



# Celtic News

**ST. DAVID CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL**

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## A Message from our Leadership Team...

Welcome to Advent - the time to prepare for the birth of Jesus.

At St. David, we will celebrate the Advent season in many ways. As students enter the school, they will notice the wreath with the 4 Advent candles and a manger as an outward sign of our faith. Each week, a prayer service lighting the candles will be pre-recorded to share with classes on the Wednesday for one cohort or the Thursday for the other cohort. On the other days of the week, Chaplain Annabel Quinn has provided meaningful prayers for individual classrooms to reflect and share in the Advent Season.

In this time when we are preparing for, and awaiting the birth of Jesus, events around the world serve as reminders that we must continue to build God's kingdom of Peace, Joy and Love for our neighbour. As people of faith, our acts of charity and caring for our neighbours, as well as our daily actions, are how we help each other see the Face of God and put our faith into action. In turn, we bring a message of Peace, Hope and Love to our community.

Let us continue to pray for God's grace and blessings on the St. David family.

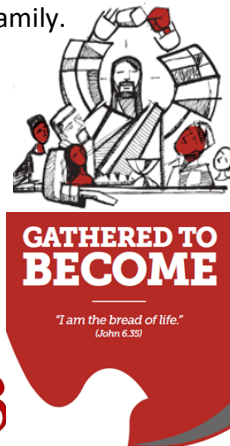
Your Admin Team

Glenda Leusink, Kevin Hinsperger, Michael Ambeau

*Happy 1st week of Advent!*



JOY  
LOVE  
PEACE  
BELIEVE  
CHRISTMAS



## Hope



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## Daily Assessment

All students (or guardians on their behalf) are asked to engage in a daily self-assessment before reporting to school and anyone feeling unwell or identifying a concern based on their self-assessment should not report to school.

Use this LINK:



**COVID-19 School Screening Tool**

# Quad 1 Final Report Cards



Quad 1 Final Report Cards have been mailed out via Canada Post.

## Academic support during the school year

### Attention St. David Community of Parents and Students:

Does this pandemic have you feeling a little more stressed than usual when it comes to finding success academically? Not sure where to turn for help?

Obviously COVID-19 has forced all of us to adapt and find new ways of doing things, and that's exactly what your Student Success Team at St. David has done. We know you can't drop into Room 229 for extra help or for tutoring, but you can arrange to meet with a Student Support Teacher online through Microsoft Teams.

So whether you have an IEP, need support with English as a second language, or just need help to complete a task, just follow these simple steps below, and it can connect you with the academic help you need!

- Visit the school website <https://stdavid.wcdsb.ca/>

**From the main page, look for this icon:**

- Click on St. David Student Supports link (the picture with the coloured doors).
- From there, students can create a booking with specific services, including Special Education/ Student Success.
- When creating a booking, students must select the service, and then enter their name and school email address (\_\_\_\_@wcdsbcloud.ca).
- Once created, a notification will be sent to the student's email, as well as to the Support Teacher that the booking has been created.



We encourage all students to use this support, especially during the ASYNCHRONOUS days (those Remote Learning from Home days) when they are not Face-to-Face with their teacher in the building.

# ADVENT

— Hope. Love. Joy. Peace. —

# A Message From LINK Leaders to Gr. 9 Students

On behalf of the Celtic LINK Crew, we would like to congratulate each and every one of you for showing grit, resilience, and positivity during your first quadmester at St. David. We recognize that these first couple months of school have been far from normal, and we understand the challenges that you have faced throughout the quadmester. On behalf of everyone at St. David, we look forward to the days that our typical Celtic traditions and events will resume. In the meantime, we encourage you to remain optimistic and join us in looking for ways to support each other and maybe even make some new traditions. Be sure to check out the Class of 2024 Google classroom for important information and some fun holiday activities.



We are very proud of all of you for continuing to work hard and persevere during these unpredictable times. Congratulations on successfully completing your first quadmester, Grade 9s! Keep up the great work, and remember, at St. David, Character Counts!

