



CELTIC NEWS

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A Message from our Leadership Team...

The end of a school year brings mixed emotions and feelings – some of fear, some of excitement, some of wondering, some of hope. Well, the end to this school year has brought all of those including uncertainty. The staff of St. David have been inspired by the resiliency and dedication of our entire community while we live through this historic moment in time. We talk about being all in each and every day to make a difference and that has taken on new meaning in this school year. The end of the year may have been taken over by COVID and we had to pivot to a remote environment where many of the things that we would normally do got cancelled or changed but we did it. We accomplished so very much leading up to March Break as well as after March Break – 2 distinct portions of the school year. As with anything, we cannot let one thing define us. We spend so many waking hours at school and it is a place where all are called to belong whether it be in the classrooms, on the field, in the gym, on the stage, in the cafeteria, in the chapel or in the hallway. Each and every student has been nurtured, cared for and supported in so many ways, by so many people who walk with them on their yearly journey. We thank you for sharing your children with us and taking over the remote learning journey.

Graduates. We hope that you have been able to celebrate your achievements with family and friends. You have accomplished many great things over your 4 or 5 years of high school and the Celtic staff is so very proud of you. We are confident that you will continue to bring light to our community as you continue to achieve your personal hopes and dreams for the future. And remember Once a Celtic, Always a Celtic!

As the 2019/2020 school year is coming to a close, this year has certainly shown us the importance of patience, perseverance, relationship building and community. Our global society is calling for change: in our institutions, our environments and our governments. Our pastoral theme of called to belong is even more important as we reflect on how we truly live out being all in to make a difference to each and every person within our community. We look forward to growing as a community of love, inclusivity, understanding and hope in the coming year. We acknowledge that we can all do better and together we will work to make St. David Catholic Secondary School a place of unwavering kindness, empathy and inclusivity.

In closing, we want to thank all of you for the times when... you put forth your best effort, you challenged yourself, you learned from your mistakes and above all when you showed kindness and empathy to yourself and others. Thank you for making a difference to our school community and for working to make our world a better place. Stay safe, stay healthy and enjoy your summer.

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

Enjoy Your SUMMER

Director's Anti-Racism Message

Please watch the important video message from our director, Loretta Notten. She states that "We have been called to reflect on how this moment in time is a call to both reflection and action. We know that the year ahead will invite that reflection and we are prepared to do the work that will help to ensure that we are doing our best to live out our Pastoral theme that all our Called to Belong. We are being invited to ensure that we are not guilty of unconscious biases that leave some in our Waterloo Catholic community hurt, at a disadvantage or have them feeling unsafe. We need to embrace a learning journey in this regard. We must find ways to listen more intently to the experience of racialized people locally and globally, and find ways to enter into authentic dialogue that results in real, transformational change. This work can be done together and we wish to make that commitment." Click here: [Directors message Anti-Racism Matters](#)



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Parent Survey re: the Re-Opening of School

WCDSB wishes to survey parents to get a sense of their plans for the fall, depending on the Ministry's direction on reopening schools. Please find some time to complete a survey using this Link: [School Re-Opening Survey June 2020](#)

The survey will remain **open until June 30th**. Please complete the survey by then.

Only **one survey to be completed per family**.

There are some translations available of the survey – accessible through the top right of the page when you open the survey, thank you.



Semester 2 Final Report Cards

Due to the current situation, report card pick-up at school will not take place this year. Semester 2 final report cards will be mailed home during the week of July 13.



Need to update your contact information?

To update your contact information (address, phone number, email address, etc.) please email [Erin Kelly](#) at erin.kelly@wcdsb.ca

St. David Communication Tools

Follow us on.... Twitter – [@StDavidCeltics](#) and Instagram at [stdavidcss](#) and **Newsire**

To receive news releases and updates via Newsire, [click here](#)

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



2020-2021 School Start-Up

The 2020-2021 School Start Up forms are **MANDATORY** and will be accessible through School Cash Online.



IMPORTANT NOTE: ALL families will be notified via School Messenger/Newswire when the forms are available on School Cash Online.

More information and instructions can be found on our website at www.stdavid.wcdsb.ca.



