



Celtic X-Press

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

Important Dates

January 24	Exams
January 27-29	Exams
January 30	Credit Recovery Day Semi-Formal
January 31	P.A. Day
February 3	Start of 2nd Semester
February 3-5	Grad Photos
February 13	Report Cards
February 17	Family Day School Closed
February 19	Civvies Day
February 25	Elementary Sports Tournament & Shrove Tuesday
February 26	Ash Wednesday Pink Shirt Day
March 4	Elementary Sports Tournament
March 11	Civvies Day
March 12	Acoustic Charity Concert
March 16-20	March Break



A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to 2020! Many of the references to our new decade are all related to vision! Do we have 2020 vision? What is our 2020 vision? Did you know that all year we have been focusing on being all in to make a difference each and every day? For us, it means being purposeful in our actions to be inclusive within our classrooms, our hallways, our sports fields, our cafeteria... wherever students are. We want to make a difference in their lives day in and day out. As we end our 1st year of the Pastoral Plan of Called to Belong, we will continue to look for ways to ensure that all members of the Celtic community feel like they have a place of belonging at St. David. As we move into our 2nd year of the Pastoral Plan, Gathered to Become, we will remind each other of our belovedness and look to be the 'bread of life' for all in what we do daily to become one in God.

Your leadership team,

Mrs. Leusink, Mr. Hinsperger and Mr. Ambeau



ATHLETIC COUNCIL

Hey Celtics! Welcome back to school after another amazing Christmas break and exams are just coming around the corner. That's why our Athletic Council is working hard to keep you feeling stress-free this exam season. The Athletic Council is finishing up Dodgeball intramurals that happen every Tuesday - Friday and along having "Open gym" at lunch starting at 11:15 am on Mondays. Ball Hockey intramurals are happening Thursday nights in the St. David gym, you can get your permission form from the Phys. Ed office or Room 229.

Keep your ears open for news about the first-ever St. David relay for life and how you can join and help out. For more information go to their Instagram [@relay4life.stdavid](#)

For more information on St. David athletics, be sure to follow us on Twitter [@StDavidAthletic](#) and our Instagram [@stdavidcss](#). That's all, for now, Celtics, good luck in all your exams this semester.

Congratulations to our dodge ball contest winners!!



FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH

We had a very busy Christmas Season this year! The Celtic Community really stepped up and answered the call to "Action."

We changed up our Gift Drive this year to include all six of our local Parishes; St. Agnes, St. Boniface, St. Clement, St. Michael, St. Teresa in Elmira, and St. Teresa in Kitchener. All in all, we were able to provide gifts for approximately 100 people, In addition, each Parish received a cheque from our December Civvies Day to help with their Christmas outreach programs.

With the end of the Christmas Season on Sunday, January 12th with the celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we now begin our Season of Ordinary Time. Prayer Centres and the Altar in the Chapel have returned to green cloths.

Work has begun with our Religion and Drama teacher, Sharon Foran, to revamp our Holy Thursday liturgy. We have done the Stations of the Cross for a number of years and so this year we are hoping to do something a little bit different. We will continue to honour the overall theme of Holy Week with this new production.

Our new practice of celebrating the Feast of St. David with a Mass will be put on "hold" for this year as the actual Feast Day takes place on Sunday, March 1st.

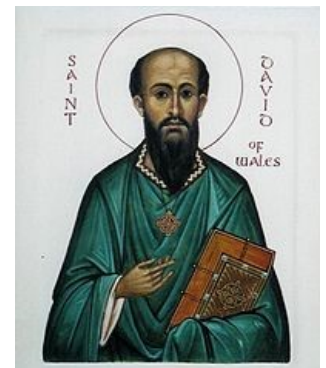
We wish all students and families good luck and best wishes during the upcoming exams. To paraphrase something I heard many years ago, "Study like it all depends on you and pray like it all depends on God.

Amen.

St. David, pray for us.

Have a great 2020!!

Deacon Ed



“THE GOOD OLD HOCKEY GAME...”

On November 27th Our Celtics hosted the Waterloo Regional Police Services while playing in a friendly floor Hockey Game at lunch in our gym! 9 officers participated with our staff and students. 3 Celtic students tried hockey for the first time! It was a great way to build community and showcase our Celtic Spirit as over 220 students were cheering from the stands! The score was a close 8-6 for our WRPS friends.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (FORMERLY KNOWN AS PARENT COUNCIL)

Attention all Parents

Catholic School Advisory council is hosting a Staff Appreciation Breakfast on Friday, January 31st, 2020 for all staff at St. David to start their PD day that is the end of Semester 1. Donations are being accepted. More specific details for this event are in the link Perfect Potluck – please click the link below for more information.

<https://perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=OMFH0000>

User Password is **Celtics**

Coordinator Password is **Rett**

Thank you for all of your support and for helping to appreciate the work of the St. David staff.

Martina Rett

Co-ordinator, CSAC



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

New to the Region of Waterloo or have children in your home ready to start Kindergarten?

Registration is Open: It's Time to Sign Up for School!!

