



# Celtic X-Press Lite

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**Important Dates In November**

**1965 — ST. DAVID 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS — 2015**

Oct. 29	Parent/Student Teacher Conferences 3:00pm – 8:00pm
Nov. 4	Grade 9 Take your Kids to Work Day Grade 8 Visit to St. David
Nov. 5	Semester 1 Grade 10 Religion Retreat
Nov. 11	Term 2 Begins  Remembrance Day Assembly (P2)
Nov. 13	PD Day No School
Nov. 16 – 20	Anti-Bullying Awareness Week
Nov. 18	Semester 1 Club and Team Photo Day
Nov. 24	Semester 1 Midterm Report Distribution  School Council 6-8pm
Nov. 26	Celtics on Broadway
Nov. 27	Time Capsule Opening (10:50am)
Nov. 30	Advent Wreath Lighting (HR)



On October 9<sup>th</sup> we welcomed Bishop Crosby and some staff alumni to our opening school mass and kick off to our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. The Bishop was very impressed with the students and the celebration and was able to stay for the alumni reception. Bishop Crosby also presented a Papal Blessing to current principal John Dietrich and Donna MacKay, wife of Joe MacKay, St. David's first principal. The framed blessing is installed on the second floor outside of the chapel area.





## TERRY FOX RUN 2015

Another successful year here at St. David's with the Terry Fox Walk/Run. The event was held on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in which over 300 students were involved to raise awareness. Altogether, the Celtic community has raised \$168.70 in support of the Canadian Cancer Society. Whether staff and students joined by walking, running, or even donating, there has been many memories created to look back upon, and lots of school spirit shared. The Sports Leadership class couldn't have done it without the approval from administrative, all of our volunteers, and sponsors. To all those that contributed, thank you for your support to make this event as successful as it was.



Jennifer Flanagan (Period 3 Sport Leadership Class)

## FALL COFFEE HOUSE

On Wednesday, Oct. 14, St. David presented the fall Coffee House. A great crowd came out to appreciate the incredible wealth of musical talent at our school. We would like to especially acknowledge our new grade 9s who not only came out in droves to see the show, but also supplied some of our most memorable performances as musicians. The variety of acts for this show was so impressive, from solo performers, to original music to Alice Cooper covers. It was a great night, and we look forward to the spring show in April.

