



CELTIC NEWS

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A Message from our Leadership Team...

The month of June is a time that signals the beginning of the wind down to the school year – the last push, the wrap up, the celebrations, the awards assemblies, the graduation celebrations and so much more. We are all in agreement that this June does not look the same as it usually does. However, we encourage you to take the time to celebrate and be proud of all of your efforts as you finish this very unique semester.

We continue to be blessed to work alongside a wonderful staff and an energetic student body. We are proud of the determination exhibited throughout the entire school year but especially during the distance learning experience. We want to extend our congratulations to the number of students who have continued to participate in virtual events and those who are receiving awards in Arts, Athletics, Leadership and more. Each and every day our students continue to achieve amazing things. Although we are not able to gather at this time, we send our virtual applause and cheers your way. Continue to look for the opportunities to stay connected to your teachers, peers and your community to share your many gifts.

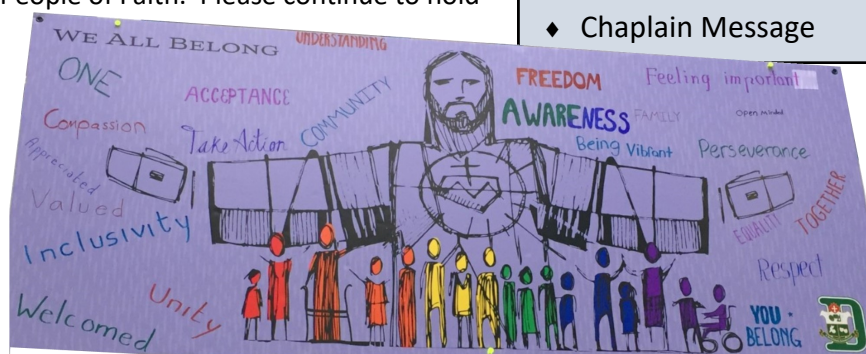
Academically, it is important to continue learning and finish strong even though the pull of summer is getting warmer. WCDSB is offering, as directed by the ministry, a number of summer learning opportunities for students. Please check the board website or contact a guidance counsellor if you have any questions.

Media reports recently remind us of our call to stand against the injustices that we see in our world today. We continue to strive towards a community that lives out our pastoral plan to be: People of Love, People of Hope and People of Faith. Please continue to hold close in your thoughts and prayers all in our community who are suffering during this time. Let us be sources of peace, comfort and healing to one another as we work together to create a world that is free from all forms of racism, discrimination and hatred.

Blessings to you and your families,
Mr. Hinsperger, Mr. Ambeau, Mrs. Leusink

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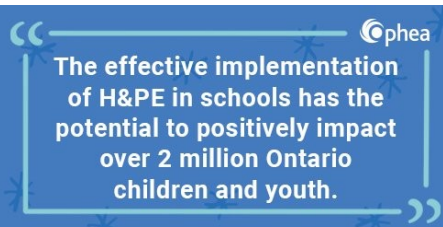


We're a **GOLD**
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Healthy School!



#HScertES

Our Celtic community was recognized and celebrated for promoting and enhancing our health and well being of students, staff and community! Stay **Golden** Celts!



Director's Letter to WCDSB Students



This is a June unlike any other and I am quite certain that for you this has been a school year unlike any other. Students, I am writing to you today because I think there have been some significant issues of importance to you – and to all of us – and I wanted to openly address you on these events. I have had other opportunities to address staff on these topics, but now wish to speak directly to you. June is typically a month characterized by celebrations and many of those are tied to end of year or graduation celebrations. Those special moments have been taken from you and I want to acknowledge that there may be some disappointment in that, but I also know that our amazing staff have been going to great lengths to ensure that your end of year is still a memorable one. I congratulate all students for how you have adapted to our new mode of learning. You have been absolutely fabulous.

With that said – I also want to acknowledge that a number of you may be feeling hurt or upset and there could be a few different reasons for that. It could be COVID and its implications for you or your family. Just missing your daily interaction with your friends might have you feeling sad or lonely, or your concerns about next year might have you experiencing an elevated level of anxiety. We have supports for you and again our staff want to be here to support you, and I hope we have been. But I also want to acknowledge another topic which has been in the media a fair bit this past week.