~ The following School Start Up forms will be accessible through School Cash Online:

(Please visit the SDCSS website for instructions on how to create an account, complete the forms and pay fees)



1. **Required for ALL Students** - Pay the Student Activity Fee (and optional \$25 yearbook)
2. **Required for ALL Students** - Informed Consent Permission Form for Intramurals
3. **** Required for ALL Students** - Student Image, Video or Voice Recording incl. Media Use Consent Form
**** THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED if you would like to be included in the Yearbook.**
4. **Required for ALL Students** – Critical Medical Alert Form (Life Threatening Conditions)
5. **Gr. 9 and New Students Only** - Responsible Use of Technology & Electronic Data Access Form
6. **Gr. 10 to Gr. 12 Students Only** - Parent Consent Form for Experiential Learning Trips
7. **Gr. 12 Students Only** - Post-Secondary Institutions Disclosure of Information Consent Form

Timetables, Student Photos and First Day of School:

More information will be communicated to families through School Messenger/Newswire regarding timetable distribution, student photos and the schedule for September 8th, as information becomes available.

Please check our website frequently for important updates.

Communication Tools: Visit our Website at www.stdavid.wcdsb.ca

Follow us on  @StDavidCeltics,  at stdavidcss and NewsWire



Subscribe to our Newswire to receive news releases, updates, activities, opportunities and the schedule for the first 2 days of school ([click here to subscribe to our NewsWire](#)).

Some of these events, such as fundraising initiatives, may contain a commercial element. You may withdraw your consent at any time by clicking on the link at the bottom of each email.

Information that is or will be available on the SDCSS website:

- Schedule for the first 2 days of school, other 'Important Dates' (*School Calendar) and information
- * Watch the calendar for special events, PD Days, holidays, field trips, literacy test and exam dates, etc.
- Catholic School Advisory Council Application form (previously referred to as 'School Council')
- Student Handbook (incl. Bell Times, Uniform, Attendance and other Policies and Information)
- Staff Directory (incl. Administrator and Guidance Counsellor alpha designations)
- School Cash Online – instructions on how to create an account, complete the forms and pay fees
- School Uniform – updates on the used uniform sale from CSAC and the McCarthy's Uniform flyer
- Bus Eligible Students Only - STSWR – Do Not Ride Form if you are opting out of student transportation
- Review Only, no signature required - Review the Violence Threat Risk Assessment Pamphlet
- Review Only, no signature required - Review Student Personal Information Collection/Use/Disclosure Notice

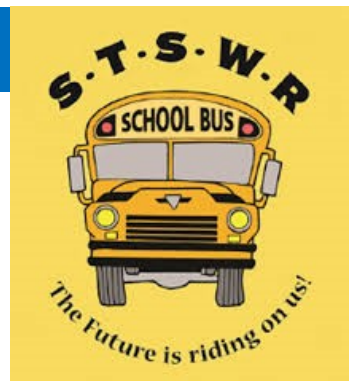
2020-2021 Transportation Information

Transportation details for the 2020–2021 school year will be available during the last week of August.

Parents can login and view your child's transportation details by going to www.stswr.ca and following these 5 easy steps:

1. Click on "Student Login"
2. Enter your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN)
*This can be found on your child's report card
Numbers only, no space, no dash*
3. Enter your child's birth date
4. Enter your child's street number
House number only
5. Select the school your child is attending from the drop down menu

Please note: Any address changes must be done through your school, email erin.kelly@wcdsb.ca. If you are moving this summer or change caregiver arrangements for the fall, you should communicate the changes to the school as soon as possible, email erin.kelly@wcdsb.ca.



**Sign up to receive
bus delays and cancellation
notifications for your child's
route(s) to your email**

Visit www.stswr.ca to see bus delays and cancellations, subscribe to receive e-mail notifications for late buses and closures. Follow STSWR on Twitter.