## Need to update your contact information?



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

## Aspen Student Portal

### Accessing Login page:

The Aspen Student Portal can be accessed from your 'My Apps' page by clicking this icon → <https://wcdsb.myontarioedu.ca>



Aspen

### Logging into Student Portal:

To login, click on the button circled in **GREEN**.

NOTE: If you are logging in from a WCDSB Board computer or Chromebook, you will not be prompted for your student WCDSB login and password. However, if prompted in a different window, enter your student WCDSB login and password.

### To find your schedule:

Click on the 'My Info' top tab.

Click on the 'Current Schedule' side tab.

If the schedule is not appearing in the same format as the picture below, click **<< List view** and the 'List View' will appear.

Click on the column heading 'Term' to sort the courses by Quad.

Course	Description	Term	Schedule	Classrm
AV101-02A	Visual Arts	Q1	1(1)	223
CGC101-02A	Issues in Canadian Geography	Q1	2(1)	109
MPM101-01A	Principles of Mathematics	Q2	4(1)	205
SN101-01A	Science	Q2	3(1)	210
FRF101-03A	Core French	Q3	1(1)	224



Click here

**Term = Quad #**

**Schedule = Period #**

# Aspen Student Portal

## Student Information Verification



Parents/Guardians,

Please have your child log in to the Aspen Student Portal and review the following sections to ensure all the information that we have in our system pertaining to your child is accurate. (incl. address(es), contacts, phone numbers, etc.)

Please review and if you require changes to this information please contact Erin Kelly in Guidance by phone at 519-885-1340 x5631, or email at erin.kelly@wcsb.ca .

Home Page of the Student Portal:

MY INFO TAB > Demographics:

MY INFO TAB > Addresses:



MY INFO TAB > Demographics > Contact (side tab):

Contacts

Priority	Name	Address	Relationship	Phone 1	Phone 2
1	Last Name, First Name	Address	Relationship	Phone #1	Phone #2
2	Last Name, First Name	Address	Relationship	Phone #1	Phone #2
3	Last Name, First Name	Address	Relationship	Phone #1	Phone #2

MY INFO TAB > Demographics > Contact (side tab) > Click on a Priority Number:

Waterloo Catholic District School Board 2020-2021

Last Name, First Name

Contacts :: Contact Last Name, Contact First Name

First name: Contact First Name

Middle name:

Last name: Contact Last Name

Emergency priority: 1

Relationship: Relationship

Suffix:

Gender: Female

Date of birth:

Phone 1: Phone #1

Phone 2: Phone #2

Phone 3:

Contact lives with student: Y

Guardian?: Y

Access to records: Y

Physical Address:

Address line 1: Address

Address line 2: Address

City, Prov Postal Code: City, Province, Postal Code

Mailing Address:

Address line 1: Address

Address line 2: Address

City, Prov Postal Code: City, Province, Postal Code

## Student Attendance

Student attendance is accessible through the Aspen Student Portal.

MY INFO TAB > Attendance (side tab):

Waterloo Catholic District School Board 2020-2021

Last Name, First Name

Pages: My Info, Academics, Groups, Locker

Daily Attendance

Options, Reports, Help, Search on Date

0 of 5 selected

Absences: 5.0 (5.0 unexcused)

Date	Code	Reason
10/29/2020	A	PARENT APPROVED
10/19/2020	A	ILL
10/13/2020	A	PARENT APPROVED
10/7/2020	A	PARENT APPROVED

# Receiving email from the school

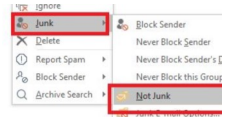
How do I mark a junked email as safe?

*Note: some email applications may have a slightly different process to mark emails as 'Safe'.*

**Step 1:** Open your e mail application and click the Junk or Spam Email folder

**Step 2:** Find the email you wish to mark as safe (always receive in Inbox) and right-click on it.

**Step 3:** Select **Junk** and then click **Not Junk**



The email will be marked as "not junk" and returned to your Inbox.

Future email like this will not be sent to your Junk Folder.