I would like to address with you our attempt to fly a different flag to acknowledge Pride month. This gesture was a genuine response to student voices which were raised in protest last year, articulating a desire to see our Catholic schools fly the Pride flag. The flag was developed in collaboration with our other partners in Catholic education, not just here in Waterloo Catholic. However, the chosen image did provide a beautiful echo back to our Pastoral Plan image for “Called To Belong”, as well as the colours of the rainbow flag. It drew some inspiration from a student design from our Safe Spaces groups – although they did not have direct input into the flag itself. It was work and an initiative begun with great optimism, in the sure belief that we could communicate to all our staff, students and broader community our commitment to be inclusive and to nurture our students in the love of Christ. As your Director of Education, I have the rare privilege of visiting all of our elementary and secondary schools, and there is not one doubt in my mind that our schools are places of inclusion where all students are welcomed. I am very proud of our schools and the work we do to foster inclusion each and every day of the year.

The Pride flag has its origin in 1979 and each of the colours carries significance. As members of our Catholic school system you have been introduced to the love of Christ and his message of acceptance, peace and tolerance. Jesus always reached out to those whom society was rejecting. The message on the proposed flag read: We love because He loved us first. While the image on the proposed flag is consistent with our faith and gospel values, and most certainly was intended to send a message of welcome, some found it problematic that it was not the actual Pride flag. For that I apologize. It was a lesson for us on intent versus impact. We wished to send a positive and inclusive message, but it was not received that way by some. The ensuing debate last week was painful to many and hurt many of you. For that I sincerely apologize, as that is the opposite of what we had hoped for. I hope that you know that your teachers and all the staff at WCDSB are here for you if you need us.

Christ taught us the power of peace and of love, and His message and His model is one we should lean into at this time. Again – I hope that any student who is LGBTQ2+ has always found a place of welcome in our schools, but we also commit to continue the dialogue and the work, as we can always be better. *We love because He loved us first.*

Dear students – I am writing because I am sorry if any of you have been hurt. Please know we celebrate you and all that you are. You are the reason we are here and we hope that as you think about your schools, about the activities that happen day in and day out, as you think about your teachers, your clubs and your school life, that you can reflect in your heart that Waterloo Catholic is a board where inclusion is fostered and where every day you are truly *#CalledToBelong*

Sincerely,

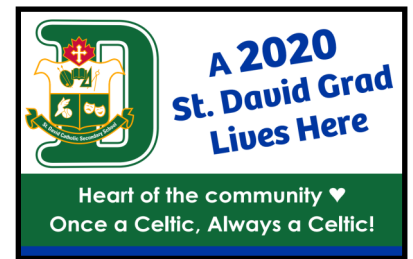
Loretta Notten
Director of Education

Celtic Class of 2020

We know this has been a difficult semester, definitely not the one we were expecting. We want you to know that we miss you and we haven't forgotten about you. As your time as a St. David Celtic is coming to an end, be proud of all that you have accomplished over the last four or five years and know that you will always be a part of the Celtic Family.

As a small token of our appreciation and Celtic pride, we have a Graduate Sign that you need to come and pick up from St. David. Your sign can be put on a lawn, in a window, hung on a wall etc. Please read the following "rules" carefully. We need to ensure we continue to follow physical distancing as safety is our number one priority.

Please note, the Grad Signs are for Graduates of 2020 only.



