



CELTIC NEWS

ST. DAVID CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message...

As this 2020/2021 school year is coming to a close, this year once again has shown us the importance of patience, perseverance and the value of building relationships. We are living through a historic moment in time that we will be talking about for decades to come. We could not be prouder of our students and staff for their adaptability in the various learning and teaching styles this year. It has been a year like no other!

The end of any school year brings many emotions and feelings – some of fear, some of excitement, some of wondering. St. David is truly an extension of our homes, especially this year with all of the hours that we studied virtually. Our school building may have looked different this year with signs for social distancing, hand sanitizing stations and masked Celtics BUT the heart of this community remains strong. Each and every student has been nurtured, cared for and supported in many ways, by many people who walk with them on their yearly journey and this year has been no different.

These unprecedented times have shown us how important it is to draw upon our community to help guide us, to give us strength and hope and to remind us of the many blessings in our lives. I would like to thank all of our students for their hard work and doing their very best to participate daily in their face to face and online learning. I would also like to thank our parents/guardians for their efforts in helping to support your children. The St. David Staff have been dedicated to the success of each Celtic while re-inventing the classroom environment – we sincerely thank you.

To our Graduates, we hope that you have had an opportunity to celebrate your accomplishments. We thank you for sharing your gifts, kindness, courage and spirit with us over your time at St. David. Don't ever forget that you will forever be a Celtic!

The leadership team next year will look a little different – Michael Ambeau will be moving on to St. Mary's as VP next year. We want to thank Mike for all of his dedication to the St. David community over the last 3 years. You will be surely missed. In his place, we welcome Christine Bencina as VP next year.

Finally, I will be retiring after 31 years in education. I have been proud to be the St. David Principal for the last 4 years walking alongside all Celtics – it has been the most interesting time in history to be a leader. THANK YOU for all of your support – this Celtic community will always have a special place in my heart. The next Principal of St. David will be David Jaeger and he is excited to become a Celtic!

"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy servant...enter into the joy of your master.'"

- Matthew 25:21

We look forward to continued growth as a community of inclusivity and aspire to bring hope, love and a sense of belonging to all of our students and families in the coming year. We are hopeful that our return in September will be one step closer to what we have been missing in schools. Please take care of yourself, your family and loved ones during the summer months.

God bless and stay safe!

Sincerely, Glenda Leusink



Quad 4 Final Report Cards

Quad 4 final report cards will be mailed home during the week of July 12.

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2021-2022 School Start-Up



The 2021-2022 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.

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

The following School Start Up forms are REQUIRED (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. **Required for ALL Students** – Permission Form: Walks around the Neighbourhood (throughout the year)
6. **Required for ALL Students** - Responsible Use of Technology & Electronic Data Access Form
7. **Required for ALL Students** - Concussion Code of Conduct, Parent/Guardian
8. **Required for ALL Students** - Concussion Code of Conduct, Student-Athlete
9. **Gr. 10 to Gr. 12 Students Only** - Parent Consent Form for Experiential Learning Trips
10. **Gr. 12 Students Only** - Post-Secondary Institutions Disclosure of Information Consent Form

OPTIONAL: CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (CSAC): Nomination of Parent Candidate

Timetables

Student timetables for 2021-2022 will be made available to students through the Aspen Student Portal and to parents/guardians through the Aspen Family/Parent Portal in late August when the Ministry of Education confirms the September to January learning delivery model. Students and families will be notified of the publication of schedules to the Aspen portals through School Messenger and Newswire.

Parents/Guardians - Please ensure you have registered for the Aspen Family/Parent Portal and notify the school of any changes to your personal email address or primary phone number during the summer.

Student Photos and First Day of School:

More information will be communicated to families through School Messenger/Newswire regarding student photos and the schedule for September 7th, as information becomes available.

Please check our website frequently for important updates.

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.
- 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

Need to update your contact information?

To update your contact information (address, phone number, email address, etc.) please email the school at bernardete.moreira@wcdsb.ca

2021-2022 Transportation Information

Transportation details for the 2021–2022 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 the School. Please email bernardete.moreira@wcdsb.ca.

If you are moving this summer, communicate the changes to the school as soon as possible.

Please email bernardete.moreira@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.

School Uniforms

As we continue to navigate COVID-19 together, we are pleased to share an update on enhanced options for buying your school uniform.

McCarthy's has informed us that to support families during this time they have implemented an installment payment program (online only), introduced volume discount buying options and invested in a variety of web support tools to make online shopping easy & fast! All school uniform products can be exchanged for up to a year and returned until September.

Our school uniform provider, McCarthy Uniforms, has three enhanced options for shopping:

Updated school e-stores complete with fit videos, uniform guides and specialized advice? Visit our school store by 'searching for our school' on McCarthy Uniforms' home page. Online shoppers can also now enjoy a flexible payment plan option (interest-free payments over six weeks!).