A message from our Chaplain

My dear Celtics,

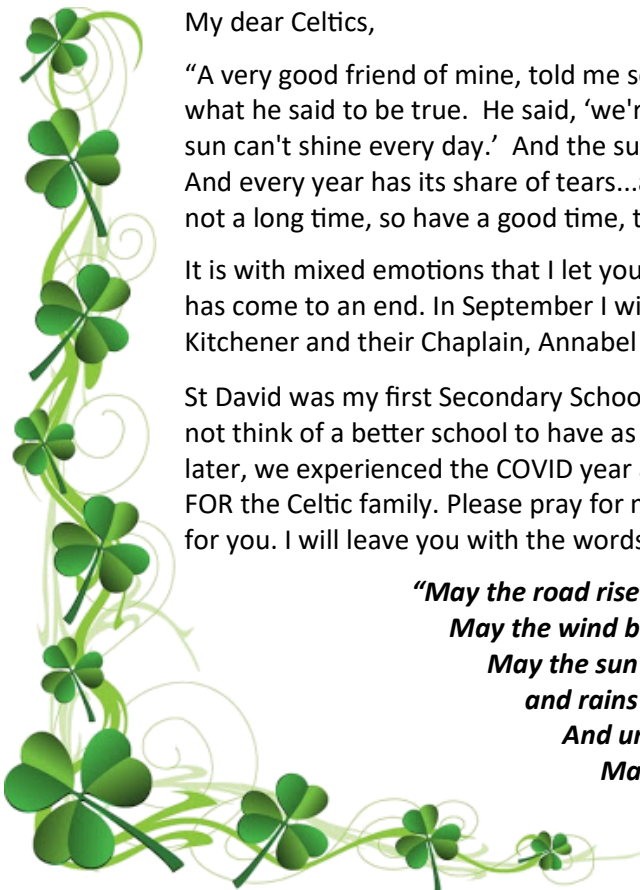
"A very good friend of mine, told me something the other day. I'd like to pass it on to you, 'cause I believe what he said to be true. He said, 'we're here for a good time, not a long time. So have a good time, the sun can't shine every day.' And the sun is shinin', in this rainy city. And the sun is shinin', ooh, isn't it a pity. And every year has its share of tears...and every now and then it's gotta rain. We're here for a good time, not a long time, so have a good time, the sun can't shine every day."

It is with mixed emotions that I let you know that after 10 years, my time as your Chaplain and as a Celtic has come to an end. In September I will take over the Chaplaincy Department at St Mary's High School in Kitchener and their Chaplain, Annabel Quinn, will come to the Celtic family.

St David was my first Secondary School after 10 years of Elementary Chaplaincy and in hind sight, I could not think of a better school to have as my start in the Secondary panel. Roughly 2500 graduating students later, we experienced the COVID year and things changed dramatically. I will forever miss working WITH & FOR the Celtic family. Please pray for me as I begin my new ministry at St Mary's in the Fall and I will pray for you. I will leave you with the words of an old Irish blessing...

***"May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand."***

St David, pray for us.
Deacon Ed



Celtic Class of 2020



So we can keep you informed about a ceremony for next year by completing this short survey:

[Contact Information](#)

Click here to watch the Celtic Graduation Video



GRADUATION VIDEO

Graduation Greetings from our Director of Education and Board of Trustees.
They are proud of our students and their accomplishments!

[Director of Education Graduation Greeting](#)

[Board of Trustees Graduation Greeting](#)



Waterloo Catholic
District School Board
Quality, Inclusive, Faith Based Education

'I Want to Help' Initiative

Hey St. David grads! Resurrection would like to invite you to join them in **Being part of the change** this summer! What would be in store for you? You will work with a non-profit organization, gain hands-on experience, develop skills, and allow you to earn up to \$5,000 this summer! Join the google classroom: **bx5uaf1**

If you would like more information, email either: laureen.damaren@wcdsb.ca or stella.paola@wcdsb.ca today to get the access code so you can join the team!

We look forward to working with you on this exciting project!

For more information go to: <https://volunteer.ca/>

I WANT TO HELP INITIATIVE



Transcripts

Students not planning to return in September will receive a copy of their transcript with their semester 2 final report card. These will be mailed home during the second week of July.

Uniform Donation

If you still wish to donate your gently used uniform pieces, please feel free to drop them off at the school (Main Office) in a **plastic bag** any time **after September 1st**.

Returning 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.

Guidance Counsellors

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 (& International) - Karen KUENEMAN karen.kueneman@wcdsb.ca

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



EcoSchools

This has been an interesting year for EcoSchool initiatives. We managed to run our recycling campaign and look forward to having submissions next year for environmental tiktoks. Across the province, all schools entered into the EcoSchool program received a special seal. It recognizes that we had a start on our projects but weren't allowed to finish them all. Stay tuned for next year when we will have our clothing drive, tree planting and recycling contests. A huge thank you to graduating Eco-Warrior **Reuben B** who was a driving force in our EcoSchool projects over the years.