**\*\*If you do not find our emails in your spam/junk folder and are still not receiving email from the school, please email [Erin Kelly](mailto:erin.kelly@wcdsb.ca) at [erin.kelly@wcdsb.ca](mailto:erin.kelly@wcdsb.ca)**



## Technology

Please check the WCDSB student [email account](#) frequently as that is where your key information will be sent.

[Click Here for useful links for students including instructions on how to login to your WCDSB email account.](#)

### Student Log In:

**Username:** LAST 5 digits of the student number + first 3 letters of their last name

**Password:** Birthdate (MMDDYYYY or DDMMYYYY)

(the students may be prompted to change their password)

### Checking Google and D2L

Students are expected to engage and participate in instruction and learning every day. In doing so, students will need to login daily into their Google Class or D2L accounts to participate in and complete a variety of

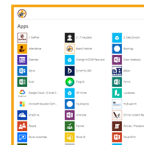
#### How to Login to D2L and Google Classroom – Print Version

- Student Login Process – Arabic
- Student Login Process – English
- Student Login Process – Korean
- Student Login Process – Mandarin
- Student Login Process – Russian
- Student Login Process – Spanish
- Student Login Process – Vietnamese

#### Student Links



Change Password



My Applications



WCDSB Learn @ Home

**Student Helpdesk: 519-578-3677 ext. 2316 (Leave a Message)**

## NewsWire

### Stay informed!

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



# COVID Test/Screening & Outbreak Protocol

All students (or guardians on their behalf) are asked to engage in a daily self-assessment before reporting to school and anyone feeling unwell or identifying a concern based on their self-assessment should not report to school. <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>

Click Here for: [Operational Guidance: COVID-19 management in schools \(Ontario.ca\)](#)

## What to do when my child isn't feeling well?

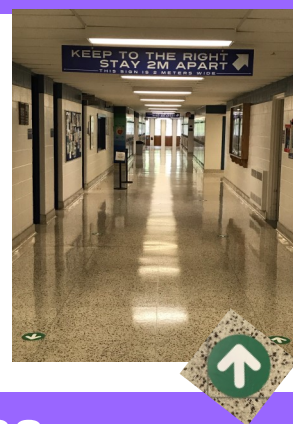


[Click here to view the memo for Parent/Guardians from the Region of Waterloo Public Health Unit.](#)

The document provides direction for parents and caregivers regarding the role of families, Public Health and schools.

## Entry Procedures ~ how to move around the building

- Upon entering the school students are required to wear a mask and sanitize their hands, while maintaining a social distance.
- Students are not to congregate in groups and are asked to promptly move to their morning class upon arrival.
- When traveling within the school, all signage and directions must be observed and followed.
- Should a student need to use the washroom, they are to use the facility within their assigned Village.
- All students will be required to wear mask at all times.
- Students are to sanitize their hands upon entering and leaving the classroom.



## Transportation Information & Notifications

Parents can login and view your child's transportation details by going to [www.stswr.ca](http://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](mailto:erin.kelly@wcdsb.ca).

Visit [www.stswr.ca](http://www.stswr.ca) to see bus delays and cancellations, [subscribe](#) to receive e-mail notifications for late buses and closures. Follow STSWR on Twitter.

## Inclement Weather (unsafe driving conditions)

In the event of an inclement weather day being declared, and the buses are cancelled due to the weather and unsafe driving conditions, the schools will be closed and students will have a remote learning day. Teachers will communicate through their Google Classroom or D2L learning management system. Teachers will post work in the morning, no later than 10 a.m. and students will work on their own timing in their home. This will allow all students to access learning and we will be continuing to keep one and all safe. Teachers will be available during normal bell times on the closure day via email as well as through the class D2L or Google Classroom site.

For updated information please monitor the WCDSB website, social media feeds, and radio stations for information on cancellations.

# Virtual Fitness Club

Looking to be physically active, have fun, and meet new people? Give your brain and body a boost? Join the first ever afterschool **VIRTUAL FITNESS CLUB**! All are welcome-no experience needed. Free at home workout kit with sign up and commitment. Use the Google classroom join code: **co7jpod**



## Student Activities Council

### THIS WEEK: **Christmas Candy Grams**

Looking for a way to start spreading the Christmas cheer? Send Candy Cane messages to all of your friends by filling in this [Google form](#) by December 6th. Messages will be delivered the week of December 14-18th.