Private appointments available, appointments will be made available for virtual or in store shopping. To manage your time, you can book an appointment on your home store, accessible on the website:

<https://www.mccarthyuniforms.ca/>

Web-supported call-center is open for shopping! Call 416-593-6900 or toll-free at 1-800-668-8261 for assistance with your school uniform purchase or questions! McCarthy's call centre is staffed with uniform specialists who know the ins & outs of our uniform policy.

We encourage families to shop early and utilize these alternative channels to avoid late-August line ups.

Long wait times will be the reality this year, given that McCarthy's must adhere to strict social distancing measures and simply can't accept normal in-store volumes. In some cases, only five customers will be permitted in stores at any one time.



From your Celtic Guidance Team

Community Service Involvement

As part of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma, all students must complete 40 hours of community service over their 4 years of high school. This can begin in the summer before students begin grade 9.

Community service is an opportunity to give back to others in need or support an organization that requires assistance without getting paid to do so.

Students who are graduating this June 2021 are only required to complete 20 hours of Community Involvement.

*Please ensure you are following all Covid-19 safety guidelines and restrictions *

Students can submit their volunteer hours by completing the following [online form](#)

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

Returning Grade 12's

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

Guidance Teachers

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



Specialist High Skills Major

ENTERING Grade 11 or 12 and what to improve your resume? Consider this program!

WHAT IS SHSM?


Specialist High Skills Major is a provincially recognized program that allows students to gain on-the-job skills with local employers, earn industry-recognized certifications and participate in valuable hands-on experiences.


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Waterloo Catholic District School Board
Specialist High Skills Major

Majors offered at St. David

Arts & Culture	Information & Communications Technology
Business	
Construction	Justice, Emergency Safety & Community Services
Health & Wellness	
Hospitality & Tourism	Transportation

Visit www.highskills.ca for additional program information.

SHSM is not a course, it is a program which students have 2 years to complete (in grade 11 and 12). Students can indicate interest in this program using myBlueprint and completing the SHSM Planner on their High School Plan OR by contacting their guidance teacher.

Additional questions can be sent to the SHSM Lead at Kristen.dietrich@wcdsb.ca



Haven't received an Ontario university offer?

Use the Admission Information Service (AIS)

Starting June 4, 2021, Ontario high school students can use the AIS to find possible openings at Ontario universities.

To begin your search, visit www.ouac.on.ca/ouac-101 and click:

SEARCH OPEN PROGRAMS

Once you find an open program of interest, add it to your 101 application.

Requirements:

- You will be completing or have completed the OSSD (or equivalent), including six 4U/M courses, by early September 2021.
- You must have an average of at least 60%, although higher averages are usually required.

To find out more:

- Visit: www.ouac.on.ca/ouac-101
- Call: 519-823-1063
- Email: 101sup@ouac.on.ca



Vous n'avez pas reçu d'offre d'une université de l'Ontario?

Utilisez le Service d'information sur l'admission (SIA)

À compter le 4 juin 2021, les élèves du secondaire de l'Ontario peuvent utiliser le SIA pour trouver d'autres possibilités d'études aux universités de l'Ontario.

Pour débiter votre recherche, rendez-vous à l'adresse www.ouac.on.ca/fr/ouac-101, puis cliquez :

CHERCHER PROGRAMMES OUVERTS

Dès que vous aurez trouvé un programme ouvert, ajoutez-le à votre demande 101.

Exigences :

- Vous détenez, ou détiendrez, un DESO (ou l'équivalent) et avoir réussi 6 cours 4U/M, au plus tard au début de septembre 2021.
- Vous devez avoir une moyenne minimale de 60 % – à noter toutefois que les moyennes exigées sont plus élevées, en règle générale.

Pour plus d'information :

- Visitez : www.ouac.on.ca/fr/ouac-101
- Composez le : 519 823-1063
- Communiquez avec nous : 101sup@ouac.on.ca

Celtic Class of 2021

The St. David staff
want to send our
CONGRATULATIONS
on your Graduation.

CONGRATS GRADUATES
Class of
2021
YOU DID IT!

VIRTUAL
Celtic Graduation
2021 

Video Release Date:
Early October

Transcripts

Students not planning to return in September will receive a copy of their **Transcript** with their Quad 4 final report card. These will be mailed home during the second week of July.



Diplomas, Certificates & Grad Awards

Ontario

The 'Diploma, Certificate and Grad Awards Pick-up' will take place Mid-October.

Ontario Secondary School Diploma

Uniform Donation

If you still wish to donate your gently used uniform pieces, please feel free to drop them off at the school loading dock in a **plastic bag**.

*Donations
are Greatly
Appreciated!*

ALWAYS REMEMBER

you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem
and smarter than you think.

