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

Important Dates In May

May 10	Coop Career Fair (Library)
May 9-13	Co-President Campaign
May 11	Paid Civvies (50th Statue Fund)
May 16-19	Gr.12 Canoe Trip
May 20	PD Day— No School
May 23	Victoria Day— No School
May 24-27	SAC Spirit Week
May 25	Grade 7 Activity Day
May 26	Gr. 9 Geography Trip
June 1	World Record Attempt (Period 2) SAC Bbq 50th Aerial Photo



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/>
 or call the school 519-885-1340

& Saturday, May 7th

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



50TH CELEBRATIONS



Alumni Weekend Sponsors



THE CATHOLIC SHOP



50TH CELEBRATIONS



We invite all alumni to
join in our festivities
at our
ALUMNI OPEN HOUSE
as *St. David C.S.S.*
turns 50!

May 7, 2016
12:00 - 5:00



For more information
Facebook: *St. David CSS 50 Year Reunion 2015*
Website: *stdavid.wcdsb.ca*
Please RSVP using the link



MASS at Noon
DROP IN ACTIVITIES
• Ping Pong
• Horseshoes
• Bocce Ball
• Basketball
• Volleyball
• Touch Football

Including 2016 male and female soccer teams
ALUMNI SOCCER GAME

COACHES' CORNER
Featuring York, Rodrigues, Boland, O'Brien, Mousseau, Ingoldby, Dietrich, Redfearn, Sine, Sabourin, Denys and many more!

Live music in the Cafeteria (the old gymnasium)
COFFEE HOUSE 3 - 4:30

SPATIO SOCIAL
Join us on the Huether Hotel Patio

Come join Alumni for an afternoon of social events including

DRIVE FOR YOUR STUDENTS EVENT 1 - 3 PM

RSVP link

CHAPLAIN'S CHAT WITH MR. ED

We are excited to kick off Catholic Education Week and to celebrate our Easter Mass in the gym with Fr. Frank Freitas, Pastor of St. Mary of the Visitation in Cambridge and St. David Grad as our Celebrant and Homilist.

During Catholic Education we will be offering Morning Prayers around the theme, "Opening Doors of Mercy." As well, there will be several activities including a series of speakers who will enlighten and enliven the students and staff on a variety of topics also related to the week's theme.

On Saturday, May 7th, as part of the Anniversary Open House we will also welcome "home" Fr. Peter Meyer to celebrate Mass with us in the Chapel. Fr. Peter was a student of St. David during the time it was a "Middle School." We are very happy to have Fr. Peter joining us as part of this very special day.

Our prayers are being extended to "Transitional" Deacon David Reitzel, St. David Grad who will be ordained as a Priest on May 7th. Our thoughts and prayers will be with him. The newly ordained "Fr. David" will join us as the Celebrant and Homilist for our Grad Mass early in June.

May God continue to bless you and your family during this Easter season.

St. David, pray for us. Amen...Alleluia!!

Mr. Ed

CATHOLIC EDUCATION
OPENING DOORS OF MERCY

L'ÉDUCATION CATHOLIQUE
OUVRIR DES PORTES DE MISÉRICORDE

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy."
- Matthew 5:7

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK
MAY 1 - 6, 2016
WWW.GOODNEWSFORALL.CA

"Heureux les miséricordieux, car ils obtiendront miséricorde."
- Matthieu 5, 7

SEMAINE DE L'ÉDUCATION CATHOLIQUE
1^{ER} AU 6 MAI, 2016
WWW.GOODNEWSFORALL.CA

RECREATION LEADERSHIP CLASS

STUDENT VOICE

Mental Health is a growing stigma that lurks over the heads of youth so it is extremely important that we educate the students of St. Davids and remind them that we are an accepting community and there are plenty of helpful outlets within the school and the broader community. We invited organizations that are very beneficial and influential in the community when it comes to mental health. - Grace Gladding



MENTAL HEALTH FAIR



I believe hosting a mental health fair is a great way to let people know there is a place to go if you are struggling. We displayed information about many different topics where students and teachers could see and learn about mental health and not feel targeted or shy about asking someone or talking to someone about it. Having professionals join us during the fair helped to educate our community about the effects of mental health and who you can talk to in certain situations. Awareness about mental health is very much needed, because it can be very difficult to talk about it or experience such hard things. - Ashley Blue

