



Celtic X-Press

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Important Dates

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the
Date



A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Wow!

It is October and we have much to be thankful for within our Celtic community.

Our board pastoral plan of Called to Belong and Gathered to Become as well as student achievement will be our focus this year where we are all in to make a difference every day. This has been witnessed through all of our events and celebrations over the past six weeks.

Our spirit week has truly brought the community together from the collection of non-perishable food items to the culminating assembly that brought down the house. Please remember that progress reports will be distributed to students on Tuesday, October 15th during period one and our Parent, Teacher, Student conferences will be held on Thursday, October 24th from 1:30pm to 8:00pm.

We encourage all parents/guardians to make an appointment with their child's teachers. We wish you a safe and blessed Thanksgiving.

Glenda Leusink, Michael Ambeau and Kevin Hinsperger

St. David Leadership Team

October 14	Thanksgiving Day (School Holiday)
October 15	Awards Night
October 18	Ontario University Fair
October 18	Jr. Girls Basketball Tournament
October 18	Trent University
October 19	Brock University
October 19	University of Waterloo
October 21	Trent University
October 22	Brock University
October 22	University of Waterloo
October 23	Carleton University
October 24	Parent\Teacher\Student Conferences
October 25	P.A. Day
October 28	University of Guelph
October 29	Catholic School Advisory Council Meeting
October 30	Model UN
October 31	Ryerson University



JR. BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Wow! What a start the Jr. Boys volleyball team had this year.

They finished as finalists in the Preston Early Bird Volleyball tournament. With eight grade 9's and seven grade 10's the jr. team is looking bright for the future.

If you want to see some great action and unique cheers such as: "Tool belt", "He's our setter" and "Roooooof"...then come to the gym on Monday's and Wednesday's after school to see some athletic fun guys playing entertaining volleyball.



FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH

Happy New (School) Year!!

I am excited that we will be able to continue some of the great things we have done in the past like Masses at different times either as a full school or smaller more intimate groups, Reconciliation during Advent and Lent, Advent Wreath Liturgy, Ash Wednesday Liturgy and Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday.

Please be sure and contact me if you have any questions, comments or concerns with regard to any of the "Spiritual Life" activities here at St. David Catholic Secondary School. I am always willing to speak with you.

O God, you graciously bestowed on Saint David of Wales
the virtue of wisdom, the gift of eloquence, and you made him an example of prayer and pastoral zeal;
grant that, through his intercession, our community may ever prosper and render you joyful praise.

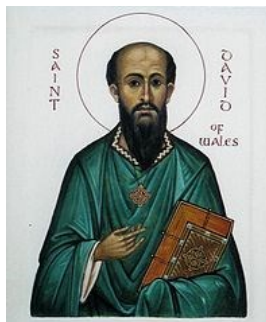
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

St. David, pray for us.

Have a great 2019-20 School year!!

Deacon Ed



FROM GUIDANCE



Are you interested in getting an early start to your career?

Are you interested in testing out a field of interest to see if it works for you?

Our Specialist High Skills Major Program offers these opportunities through the following three components:

A course bundle in a major sector: between 4 and 5 courses throughout grade 11 and 12

Coop: including regular Coop, CCEP, UCEP and OYAP

Industry training: CPR, First Aid, Working at Heights etc... all at no expense to you!

Look at the sectors we offer at St. David and read through the course list!

Arts and Culture

Business

Construction

Health and Wellness

Hospitality and Tourism

Information and Communication Technology

Justice and Community Safety

Transportation

SHSM is based on areas that are already of interest to you.

There is a good chance you are already taking the courses required in your field of interest.

Look online at the course charts and make an appointment with Ms. Nagy to discuss how SHSM would benefit your goals.

The deadline to sign up for this year is Friday October 18th, 2019

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BUILD A DREAM

KITCHENER-WATERLOO

**CAREER
DISCOVERY
EXPO**

NOV. 14, 2019

BINGEMANS

425 Bingemans Centre Dr., Kitchener, ON

5:30PM - 9PM



Invitation to include more Young Women in the Skilled Trades . . .

On behalf of Build a Dream and Waterloo Catholic District School Board, we invite you to our **FREE** Build a Dream Young Woman and Parent/Guardian Career Discovery Expo for grades 7-12.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2019

5:30 PM – 9:00 PM (Doors open at 5:00 PM)

BINGEMANS

425 Bingemans Centre Dr, Kitchener

We are thrilled to welcome **#DreamMakers** from around the community to speak about their career journey's and successes in a high-powered 30-minute workshop!