### NEXT WEEK:

*... stay tuned for more details!*



December 7	December 8	December 9	December 10	December 11
Classroom	Virtual Christmas	Red & Green Day: Red or Green tops may be		Virtual Gingerbread
Online Gingerbread House Decorating Competition. Submit photos of your gingerbread house creations for judging on Friday!				

## From your Celtic Guidance Team

### Student Supports

Book an appointment with Student Success or Guidance.

[Click Here](#) to book an appointment.

### Survey to Change mode of learning

Stay tuned to the WCDSB website for more information.

<https://stisidore.wcdsb.ca/switching-learning-environments/>

### myBlueprint

Please don't be alarmed if your myBlueprint account is not accurate right now. myBlueprint isn't synced with Aspen yet. WCDSB IT staff, together with myBlueprint IT staff, are working to resolve the issue.

### Grade 12 Google Classroom Code **4qogszg**

Stay up to date on Post Secondary information and scholarships.

### Community Service Hours

Graduating Grade 12's - You are only required to verify **20** hours of Community Service for this school year.

### University Application Information

All students should have received their PIN for the Ontario University Application Centre.

We encourage you to apply before the Christmas break so that you have time to enjoy your break and don't have to rush to meet the deadline of January 15th, 2021 <https://www.ouac.on.ca/>

### College Application Information

If you are applying to College, you will need to create an account on the OCAS website. February 1st, 2021 is the application deadline. <https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/apply/important-dates>

### OSAP

Students can now apply for the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP). Please visit [www.osap.gov.on.ca](http://www.osap.gov.on.ca) for information and use the aid estimator to quickly assess what financial assistance you may receive.

GUIDANCE DESIGNATION	
Ms. K. Dietrich ext. 5637	A - E
Ms. J. Nagy ext. 5638	F - O
Ms. K. Kueneman ext. 5634	P - Z & International Students

## Celtic Graduation Information





## A message from our Chaplain



# ADVENT

Advent....it has many meanings, depending how you have come to understand it.

To youth, Advent means planning, shopping (and hopefully mostly online shopping this year), decorating trees, wrapping presents and eating shortbread.

To teachers it means balancing teaching, planning, family time, decorating and a lot of financial and social obligations.

To the church it means waiting.... awaiting the birth of our savior. A quiet time of preparation as we wait for Emmanuel.

We are to slow down and at the same time we are to be actively waiting. How does that work? Actively waiting? Well, we can wait passively (i.e. do nothing) or we can wait expectantly. And to be active in our waiting we have hope....we know it is coming.

Just like our mother Mary when she found out she was with child. She was expecting a baby. She carries inside her the promise of a savior, and even though she cannot see it, she knows it is there. The moment she learns of her pregnancy, she begins to plan for her baby's arrival. She actively prepares for the arrival of the baby because she knows the promise will be fulfilled—it is just a matter of time. She is expectant, and she will wait as long as it takes. And she had to do some major active waiting – not too many people would be able to travel in our last month of pregnancy on a donkey and sleep in a stable.



So how does the new chaplain of St. David's understand Advent?  
To me, Advent means accompaniment.

*'Each young person's heart should thus be considered "holy ground", a bearer of seeds of divine life before which we must "take off our shoes" in order to draw near and enter more deeply into the Mystery' Christus Vivit, 67*

Like the image of a gardener...a gardener can till soil, plant seeds, water the plants, provide fertilizer, remove weeds, control pests...but it cannot make the plants grow. It is a wonderful metaphor for me as gardening is my passion.

So as your chaplain and as we prepare for Advent I will be the gardener who will accompany the seeds of faith and pray they grow into the beautiful and fruitful staff and students who you are meant to be.

When people patiently and expectantly wait on God in the midst of horrible circumstances (especially during this time of the worldwide Pandemic and the possibility of another lockdown), suddenly God breaks through.