Pick up date and time: Tuesday, June 9th, 2020 from 2 pm to 6:30 pm

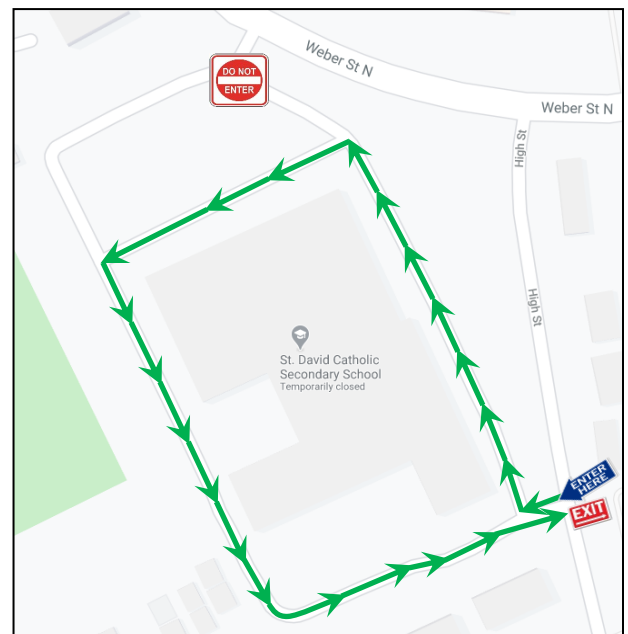
1. Enter off High Street, drive to the main entrance at the front of the building
2. Drive slowly, follow the arrows
3. Signs and lawn stakes will be passed through the vehicle window
4. Due to construction you will circle the school and exit on High Street

Rules:

1. Do not get out of your vehicle
2. If you are walking, always maintain 6 ft of space from other people and come up the front stairs
3. Do not linger and chat
4. One sign per student

*If you cannot attend:

Students that cannot attend the pickup date please let your guidance counsellor know, so we can make alternative arrangements.



Be sure to check out this special TV broadcast tomorrow, Saturday, June 6, 2020 on CTV.

[Click here for a SNEAK PEAK](#)

The event will feature educational leaders, musicians, sports icons and celebrities, including host Lilly Singh, with special appearances by Selena Gomez, Natalie Portman, Shawn Mendes, Joe Jonas, Shay Mitchell, The Muppets, Meghan Trainor, Alessia Cara, Winnie Harlow, Drew Scott and Linda Phan, Johnny Orlando, Arkells, JP Saxe, Julia Michaels, P.K. Subban, Jacob Tremblay, Brett Kissel and many more.

[Click here for more information.](#)



Locker Clean-out information

With the announcement that students will not return to the school building for the remainder of the year, we are currently developing plans for students and staff to access the building to clear out lockers and return school materials (text books, supplies, instruments and team uniforms). Access will be limited and students will need to follow strict guidelines with regards to social distancing under the guidance of public health.

More information will be shared once details have been finalized. Please continue to monitor our website and social media outlets for more details.

Virtual Athletic Banquet



Virtual Coffee House

[Click here](#) to access

**The St. David C.S.S.
Spring 2020 Virtual Coffee House**

We hope you enjoy it!



Find the Umbrella Contest



Hello WCDSB community, the sun is shining and we're ready for the WCDSB Find the Umbrella contest.

Enter to win a gift card and share some good news.

Visit <https://wcdsblearnathome.wcdsb.ca/find-the-umbrella/> to enter the draw and learn more about The Umbrella Project.

Check out the [video here](#)

Opportunity for Parent Input to the Ministry

Our CPIC Chair and WCDSB wish to bring to your attention an opportunity to provide feedback to the Ministry of Education. On the final page of the [Ontario's Framework for Continued Learning](#) document the Ministry provides an email for receiving this feedback and a few guidelines. You can provide a written submission with your input, ideas or data by sending an email to EDU.consultation@ontario.ca.

Make sure to:

- Include your name and the name of your organization (this might mean school board)
- use "Ontario's Plan to Reopen Schools" in the subject line
- attach your submission as a PDF or Word document

Guidance

Interested in a Summer credit?

St. Louis Continuing education is providing a number of online and some in-class courses this summer.

A student may take one full-credit course in summer day school OR in summer e-learning, but not both.
Civics and careers are half-credit e-learning courses - you can take one or both.

Please use the following link to find a list of courses offered.

<https://stlouis.wcdsb.ca/summer-programs/summer-credit/>

You are able to go on and register under the yellow tab entitled "Summer Credit: Day School or eLearning Course Selection Form"

If your son/daughter is requesting to take a Summer Credit, please reach out to their Guidance Counselor to provide the following information:

- * Student Name
- * Summer school course request
- * Replacement course for the 2020-2021 school year if applicable
- * Parent email address along with acknowledgement that your child is aware of the expectation to participate in the course for approximately six hours per day from July 6th-30th

Scheduling for the fall is taking place. Please contact your Guidance Counsellor if you would like to change a course for the 2020-2021 school year.