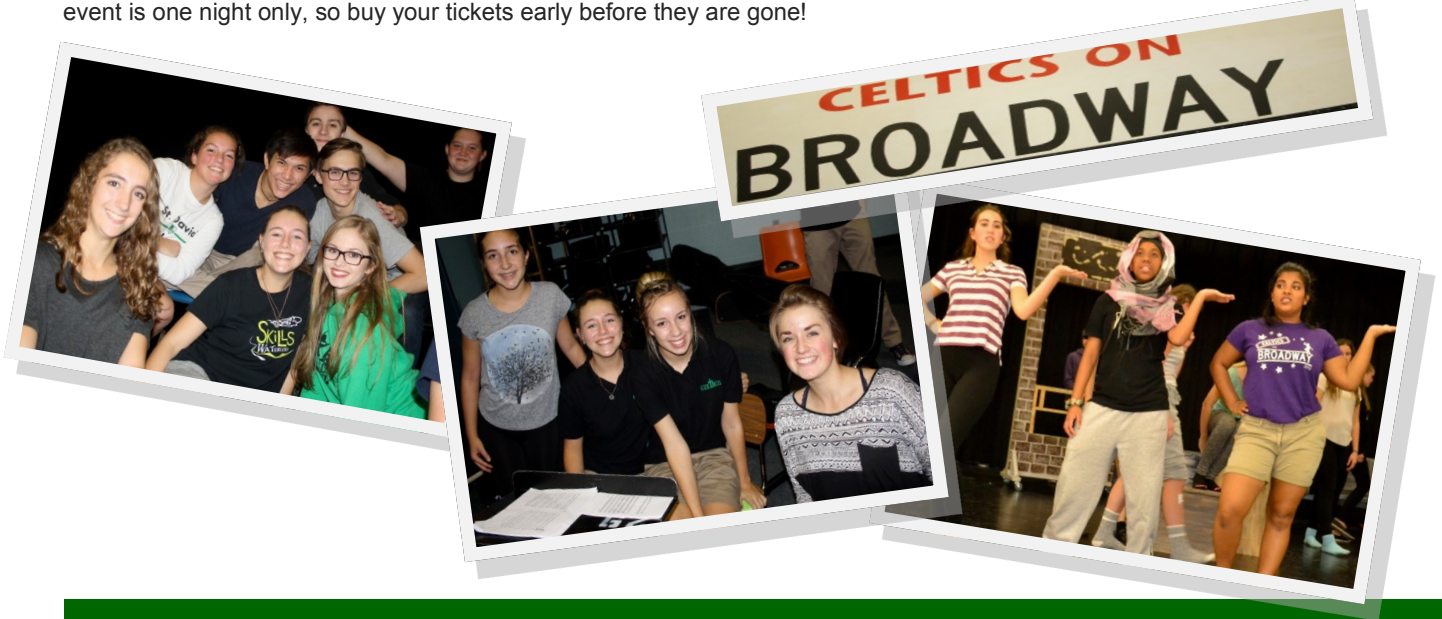




## CELTICS ON BROADWAY

Thursday November 26th at 7:00pm, approximately 50 members of our performing arts department will take the stage in *Celtics on Broadway*, a musical review featuring songs from musical theatre blockbusters such as *Matilda*, *Hairspray*, *Grease*, *The Sound of Music*, and many more. The show features amazing St. David talent in solo, small group and full cast production numbers, which share nothing in common, but their ability to bring an audience to their feet.

Tickets are \$5, general admission, and will be sold in advance, beginning in the first week of November. They can be purchased online from Ticketscene at <http://www.ticketscene.ca/events/14196/>, or in person in the foyer at lunch, beginning Nov. 16th. This event is one night only, so buy your tickets early before they are gone!



## WCDSB GRADUATES

On October 25th, five graduates from the Waterloo Catholic District School Board were honored at the Father Fogarty CEFO Awards Night in Toronto. Each year the Catholic Education Foundation of Ontario recognizes one graduate from all Catholic Secondary Schools. Award winners excel in their academic courses, are involved in both school and in community activities and whose conduct typifies the objectives of the Catholic school system. Our 2015 recipients were (left to right) : John Elten (SBCSS), Jaime **Simons** (SDCSS), Victoria Gravesande (SMH), Hannah Tellier (MDCSS) and Patricia McCullough (RCSS) with Loretta Notten, Director WCDSB.



## REVISED PHE CURRICULUM

As you are aware, the new Health and Physical Education Curriculum will be implemented in all schools this year. We are confident that it will provide our students with a comprehensive, current and relevant set of expectations for the students of Ontario. Much of the media has focused on the Human Development and Sexual Health strand of this document, although it is only one small section. We, at WCDSB, are very fortunate because our current Family Life programs already address many of the expectations in the new curriculum. Where there are gaps, the Institute for Catholic Education, in collaboration with the Bishops of Ontario and Pearson Publishing Company, have created resources for both elementary and secondary educators. These resources will be available before the human sexuality units are addressed in the program. Elementary and Secondary support packages will be published in the late fall and will be delivered to teachers after that. As a parent, you may also refer to the Institute for Catholic Education website ([www.iceont.ca](http://www.iceont.ca)) for parent communications, support resources and other information to directly address the new Health and Physical Education curriculum. We look forward to continuing to provide your son or daughter with a quality education and worldview that is delivered through the Catholic faith lens.

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



### UPCOMING EVENTS

Time Capsule  
Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am  
All parents and alumni are invited.