Virtual Arts Banquet

This year, our annual Arts Banquet looked a little different than usual. There were no decorations and no shared meal but this year's virtual version still featured the usual feeling of warmth that comes with being a part of our Arts department. That sentiment was shared by staff and students alike, as we celebrated the Arts grads who have dedicated so much of their time and talent to make the Arts department a special place to be.



The evening included awards presentations to honoured grads, light-hearted awards created by our Arts Council, a slide show filled with memories from the past 4 years, and, in true Arts Department fashion, finished off with a virtual dance party to round out the night. There were tears, laughter, and a few technical glitches but it was great to be able to celebrate all that we love about creating and performing together. The current grads will be greatly missed, but it is exciting to know that the Arts department is in great hands with those who follow in their footsteps.

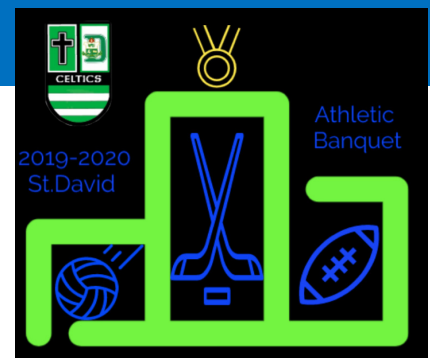
Click here to view the slide show: [Virtual Arts Banquet 2020](#)

Virtual Athletic Banquet

The Grade 12 Recreation and Fitness Leadership class worked together effectively to promote, organize and create the first ever St. David "Virtual Athletic Banquet."

This year St. David athletics had 400 athletes and 48 coaches involved which made for awesome memories.

You can watch the show on [YouTube](#)



Health and Physical Education

Students in the Health and Physical Education department showed creativity in their learning while using household items to make pieces of equipment and turning it into a game- "Create a game!" Examples being homemade weights with different sized bottles filled with sand, backyard obstacle courses, garbage can ball, driveway dance, basement boot camps, plastic bag skipping ropes and the list goes on! They also demonstrated how to make healthy food choices by preparing a meal for their family. Celtics, continue your healthy active living habits in the summer!

Please enjoy this special smoothie!

CELTIC SUMMER SMOOTHIE

- 1 cup plain yogurt
- 1 cup frozen mango
- ½ cup frozen spinach or kale
- ½ cup orange juice

Blend the yogurt, mango, orange juice, and greens for 20 seconds.

Scrape down the sides and blend for an additional 15 seconds. Serve and Enjoy!



CSAC News (Catholic School Advisory Council)

Previously referred to as 'Parent Council'

Parent Volunteers are Needed

Please consider how you, as a parent, can contribute to the St. David community. Email volunteer.stdavid@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list that receives information on volunteer opportunities as well as notification of council meetings and events-about 10 emails per year. This is a great way to stay connected. Volunteer opportunities range from 15 minutes (contribute a dish to the Annual Staff Appreciation Breakfast) to a few hours.

Used Uniform Sale

We are planning to hold our annual used uniform sale but are still working on the details of what it will look like this year given the current health guidelines. More information will be sent out as plans are finalized. Thank you to all those who have donated uniforms to be resold.



CSAC Scholarship Award

Each year St David School Advisory Council receives applications for the \$250 CSAC Scholarship which is awarded to a Grade 12 student who is recognized for the best overall contribution to the success of The St. David community. We are very proud to announce that Isabella Maher is the successful applicant for 2019-2020. Congratulations Isabella!

Stay Informed

CSAC meetings take place on the last Tuesday of most months Sept thru May. All parents are welcome to attend. Please watch for upcoming dates in the Celtic News. The next meeting is expected to be **Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 6pm** in the school Library.

Please consider volunteering!

If you are interested in joining the St. David Catholic School Advisory Council, or you would like to nominate someone, please click on the link below to access the Nomination Form.

Return completed forms to the **SDCSS Main Office**
or mail to: **Principal, St. David CSS,**
4 High Street,
Waterloo, ON
N2L 3X5



[Catholic School Advisory Council Nomination Form](#)



CPIC (Catholic Parent Involvement Committee)

The purpose of a parent involvement committee is to support, encourage and enhance parent engagement at the Board level in order to improve student achievement and well-being.

Please consider volunteering!