GRADE 12's

Any current Grade 12 student wishing to return, and do not have an active college or university application, should contact their guidance counsellor as soon as possible for next steps.

Please feel free to reach out to your counsellor at any time for academic advice or support.

Guidance Counsellors

At St. David we offer our students the ability to "meet" with their Guidance Counsellor to ask questions about their courses and to assist them on their academic journey. Students/families can reach out to their Guidance Counsellor via email with any questions for follow up.

Last Name A to F - Kristen DIETRICH kristen.dietrich@wcdsb.ca

Last Name G to O - Jennifer NAGY jennifer.nagy@wcdsb.ca

Last Name P to Z - Karen KUENEMAN karen.kueneman@wcdsb.ca

International Students - Will KNAPP will.knapp@wcdsb.ca

Guidance Administrative Assistant - Erin Kelly erin.kelly@wcdsb.ca



June is PRIDE Month



OK2BME is a specialized service offered through KW Counselling Services, providing counselling supports and youth groups to LGBTQ+ identified children, teens and their families. For more information on OK2BME please visit their website t www.ok2bme.ca or contact them at 519-884-0000.

Additional School Support Contacts

If you need to contact your son's or daughter's Student Success and Special Education teachers or Administrator, please contact them via email below:

Student Success Teachers:

A to L - [Garry KRAEHLING](#)

M to Z - [Steve BEDIC](#)

ESL Monitors:

[Anne MASOJC](#) and
[Heather PIETROBON](#)

Special Education Teachers:

Gr. 10, 12 & Com. Living Prog. Student IEP's - [Larry SCANLON](#)

Gr. 9, 11 & Active Prog. Student IEP's - [Maureen O'GRADY](#)

Administrators:

A to I - [Kevin HINSERGER](#)

J to S - [Michael AMBEAU](#)

T to Z (+ International) - [Glenda LEUSINK](#)





St. Louis offers **Secondary School Credits** in Summer 2020

**REGISTRATION is OPEN Now
until June 19**

Summer E-learning

ONLINE REGISTRATION is OPEN Now until June 19, 2020

110 hours NEW Full Credit

1 Full term: July 6 to July 30, ONLINE only, 6 hours per day.
Exam July 30 in am – **23 courses to choose from**

55 hours NEW Half Credit

Term 1: July 6 to July 17, ONLINE only, 6 hours per day.
Exam July 17 in am – **Gr. 10 Civics and Careers only**

Term 2: July 17 pm to July 30 am, Online only, 6 hours per day.
Exam July 30 in am – **Gr. 10 Civics and Careers only**

55 hours UPGRADING

Credit to be eligible for the UPGRADING course, students must have passed the course during the school closure period.

Term 1: July 6 to July 17, ONLINE only, 6 hours per day.
Exam July 17 in am – **16 courses to choose from**

Term 2: July 17 pm to July 30 am, Online only, 6 hours per day.
Exam July 30 in am – **15 courses to choose from**

Credits@Work

The Credits@Work program is for any St. Louis or WCDSB student currently working. Co-op teacher support will be virtual or remote -- **EXTENDED NOW to August 12, 2020.**

Bridge to Success Gr. 9 Credit Program

Bridge to Success (HIF1OI) is designed for WCDSB Grade 8 students going into Grade 9 at a WCDSB Catholic Secondary School – Program is available **ONLINE ONLY**

Summer 2020 Academic Transition Support – Gr. 6, 7 & 8

REGISTRATION is OPEN Now
until June 19



Summer Expedition:

an engaging learning
journey offered weekday
mornings

9 am - 12 pm, July 6-17

ONLINE ONLY. Certified
teachers will help fill **literacy
and numeracy learning
gaps for Grade 6, 7 and 8
students** in an online
environment. Limited spots
available for this online
supportive program.

Register Now until June 19.