It's time to sign up for the 2020-21 school year – and registering to attend one of Waterloo Region's 43 Catholic Elementary Schools and five Catholic Secondary Schools has never been easier. In fact, a quality, inclusive, faith-based education is just a click away for families of Kindergarten students thanks to the Waterloo Catholic District School Board's [Online Registration](#) system.

QUICK Facts

~~ Parents can access the Online Registration form by clicking on the [Register for School](#) link on the [WCDSB Homepage](#) and then choosing either [Kindergarten Registration](#), [Elementary Registration](#) or [Secondary Registration](#). The link to Online Registration can be found on each page under the "Registration Options"

~~ Children born in **2016** are eligible for **Year 1 Kindergarten (JK)**.

~~ Children born in **2015** are eligible for **Year 2 Kindergarten (SK)**.

~~ When registering your child to attend a Catholic elementary school you must be prepared to provide proof of the child's date of birth and either the child's Catholic baptismal certificate or the Catholic baptismal certificate of at least one parent or guardian.

~~ **If you are non-Catholic, but wish to explore a Catholic education for your child(ren), please review the WCDSB [Admissions to Catholic Elementary Schools](#) policy. Our secondary schools are open to students of all faiths.**

~~ A complete list of WCDSB schools that will offer the **Extended Day Program** in 2020-21 will be web-posted in April, 2020. Please call your school directly for information about the Extended Day Program. A complete list of WCDSB schools currently providing the program is available via this link: [Extended Day Program](#).

~~ For information about **French Immersion** programs in Kitchener, Waterloo and Cambridge, please click here: [French Immersion Registration Information](#).

The Waterloo Catholic District School Board, representing more than 96,000 Catholic school supporters, operates 48 schools and five adult education facilities serving more than 40,000 elementary, secondary and continuing education students in Waterloo Region – continuing a 184-year tradition of quality, inclusive, faith-based education. Follow us on Twitter:

@WCDSBNewsWire – #WCDSBAwesome.



Grade 8 Transition Activities

On Wednesday November 6, we were excited to welcome our grade 8 students to experience a day in the life of a Celtic. Students were provided with a timetable to explore 4 different high school classes and enjoyed lunchtime activities. On November 26, we welcomed grade 8 parents and students to visit our Grade 8 Information Night in order to learn more about St. David. We look forward to seeing our new Celtics in September!

Parents and students are invited to attend pathway planning presentations on **Jan 27th at St. Teresa, Elmira OR January 28 at St. Luke's**. Course selections for grade 9 will be due on Feb 28 and will be facilitated by the grade 8 teacher.

University and College Fairs

were held at St. David throughout the months of September, October and November and senior students were provided the opportunity to attend and connect with colleges and university representatives from across Ontario.

Post Secondary Planning Meetings:

Guidance counsellors have met with all grade 12 students in both September and November in order to discuss post-secondary options. Information was provided to assist students in decision making for next year including how to pursue apprenticeships, job search resources, financial planning and application processes for both college and university.

11 UP!

Guidance counsellors will be meeting with all grade 11 classes in January in order to provide information about course selections for grade 12. At this time, we will also discuss future pathway options as students look toward their senior year at St. David. Guidance counsellors will also be meeting with each grade 11 student individually following semester two mid term reports to review their grade 12 course selections and discuss pathway planning.

Course Selection

Guidance counsellors will be visiting all classes in February to offer guidance and support in making their course selections. Students are encouraged to dialogue with their parents, teachers and guidance counsellors in order to make accurate and appropriate selections. Courses must be entered by February 28, 2020. Visit D2L and look for myBlueprint in the "Pathways" group OR visit: www.myblueprint.ca/waterloocatholic for course offerings.

Summer School

Summer school information will be available beginning in March as it becomes available from our education partners. Information regarding summer school sign up will be given during morning announcements.

Timetable and Course Changes

Please be aware that several student timetables have been changed for semester 2 due to a variety of factors (requests to switch back to the schedule students had in September cannot be accommodated).

Guidance counsellors will be available for course changes up until Friday Feb. 7th. Please be aware that our priority for course changes are:

- Students in grade 9, 10 or 11 who do not have 4 courses on their timetable
- Students who do not have the prerequisite for a course on their timetable
- Students in grade 12 or year 5 and do not have enough courses on their schedule to reach 30 credits by the end of this year
- Level changes (example moving from academic to applied)

We cannot accommodate teacher requests or requests to be in classes with friends

University of Waterloo - Grade 10 Family Night 2020

If you're in Grade 10 and planning to attend university, you and your parents are invited to learn what you can do now to prepare.

February 20, 2020

6-8:30 pm

Learn about

- finding the right program and university
- applying to university
- financing a university education

Register at:

<https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/grade-10-family-night>

Walk-In Counselling Available “Front Door”

Do you have concerns about your teenager's behavior, emotional state, or mental health? Are you concerned about possible self-harm or drug use issues? Are these issues creating family conflict for you? The Walk-In Counselling at Front Door helps families with children up to 18 years of age to get started on the road to understanding. Through a single family counselling session, the experienced counsellors there help identify issues and equip families with tools and strategies to address their concerns. The focus of the session is determined by each family's unique needs. Front door is located at 770 King Street E., Kitchener. Walk-In counselling hours are Saturdays: 9am-3:30pm and Wednesday: 12pm – 6:30pm. Appointments are available on a first come basis and are free of charge. Family members directly involved in the concern are encouraged to attend.