WELLNESS FORUM

Our Recreation Leadership class hosted a student voice WELLNESS FORUM for the St. David community. We wanted to create awareness of the connection of everyday life to your mental health. Displays and resources included- nutrition, body image, self-esteem, stress, anxiety, sleep, depression, community organizations and relationships. We created awareness and wanted to demonstrate the importance of all aspects of a teenagers life on their mental health. We organized it as a class and set up in the foyer open to all students and teachers who where interesting in learning. - Alyssa Chiarello



GUINNESS WORLD RECORD



St.David CSS is hosting Silvana Shamoun from Shamoun Martial Arts in her attempt to break a world record. On June 1, 2016, at 10:30, Silvana will attempt to kick a whopping 70 footballs off of student volunteers heads! This spectacular event will be hosted in St.Davids gymnasium with school areil photo and BBQ lunch following! For more information, follow @stdavidGWR on Twitter to stay updated on her progress and further announcements regarding this event. - Stephanie Ringrose, Alissa Melvin

CELTIC INTRAMURALS

Hey there Celtics! We are excited to begin our final session of intramurals with handball! There are many great teams excited to get active and participate at lunch time. Be sure to come down to the gym at lunchtime to support your fellow Celtics. Go check out the athletic council twitter page and be sure to follow to keep updated with new events, great pictures, and news on intramurals. Also, check out the athletic council/ intramural website to see great pictures of the action in the gym at lunch and events that are soon to come. We love to see positive attitudes and school spirit in the gym! Good work Celtics! Follow on Twitter @StDavidIntramur



STUDENT AWARD WINNERS

Waterloo County English Awards

Our first place winner, Kiera Publicover. In this lyric piece of Flash Fiction, Publicover takes on the history of our country's brutal relations between the government authorities and the First Nation's people. Not an easy subject for any writer, and yet she does so confidently in the span of two succinct pages. In such a short space, Publicover resists the urge to simplify, stereotype or glibly address the pain of such a history.

Instead through the use of imagery and analepsis she creates a beat throughout the story that mimics the beat of a drum. With each paragraph the reader feels the blow of her words, the reality of its narrator's unfolding awareness, and the loss of its subject with ever increasing weight. Through the use of imagery, fresh language, and practiced construction, "Drums" delivers a profound and haunting experience that lingers. Kiera's winning entry can be read at <http://stdavid.wcdsb.ca/student-works/>.

Candice Rubie won 3rd for Digital non-fiction (<http://writersguidetoprocrastination.weebly.com/>) "The Writer's Guide to Procrastination Preparation". Candice also won first place in the Westvale Optomists Essay contest.

Photo: Candice Rubie, Phil Lehmann (Program Head Communications)



St. David's first Legacy Scholarship winner is Stephanie Ringrose. Stephanie will receive \$5000 towards her first year tuition at WLU - Congratulations!

Photo L to R: Brian Denomme (Legacy Foundation), John Dietrich (Principal), Stephanie Ringrose, Erin Riley (Program Head Guidance), Ben Logel (Legacy Foundation)

Dominic Faryna was the St. David nominee for the prestigious Schulich Leadership Award. Dominic is also a member of our championship FRC robotics team TeamDAVE#3683.

Photo L to R: Dominic Faryna, Erin Riley (Program Head Guidance)



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)

Summer School

Summer school information and applications are now available in guidance. Please see your guidance counsellor for further information.

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.

Graduation Ceremony

Graduation Ceremonies will be held on **at 7 pm on Tuesday June 28** at the **Waterloo Recreation Complex**.

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.**

WORDS OF THANKS

THANK YOU ST. DAVID’S!

Education Changes Lives!

For the third consecutive year, CanTeach has been the grateful recipient of proceeds from your charity collections. CanTeach Connections Inc. is a locally-based organization which assists with the teaching and learning of English in El Salvador. Your donation is supporting two of our initiatives, which include an annual scholarship for post-secondary studies to a student who has excelled in English, and a contingency fund for the school principal to use at his discretion to help students who are struggling financially with bus fare, school lunches or the purchase of needed school supplies.