This Advent don't give up! Join me in actively waiting for Christmas. Find someone with whom you can accompany on their journey. Stay full of hope and expectation. God's power is limitless, and He'll break through for you.



Happy Advent!  
Miss Annabel, chaplain

## SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

*O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

# Sunday December 6th

## Financial Supports

### New Ontario "Support for Learners" Financial Assistance Program

On November 30, the Ontario government launched the Support for Learners program. Through this program, the government is providing financial support to help parents and guardians with additional costs during the 2020-2021 school year, during the second wave of COVID-19.

Eligible parents or guardians will receive a one-time payment of:

\$200 for each child up to age 12

\$250 for each child or youth up to age 21 years with special needs

This is a new program, and all parents or guardians who are residents of Ontario with eligible children will need to submit a new application for each child.

As of today, eligible parents or guardians can go to [Ontario.ca/SupportforLearners](https://Ontario.ca/SupportforLearners) for more information and to apply for the one-time financial support. The deadline to apply is January 15, 2021.

Support for Learners funding is intended to directly support parents to provide children and youth with key educational resources like workbooks, school supplies, technology and developmental resources during these unprecedented times.

Covid-Specific Supports

## Quad 2—Cohort Schedule & School Calendar

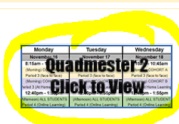
To access the cohort schedule, visit our website:

<https://stdavid.wcdsb.ca/>

You can click on the large slider on the homepage or the smaller icon under the slider.

Quick Link to the cohort schedule— [Click Here](#)

Quad 2		Cohort A	
Monday November 16	Tuesday November 17	Wednesday November 18	Thursday November 19
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For key dates, exams, PD Days, etc. please check out the **calendar** on our school website- <https://stdavid.wcdsb.ca/>

You can then access the calendar by going to PARENTS > School Year Calendar

Quick Link to our school calendar - [Click Here](#)

CALENDAR



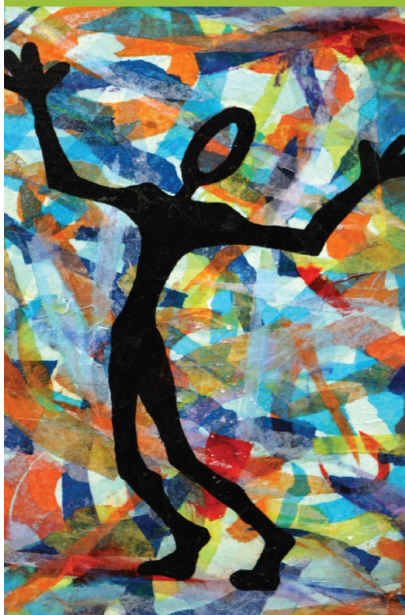
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[#DigitalCitizenship](#) - Parable of the Ten Pounds Lk 19 - some slaves squander the treasure of the master by keeping it to themselves. Do we hoard our treasure? Or share it allowing it to grow? How does this speak to us as [#SelfDirectedResponsibleLifelongLearner](#)?

**#SelfDirectedResponsibleLifelongLearner**



Institute for  
Catholic Education

In a  
digital world:  
I am committed to  
ongoing learning  
and becoming  
all God intends  
me to be.

## Contact Information

Phone: 519-885-1340

Attendance Phone Number: 519-885-4352

Website: <http://st.david.wcdsb.ca>

If you need to contact your son's or daughter's teacher,  
please feel free to contact them via email below:  
To email a staff member please use the following  
method: *firstname.lastname@wcdsb.ca*

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

### Administrators:

A to I - [Kevin HINSPIERGER](#)

J to S - [Michael AMBEAU](#)

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

### Student Success/Spec Ed.:

Community & Active Living Students = [Maureen O'GRADY](#)

A—Kowt = [Garry KRAEHLING](#)

Koy—Z = [Steve BEDIC](#)

### Guidance Counsellors:

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

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

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

### ESL Monitors:

[Anne MASOJC](#) and

[Heather PIETROBON](#)



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