HeadStart to Grade 9:

a 2-day opportunity for current Grade 8 students to get ready for high school. Reading timetables, finding classes and other school resources, managing locks and lockers, safety protocols in a new school environment etc.. HeadStart is offered by Certified teachers and other school leaders at every WCDSB Catholic Secondary School and will **ONLY be offered Face-to-Face if the Ministry of Education, Medical Officer of Health and WCDSB deem it safe to do so.** Student to teacher ratio will remain at 15:1 or lower. This year, HeadStart will focus on easing anxiety surrounding this transition back to school, as well as the newness and academic preparedness of starting high school. HeadStart will be offered

Aug 26 & 27 OR Aug 31 & Sept 1. **Program format and hours offered on the two days selected may be subject to change or cancelled if restrictions require us to do so. All parents and students will be notified closer to the start of the program.

Register Now until June 19.



ESL Summer School 2020 for Adults

NEW Registrations will open on June 8
(if space is available)

Don't stop improving your English
just because it's summer break!

ESL at St. Louis is offered **July 6 to July 31**

(Online ONLY with teacher support and for CLB levels 2-7)

Monday to Friday: 8:30 am – 11:30 am / 12:00 pm – 2:30 pm

(No Summer Evening or Citizenship preparation classes)

NEW Registrations Online for [ESL Summer School](#) will open to the Public on June 8th
(if space is available)

WCDSB Learning Tools

Visit the WCDSB Learn at Home Website with important [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ) section and Pray at Home resources for the most up to date information regarding learning plans and other essential information.

[WCDSB D2L Platform](#)*

[Google Classroom](#)*

[OneNote Classroom](#)*

* Students should use their GAFE logins and passwords to enter these sites



Take-Home Device Support

Please call the device support number below for issues such as connecting to the internet or hardware issues with WCDSB-owned devices.

Hours of support are 8AM to 4PM, Monday to Friday.

519-578-3677 Ext: 2316



WCDSB COVID-19 Updates

Be sure to check the WCDSB's ['COVID-19 Coronavirus Updates'](#) page for more information and updates.



St. David Communication Tools

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To receive news releases and updates, please go to the St. David website homepage and subscribe to our mailing list (Newsire).

NOTE: You may withdraw your consent at any time by clicking on the link at the bottom of each email.



Attention Secondary Students (Gr. 9 to 12)

Challenge yourself and participate in the Skills Ontario Virtual Public Speaking Competition

Online Registration Opens: **June 2nd at 6pm and closes June 7th at 4pm**

*registration is on a first come first served basis

Use the following link:

<http://www.skillsontario.com/2020-virtual-skills-ontario-contests#Register>

Submission Date: Thursday June 18th between 10am and 11am

Submission is video taped as one continuous video – no edit

Awards Ceremony (Webinar): June 25th at 6:30pm



Scope with competition details including topic, scoring template and helpful tips for preparing and presenting a speech can be found at:

[http://www.skillsontario.com/files/www/Virtual Contests/Prepared Speech - Virtual Contest Scope - EnFr.pdf](http://www.skillsontario.com/files/www/Virtual%20Contests/Prepared%20Speech%20-%20Virtual%20Contest%20Scope%20-%20EnFr.pdf)

PLEASE REVIEW THE ENTIRE SCOPE CAREFULLY!

Speeches shall be at least five (5) minutes in length and will not exceed seven (7) minutes

DIY culture has seen an explosion in recent years that has been heavily popularized through television and social media. From home improvement and culinary cook-off TV shows, to Pinterest and YouTube tutorials, Canadians have been given an inside look into the work of a diverse range of skilled trades professionals. Share your thoughts on the use of these platforms and their effectiveness in exposing young adults to careers in the skilled trades.

Other Q&A NOTES:

1. What are students responsible for?

These contests are open to all secondary students in Ontario. It will be on a first-come first-served basis, with the first student from each school board registering being accepted, up to the contest maximum. If there are spaces remaining, additional students will be accepted regardless of their school board and based on when they registered. Before registering, students must read and review the contest scopes to ensure they can and wish to participate.