For me, the concept of students from a Canadian school helping students in a developing country to pursue their education is a very powerful one. St. David’s students are *changing lives!*

We also connect with students via Skype to help them improve their oral English, and most years a small group of volunteers travel at their own expense to El Salvador to assist the teachers of English in their classrooms. Retired teachers Wanda Cakebread, Betty Ann Colquhoun, Susan Martin and Janice Reinhart are all involved with the organization, as is former student Lisa Huhse (Perrotta).

We welcome inquiries or new volunteers. Please visit our website: www.canteachconnections.org and contact us for more information.

Gratefully,

Betty Ann Colquhoun
President, CanTeach Connections

JAPAN STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM—2017

Parent Meeting

The Waterloo Catholic District School Board will embark on our first exchange with Yamate Gakuin High School in Yokohama, Japan which is dedicated to world peace. The Waterloo Catholic District School Board (WCDSB) is pleased to partner with Yamate Gakuin as a pilot project in 2017. Visit the Yamate Gakuin High School website at <http://www.yamate-gakuin.ac.jp/english.html>

The international exchange involves two aspects

- 80 – 85 students from Japan will visit Waterloo Region from Friday April 14, 2017 to Friday April 28, 2017 and will be hosted by local families.
- Student from the Waterloo Catholic District School Board will then travel to Japan from Friday July 21 to Friday August 4, 2017 and will be hosted by local families.

The volunteer teacher team, with the support of the RDO international team, will help organize the Japanese visit and a number of planned activities for Japanese students visiting the Waterloo Region and the Canadian exchange student. Visiting students will attend one of our Waterloo Catholic District secondary schools and each school community will organize local events and activities for their visiting students.

Canadian students travelling to Japan will have a cultural experience of a lifetime. Yamate Gakuin High School and families will host a welcome ceremony and Cultural Day. There are three excursions planned for the North American students including a tour of Yokohama, Tokyo and Tokyo Disneyland. The Yokohama experience includes visiting the historic Sankei-En Gardens and Hakkeijima Sea Paradise. During their excursion to Tokyo students will take a river cruise on the Sumida River, visit Sensō-ji Temple which is the oldest Buddhist temple in Toyko, and a trip to the Edo Tokya museum. The final excursion is to Tokyo Disneyland.



The cost of this experience is \$3,500 which includes: flight, airport transportation, travel insurance, excursions in Japan, accommodations and meals.

First step to getting involved in this inaugural exchange is to attend one parent information session:

6:30 pm, Thursday, May 26, 2016 at St. Benedict C.S.S.

6:30 pm, Monday, May 30, 2016 at Resurrection C.S.S.

ARTS NIGHT

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

7:00 PM

Adults:\$5 Students: \$3

Come out and support our incredible Celtic artistic community!

Tickets at the door

SHSM 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!

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.

Application forms were due on April 27th. The award will be presented at our graduation ceremony in June.

Certification Opportunities for the remainder of the school year include:

May 6 – Air Brakes Training -Transportation
May 11 – Ethics and Leadership Training - Health and Wellness
May 17 – Skills and Training Development – Business; Transportation
May 18 – Paddling Techniques & Water Safety – Hospitality and Tourism

New Online Certifications by Major

Work ahead and complete your certifications through the summer! Email Tara Fitzgerald if you are interested. See the complete listing of online training at www.highskills.ca.

Major	Name of Training Available
Construction	PPE, Traffic Control
Health & Wellness	Advanced Training in a Technique: Pandemic Influenza Planning, Advanced Training in a Technique: Respiratory Protection, Advanced Training in a Technique: Toxicology, Allergy Awareness
Hospitality & Tourism	Fire Safety
Information & Communications Technology	Health & Safety - Basic, Lockout/Tagging
Justice, Community Safety & Emergency Services	Basic Electrical Safety, Customer Service, Health & Safety - Basic, Lockout/Tagging
Transportation	Basic Electrical Safety, Lockout/Tagging