Important Information for Grade 12 Students

Resources for post-secondary planning

www.tcu.gov.on.ca and www.apprenticesearch.com for apprenticeship information

www.ontariocolleges.ca for college information

www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca for university information

www.indeed.ca for workplace opportunities

College Applications

Students applying to college need to create an account at www.ontariocolleges.ca

Applications are due February 1, 2020.

University Applications - PIN numbers

Grade 12 students who wish to apply for university are reminded to pick up their PIN numbers in the guidance office. Applications were due January 15, 2020.

Community Service Hours

Visit www.volunteerkw.ca for local volunteer opportunities. **Grade 12 students must complete these hours by May 1, 2020 in order to be eligible to graduate.**

Scholarship and Bursary information

Students looking to pursue post secondary education are encouraged to research and apply to the many available scholarships and bursaries available. Websites which are helpful include www.scholarshipscanada.com www.findmyscholarships.com www.scholartree.ca www.studentawards.com

Students are also reminded to join the guidance google classroom (class code tbqcw2h) as guidance counsellors will use this platform to share information on upcoming scholarship information and due dates.

Graduation

There will be a meeting for all 2020 Graduates on Friday February 14, 2020 in the lecture hall. Payment and forms for graduation will be available online only following this meeting. Our Graduation Ceremony will be held on Wednesday June 24, 2020 at 7 pm at the Waterloo Recreation Complex.

UNIFORM REMINDER

With the colder weather upon us, we would like to remind parents/students about our [uniform policy](#) at St. David. No hoodies or sweatshirts are to be worn under a uniform top at any time of the school year. If students are unable to be in proper uniform, they will be asked to work in the Main Office.

BUS DELAYS AND OTHER INFORMATION

Does your child take a yellow school bus to school? Would you like to receive updates on bus delays and cancellations? If so, please visit <https://bpweb.stswr.ca/> and click on "Delays & Cancellations" on the top right hand corner. Then click on "Subscriptions". Enter your email address, and you will be able to sign-up for text message alerts which will notify you if your child's bus is running late.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR WCDSB AWARDS

Nominations are now open for the annual WCDSB **“Distinguished Graduate Award”**, **“Community Partner Award”** and **“Chair’s Award”**. Information about the awards (including the Distinguished Graduate Award nomination form) is available [HERE](#). There are no nomination forms for the Community Partner and Chair’s Awards.

Distinguished Graduate Award

The Distinguished Graduate Award was established in 2005 under the Board's “Celebration of Excellence” policy. It is presented annually to a graduate of 10 or more years from Waterloo Region’s Catholic Schools who has provided an outstanding example of the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations in action. The award is presented at the graduation exercises of the recipient's Secondary School or another appropriate public venue.

Community Partner Award

The Community Partner Award is presented annually in recognition of outstanding contributions made to Waterloo Region’s Catholic Schools by a community partner or agency serving the students, staff and greater community of Waterloo Region.

Chair’s Award




The Chair’s Award is presented to a person (or group of people) in the school system who has contributed significantly to Catholic Education. It is given annually in recognition of outstanding contributions made in serving the students, staff and greater community of Waterloo Region and/or to the betterment of Catholic Education in Ontario in general.

ASSESSMENT PRACTICES

What are the 3 assessment practices?

Assessment "FOR" learning	Assessment "AS" learning	Assessment "OF" learning
Teachers continually seek out evidence of student learning to determine what they know and inform future teaching based on curriculum expectations.	Students reflect on and monitor their own progress to inform their future learning goals.	Teachers use evidence of student learning to make judgements on student achievement against curriculum expectations.

You could think about it this way...

Assessment "FOR" learning	Assessment "AS" learning	Assessment "OF" learning
		
The master chef observes the cook at work and makes suggestions based on the recipe.	The cook tastes the soup and makes adjustments as needed for improvement.	The master chef tastes the soup and provides feedback on the final product.











****If you want to know more about these assessment practices, consider having a conversation with your child's teacher and/or an administrator.****

EXAM SCHEDULE



Semester 1 Final Evaluations: Grades 9 to 12

Quiet Days: January 21, 22 & 23, 2020

January 24th	January 27th	January 28th	January 29th	January 30th	January 31st
Period 1 Exams (morning only) BUS:  Regular morning schedule Final Exams: 8:15-10:30am BUS:  Departs school at 10:45am	Period 2 Exams (morning only) BUS:  Regular morning schedule Final Exams: 8:15-10:30am BUS:  Departs school at 10:45am	Period 3 Exams (morning only) BUS:  Regular morning schedule Final Exams: 8:15-10:30am BUS:  Departs school at 10:45am	Period 4 Exams (morning only) BUS:  Regular morning schedule Final Exams: 8:15-10:30am BUS:  Departs school at 10:45am	No Classes No Transportation 	PD DAY 
				Semester 2 begins Monday February 3rd (Regular classes and transportation resumes February 3rd) 