We know you will enjoy all that Build a Dream has to offer, including:

EMPLOYER CAREER FAIR!

Meet 50 employers and explore careers in Skilled Trades, STEM, Emergency Response, and Entrepreneurship. Conestoga College's **DREAMZONE!**

This interactive space is the perfect opportunity to get your hands dirty, build something and have fun!

FEMALE MENTORS who will chat one-on-one with you and answer your questions.

DRESS UP and SMILE at the **PHOTOBOOTH!**

Prizes, Swag, Scholarships, a light evening meal, and MORE!

We will be highlighting opportunities in a number of careers to better assist you in making career informed career choices. As a community, we recognize the critical role parents/guardians play in the development and education of their child, which is why we are providing this opportunity for you to come with your daughter and learn more about careers in these growing sectors!

P.S. Space is limited - 3 per household. Register today to secure your tickets to this FREE event!

REGISTER HERE: <https://buildadreamkw2019.eventbrite.ca>

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

For additional information, please contact: info@webuildadream.com.

INSPIRED CELTIC SOCCER TEAM WINS OFSAA GOLD

By: Steve Bedic

Last year, the St. David Senior Boys' Soccer Team entered their season with mixed emotions. After winning the school's first OFSAA Boys' Soccer Bronze Medal in 2018, the boys experienced the tragic loss of a teammate when Nico Flamenco-Steiner passed away suddenly from a pre-existing heart condition. Expectedly, the boys were devastated by the passing of their friend and teammate, but channeled their grief, and dedicated their season to Nico. Guided by the spirit of their friend, the boys won a District 8 Silver Medal, with a narrow defeat at the hands of the St. Mary's Eagles on penalty-kicks. The Celtics knew they still had a chance at success however at "AA" CWOSSA. The Celtics completed an undefeated round robin portion of the tournament, before falling 1-0 to Preston. However, based on the Celtics' 3rd place finish at OFSAA the year before, CWOSSA was afforded two entries into OFSAA this year, meaning that St. David would once again have a chance to compete at the Provincial level.

At the "AA" OFSAA tournament in North Bay, Ontario, the Celtics were placed into a tough group, with last year's Gold Medalists, Silverthorne Collegiate from Toronto as their first opponents. Miraculously, the Celtics surprised the rest of the field, defeating Silverthorne 2-1. The Celtics went on to beat Holy Cross (Niagara) and Cairine Wilson (Ottawa), before losing to Father Bressani (Woodbridge). The Celtics finished second in their group and ended up playing Kingston Collegiate (Kingston) in the Quarterfinals, which marked only the second time that a Celtic Boys' Soccer Team ever reached that point in an OFSAA tournament. The Celtics continued their run of fine play, beating Kingston, and then defeating St. Mary's from Toronto in the Semifinals. So for the second year in a row, St. David would be playing for an OFSAA medal, this time playing for Gold! The Celtics opponents in the championship match was a team that the Celtics were familiar with, Mother Teresa from London, who had beaten the Celtics in the semifinals a year earlier. The Celtics managed to score a goal in the first half, before adding two more goals in the second 45 minutes, to win the game 3-0, and more importantly, capture the first Boys' Soccer OFSAA Gold Medal in school history. To make the accomplishment even more significant, this was the first time that a Boys' Soccer team from the region has won an OFSAA Gold Medal since Cameron Heights won Gold in 1990, following two straight Gold medals won by St. Jerome's in 1988 and 1989.

Coaches Steve Bedic, Anthony Spanopulos and Mark Temple are extremely proud of the boys, and how they persevered, honoured their late teammate, and worked together to achieve this historic accomplishment. Congratulations Celtics; you played together, and Nico was with you every step of the way!



ATHLETIC COUNCIL

Hey Celtics!

Welcome back to school for another fantastic school year.

Our athletic council has been working very hard to make and prepare the best intramurals and activities for this year. Every day the athletic council is organizing intramurals in the gym at 11:15 am along with an "Open Gym" at lunch. Basketball intramurals is happening now, from September to November, grab a group of friends (6-10), make a team and go out get active by having fun!

There are so many ways you Celtics can get involved and intramurals are one of them, so go down to the gym today and have some FUN! We can't wait to see the great Celtic spirit and talent in our St. David's basketball players!

Remember Celtics it's all for FUN!

For more information on St. David intramurals and athletics, be sure to follow us on Twitter @StDavidAthletic and our Instagram @stdavidcss.

That's all, for now, Celtics, have an awesome first Semester!

Mackenzie Forest (Athletic Council Publicity and Promotions Journalist)

