grand Canyon, The Great Pyramid of Giza, Green Boots on Mount Everest... with that, came a lacking desire for companionship - the possibility of being held back by anyone or anything.



For the complete text of fictional story visit the Student Works page under Academics on our website.

<http://stdavid.wedsb.ca/student-works/>

CELTICS INTRAMURALS

Hey there Celtics! Intramural soccer has started! The first few weeks in second semester have been great so far keep up the good energy and positive attitude. It is great to see Celtics being active at lunch and having fun from 11:15-11:35am.

The athletic council has been working very hard this year with keeping everyone up to date with intramural and keeping things running smoothly.

Keep up the good work Celtics! Be sure to check out the amazing skills of our amazing intramural soccer teams Tuesday's-Friday's in the gym.

Follow us at @StDavidIntramur for more Celtic Intramural information.



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](#)

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.

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.**



Attention
Graduating Class:
Save the Date!

Tuesday, June 28th @ 7:00pm

Thinking of being a part of the grad breakfast & ceremony?

Grad fees are now overdue!

St. David Catholic Secondary uses **School Cash Online**.

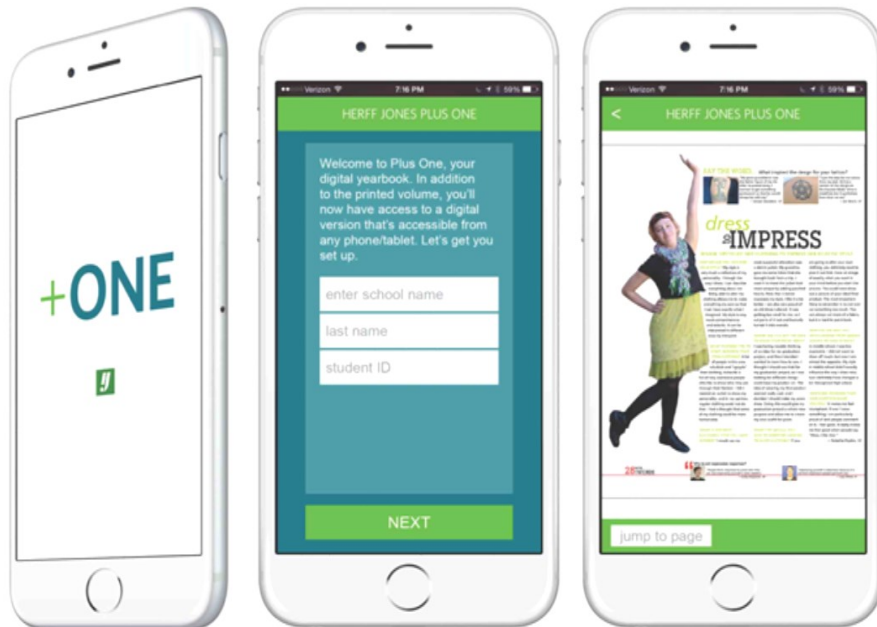
Register at <https://wcdsb.schoolcashonline.com>:

- ✓ Go to the address above or click the link on our school web page
- ✓ Register/add your child to the newly created account
- ✓ Review and pay your grad fees using direct online payment.

Safe. Fast. Convenient.

 **School Cash Online**

YEARBOOKS



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ANYWHERE AND

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

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

St. David C.S.S. Literacy Test Information
Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test March 31, 2016

- The test is written by all grade ten students and those who have been previously unsuccessful.
- **It is a graduation diploma requirement to pass** (or complete a Literacy English Credit if unsuccessful by grade 12)

- The schedule for that day is as follows:

8:10 Morning Bell	Find classroom location to write test
8:15 - 8:25 am	Anthem, prayer, test instructions
8:25 - 9:40	OSSLT Booklet 1 (75 min)
9:40 - 10:00	Break
10:00 - 11:15	OSSLT Booklet 2 (75 min)
11:15 - 11:20	Questionnaire
11:20 - 12:05 pm	LUNCH
12:05 - 12:35	Period 1 Classes for all Grades
12:40 - 1:10	Period 2
1:15 - 1:45	Period 3
1:50 - 2:20	Period 4

- School buses will follow their usual schedules in the morning to pick-up those writing the test
- *A second round of bus pickups will occur later in the morning for those students who did not write the test.* Regular buses will return students home at the end of the school day.
- Free Breakfast is available in Hospitality Room before the Test
- All students will be provided a drink and snack during a break between Booklet One and Two.
- Students who receive extra time as an accommodation must take supervised breaks in the Hospitality Classroom. Students with time accommodations should bring their own lunch.
- Any students NOT writing the test will be expected to remain in the cafeteria during the entire morning test session.
- *There is no re-write for missing the test until next year.*

Literacy Supports for Students Needing Extra Practice

- Grade ten students in Applied and Academic English classes **completed a Practice Test** that was assessed and reviewed with them in-class. This took place during class time Semester 1.
- **Those who did poorly on the Practice Test are invited to attend lunch-time and after-school Literacy Help Sessions.** Every Wednesday, starting on Feb. 17 in room 228 at lunch, and every Thursday, after-school in **rm 229**. Help Sessions are provided by teachers to target various aspects of the test.
- **Those repeating the test** are also invited to the lunch and after-school help sessions. They will also meet with Mr. Boland to review past results and strategies for improvement.
- **Five in-class presentations (also available on the School Website), will be made to all grade 10 classes for the five weeks preceding the Test** which provide sample questions and answers. Tips and suggestions are also provided.
- **After-school Literacy Support** is also available on Mondays -Thursdays from 2:30-3:30 pm in **Rm 229**. It is provided by a St. David teacher through the St. David Homework Club. No arrangements are necessary, just drop in.
- **Parents and students** are encouraged to visit our School Website at <http://stdavid.wcdsb.ca> and select ACADENICS and then OSSLT PREPARATION.....
 - These tabs provide links to:
 - On-line Practice Links and Webinars
 - Dil OSSLT Prep course (sample tests and exemplars)
 - Top 5 Ways to Pass the Literacy Test
 - Five presentations on various aspects of the Test
 - **Students receiving accommodations will meet with staff to determine the specific accommodations they may utilize.** Parents and students are asked to discuss these accommodations and forward any concerns or questions to their Special Education Monitor or Mr. Boland so that we can provide these on test day. (This information was included in a letter)
- For further information, please phone St. David at 519-885-1340 ext. 0 or Garry Boland at ext 5298 or email garry.boland@wcdsb.ca