Candidates must have a child registered in an elementary school or secondary school in St. David, St. Benedict or Monsignor Doyle Family of Schools.

[Applications](#) will be accepted until September 30, 2020

Visit <https://www.wcdsb.ca/our-schools/catholic-parent-involvement-committee/> or email cpic@wcdsb.ca for more information



St. David CSS
Sir Edgar Bauer
St. Agnes
St. Boniface
St. Clement
St. Luke
St. Matthew
St. Teresa (E)
St. Teresa (K)

[Catholic Parent Involvement Committee \(CPIC\), Application](#)

School Uniform (McCarthy)

Buying a school uniform for the back-to-school season is safe and easy.



All families, especially families of incoming grade nines, please register with McCarthy Uniforms at www.mccarthyuniforms.ca so you can access:

- Updated information on where and how to shop over the summer months
- Flexible payment options and new promotions
- Online appointment booking portal for in-person fittings
- Uniform fit and instructional videos

WELCOME TO YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM PROGRAM

McCarthy Uniforms is your official Back-to-School headquarters! Shopping with McCarthy Uniforms will get you great deals on a number of back-to-school materials. Follow these two simple and fast steps to get school uniform ready:

1



REGISTER

Create your student profile by visiting:
www.mccarthyuniforms.ca/profile

Your student profile will give you:

- Access to sales and promotions
- A detailed overview of your school's uniform
- Details about where and how you can shop for your school uniform
- A detailed summary of your buying history

2



SHOP

Online store:

www.mccarthyuniforms.ca/shop

Call center:

GTA: 416-593-6900

Outside of the GTA: 1-800-668-8261

Your Showroom:

Cambridge Showroom, 44 Saltsman Drive
Please check our website for updated store hours.

Due to COVID-19 our retail stores are by appointment only. To book an appointment visit: www.mccarthyuniforms.ca/appointment

We believe in the power of uniforms to create community.

Connect with us on:



WCDSB COVID-19 Updates

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



Taking Care of your Mental Health This Summer

School Social Workers at WCDSB will continue to work and provide support services and community referrals to staff, students and families throughout the summer.

* **July**, contact Jessie Grosz at Jessie.Grosz@wcdsb.ca or 519-578-3660 ext. 2388

* **August**, contact Cathy McDonald-Reis at cathy.mcdonaldreis@wcdsb.ca or 519-578-3660 ext. 2374

Note: Board Office extensions are voicemail only but will your message will be delivered to Social Workers via email.

Front Door 519 749 2932 is open for students under 18 yrs to receive quick access services to supports.

They are open 8:40-4:30 Monday to Friday

Front Door will be open to provide services to families on **Saturdays** – July 11, 25 and Aug 8, 22 and 29.

(<https://www.frontdoormentalhealth.com/>)

If you or someone you know is in crisis outside of regular hours call **HERE 24/7 at 1-844-437-3247** or **911** or go to the **closest Emergency Department at a Hospital**. There are mental health assessments and supports 24/7 and follow up can be arranged.

If you are in need of assistance with food, contact the Region's Coordinated Food Hamper Program via the **House of Friendship 519 742 8327** (the St Vincent DePaul at our local Catholic Churches may also soon be available but as of this newsletter release date, are not officially operating).

Other ways to take care of your mental health:

1. PRACTICE POSITIVITY - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YdPk933YAw0>
2. LAUGH - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=syyl5incw4Q>
3. UNPLUG - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NcJn9cmPiyw>
4. GO OUTSIDE, BE IN NATURE - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RV5MEP3Bgkc>
5. AIM TO GET GOOD SLEEP - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gedoSfZvBgE>

Apps that also promote wellness:

MindShift (from the Anxiety Canada Group, an excellent resource www.anxietycanada.com)

Calm (also an excellent resource from www.calm.com)

Additional School Support Contacts

If you need to contact your son's or daughter's Guidance Counsellor, 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](#)

Administrators:

A to I - [Kevin HINSPERGER](#)

J to S - [Michael AMBEAU](#)

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

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](#)

Guidance Counsellors:

Last Name A to F - [Kristen DIETRICH](#)

Last Name G to O - [Jennifer NAGY](#)

Last Name P to Z - [Karen KUENEMAN](#)

International Students - [Will KNAPP](#)



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.



Have a cool & safe Summer Break!
Don't forget to read some books!!!