2. Is this a replacement for the Skills Ontario Competition?

No. While these contests are an opportunity for students to participate in skilled trade/tech Skills Ontario programming at the secondary level, with simplified and modified projects from that of the Skills Ontario Competition, this is not a replacement. There will be certificates for first, second, and third place winners (no medals), and we will host a live online Awards Ceremony to announce the winners. Please note that all 2020 Virtual Skills Ontario Contests will not progress to any other level of competition.

3. What are the dates for the 2020 Virtual Skills Ontario Contests?

The date for your submission for this public speaking contest is: **Thursday June 18th** between 10am and 11am

4. Is there a fee to participate?

No.



WOMEN IN SKILLED TRADES (WIST) GENERAL CARPENTER PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Learn new skills while creating promising economic opportunities in an exciting, hands-on work environment. The average starting annual income for participants who complete the program is over \$30,000.

BEGINS **September 14, 2020** WATERLOO CAMPUS

FREE TUITION AND TRAINING

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- OSSD or GED*
- 16 years of age or over
- A resident of, and able to work in Ontario
- Proficient in English language

* Those not possessing OSSD or GED may still be considered

ADMISSION PROCEDURES

- Attend a program information session*
- Attend an assessment session
- Be selected for a personal interview

* See reverse side for session dates and locations

Hands-on, in school training for 26 weeks with an 8 week paid work placement.

■ FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call Nadine Jannetta: 519-748-5220 ext. 5272
Email: ett4w@conestogac.on.ca

CONESTOGA COLLEGE 2020 PRE-APPRENTICESHIP ADMISSION PROCEDURES

Conestoga College is now accepting applications for our FREE Pre-Apprenticeship Program!

To be considered you must do the following:

1. ATTEND A PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSION

When the college receives an email or phone inquiry about the program, a date and time for an information session will be determined.

2. ATTEND AN ASSESSMENT SESSION

Following the information session if you decide that you would like to be considered for this pre-apprenticeship program, you will need to attend an assessment session. You will be assessed in English, Mathematics and Mechanical Aptitude.

3. PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Selected applicants will be invited to return for a personal interview. If you are chosen, you will receive either a telephone call or email to advise you of the date and time of your interview.

Please ensure that you bring:

- Copy of OSSD, GED or equivalent
- Copy of your high school transcript if you have not yet completed your OSSD or GED
- Any reference or recommendation letters from employers or instructors
- Current resume
- Social insurance number
- Most recent tax documentation (2019)

■ Acceptance is based on a combination of your assessment results and the personal interview.

A closing message from our Chaplain

Greetings Celtics and Celtic Families,

During this highly unusual time, I want to encourage you to #stayCELTICstrong and keep up the great job you have been doing for the last 10 weeks during this break from the usual way of doing things.

Your Teachers, EA's, Administrative Assistants, Custodians, Librarian, CYCW, Social Worker, and your Admin Team are all here for you!! Reach out to any of us when you have a problem, a worry or a concern.

Our Parishes are also here to help. Four of the Parishes that support St David are offering online Mass and welcome you to participate. Check out the chart below for an online Mass time that best suits your schedule. If your Parish is not on the list, pop online with a Pastor from another Parish, perhaps one that you enjoyed hearing when they visited St David. We are now in the homestretch Celtics,,let's finish in a BIG way!!

May God bless you.

St David, pray for us.

Deacon Ed

PARISH	ONLINE MASS OPPORTUNITIES
St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo Rev. Aleksander Mazur, SAC	Daily Mass livestream via Zoom at 7:00 PM. Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 AM.
St. Michael Parish, Waterloo Rev. Frank Freitas	Daily Mass livestream and uploading at 9:00 AM on Parish YouTube Channel. Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:00 PM. Children's Ministry available for Sunday on YouTube.
St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Kitchener Rev. Marian Gil, O.M.I.	Daily Mass at 7:00 PM. Weekend Masses: Saturday at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM, Sunday at 10:00 AM livestream via Zoom. *Zoom link only active during the celebrations listed above.
St. Teresa Parish, Elmira Rev. Peter Meyer.	Sunday Mass available on Parish website. Weekly Wednesday Reflection, available on Parish YouTube Channel and Parish website.