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/50th-portal/>

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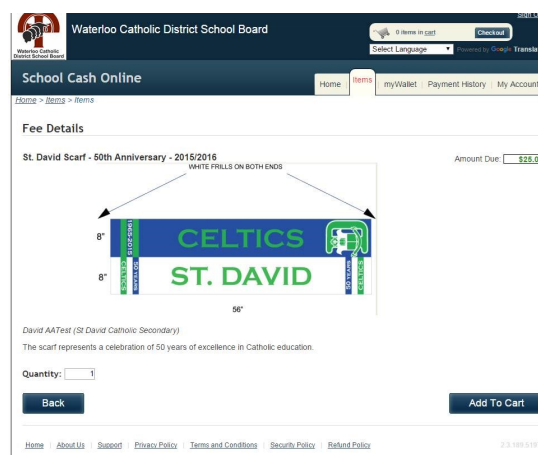


ST. DAVID SPIRIT WEAR  
now available online  
<http://gamedayretail.com/>

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



ST. DAVID SPIRIT SCARVES  
now available online



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## BREAKFAST CLUB & VARSITY ATHLETICS

Steve Griffin's Senior Boys' Volleyball Team demonstrated our Catholic faith by serving breakfast to our school community. They arrived early, and cooked pancakes, eggs, etc. for Breakfast Club (See the attached pictures of these Celtics in action!). I think this is a great way for a sports team to give back to the school community, and demonstrate servant leadership.



On Wednesday October 28 the Jr. Boys Volleyball Team and Mr. Griffin helped cook pancakes for the Breakfast Club. Over 100 students took part in the Celtic breakfast bonding experience. The Breakfast program takes place each day in the hospitality room from 7:50-8:05am.

So through the generosity of Nutrition for Learning and our School Council, we have some Breakfast Club budget money set aside to provide a similar opportunity for other sports teams (about once a month) this year to take on this leadership role and make and serve breakfast during Breakfast Club. All students are welcome!

## INTRAMURALS



Hey Celtics! It's awesome to see such great participation during intramural basketball! There were 123 participants at lunch with Intramural Basketball plus open gym bball on Monday's. We hope everyone is having lots of fun and staying active. Keep it up! The teams are all doing great and playing hard. We hope to see everyone out again for the next round of intramurals which is Dodge ball at lunch. Follow @STDavidIntramur for more details



Classrooms are for learning. The use of cell phones is not permitted in class. Parents, if you need to get in touch with your son or daughter, please call the school office and we will contact your child.

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. Of these students, **27** have completed all of their SHSM certifications (14%), **49** students are 100% on track with their courses (25%), and **20** students have satisfied both requirements and will earn their Red Seal in their major at June graduation (21.5% of grade 12 SHSM).

Some certifications can be done online or on students’ own time. See [www.highskills.ca](http://www.highskills.ca) to sign up!

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

## 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

### **GR. 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day**

On November 4, Grade 9 students will have the opportunity to experience and learn about the world of work as they begin to explore possible career paths. Additional information can be found at <http://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/TOKW>

### **Post Secondary Planning**

#### **Next Meeting for graduating students:**

There will be a follow up meeting for all grade 12 students on **Thursday November 12** during **period 3** to discuss the post-secondary application process and financial planning, awards and scholarships.

### **UNIVERSITY RESEARCH SUGGESTIONS**

**All students applying to University for September 2016 are asked to pick up their pin number in guidance in order to begin their online application.**

Graduating students are encouraged to continue to gather information about potential post-secondary schools and programs.

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

University and College visits at St. David (students sign up in guidance to attend)

University Fair in St. David Gymnasium on November 3 from 12-2 pm – Sign up in guidance to attend

Local Fall Open Houses – Laurier Nov.6, UW Nov.7, Guelph Nov.8

### **COLLEGE RESEARCH SUGGESTIONS**

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

University and College visits at St. David (students sign up in guidance to attend)

Local Fall Open House – Conestoga Nov. 28

### **APPRENTICESHIP RESEARCH SUGGESTIONS**

[www.tcu.gov.on.ca](http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca)

### **UCEP Campus Visit**

On Wednesday November 11, grade 11's who may be eligible for UCEP (University Co op) will be visiting St. Jerome's University to tour the UW campus and learn more about the UCEP program. The bus will leave St. David at 8:30 am and return to St. David by 2:15.