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Congratulations! 

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 and what it will look like depending on health guidelines. More information will be sent out as plans are finalized. Thank you to all those who have donated uniforms to be resold.



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 28, 2021 at 6pm.**

Please consider volunteering!

GET INVOLVED

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.

Mail completed forms to the to: **Principal, St. David CSS, 4 High Street, Waterloo, ON N2L 3X5**

Link: [Catholic School Advisory Council Nomination Form](#)



CSAC Annual Report 2020-2021

Dear Parents and School Community:

The 2020-2021 year was one of adjustments for the St. David Catholic School Advisory Council. In the face of COVID, the school council met remotely four times, each meeting held on the last Tuesday of: September, November, February and May. All St. David Catholic School Advisory Council meetings are open to parents and all are welcome. Minutes of meetings are available for public inspection at the school office.

In September our attention focused on understanding the 'new normal', one offering a mixture of in person and remote learning for many St. David students and one encompassing a year of adjustments where traditional activities such as the Grade 8 Welcome Night, the annual staff appreciation breakfast and graduate breakfast would be delivered in alternate formats.

With thanks to the ingenuity of many volunteers and school staff, fundraising activities such as the collection of Used Uniforms and Uniform Sales proceeded and generated funds that were distributed throughout the school in November and February to clubs and teams benefiting the academic, social, and faithful wellbeing of St. David Community. Proceeds raised were used to fund projects in accordance with school board policies. Examples of Activities that were supported by St. David Catholic School Advisory Council in the 2020-2021 school year include:

- Contribution towards the purchase of an athletics score table to be used in the gym during extracurricular basketball and volleyball games.
- Contribution to purchase additional food items to supplement the items in the Nutrition for Learning Program.
- Purchase of postage stamps for the purpose of mailing out welcome postcards to our new incoming grade 9 students
- Purchase of a fitness bike to support students with mobility issues.
- Purchase of fitness club kits to enable students to participate in the fitness club from home.

We wish to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the many individuals who volunteered their time to contribute to the success of the school council during this particularly challenging year.

Respectfully submitted by

Samantha Murray & Kelly Denomme

Co-Chairs St. David Catholic School Advisory Council

CSAC News Continued...

Letter to ALL ST. DAVID STAFF from the Catholic School Advisory Council...

On behalf of the St. David Catholic Secondary School Parent Advisory Council, we want to take the opportunity to say a huge and heartfelt thank you to all of the amazing school staff, who every day make a real and vital difference to the lives of our children.

This truly has been an incredible and unforgettable year which has tested all of us. You have consistently and seamlessly demonstrated resilience moving from in class to on line learning throughout the year.

As this unforgettable year draws to a close, we recognize your focus will shift to preparations for the anticipated return to school in September. Thank you for all that you do to ensure that our children's start will be successful. All of you are an inspiration not only to the students, but to all of us on council. In recognition of your commitment and to thank you for all that you have done for our school community this year, the Parent Advisory Council has made a **\$250.00 donation to Nutrition for Learning.**

We're incredibly proud of you, and you should be extremely proud of yourselves. Thank you for everything you have done for our students to keep them engaged on line as we know this has often been difficult. We hope the you have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Kelly Denomme & Samantha Murray
CSAC Co-Chairs



Taking care of you and your family 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. (email: WCDSBsocialwork@WCDSB.ca)

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 10, 24 and Aug 7, 21 and 28.

(<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**.

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=syyI5incw4Q>
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>
6. <https://www.wcdsb.ca/programs-and-services/mental-health-and-well-being-at-wcdsb/>

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)

"Nutrition for Learning" will be offering their pop-up snack trucks daily at schools throughout the Region this summer for families to pick up free snacks. You may go to any school to receive their support, no registration required or questions asked. You can find their locations at this link <https://www.nutritionforlearning.ca/community-nutrition/>

Mental Health & Wellbeing

Visit the [WCDSB Mental Health and Wellness page](#). You can find resources here to grow your knowledge on mental health & wellness topics, learn a variety of daily wellness practices that can help you manage stress, get connected when additional supports are needed, and learn about how WCDSB is promoting wellness in our school communities. On this page you can find a variety of links resources to promote wellness – both during the pandemic, and also more general resources that can be promote positive mental health in our school communities.



**School
Mental Health
Ontario**



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@wcdsb-socialwork



@wcdsbhpe



@wcdsbequity



@wcdsbfait



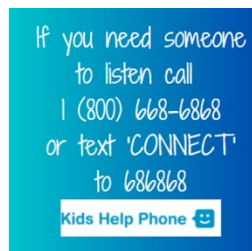
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June Mental Health Tip

As we wrap up the school year it's a good time to be thinking about the wide range of supports that are available throughout the summer months. There is a wider range of supports listed on our WCDSB Mental Health and Wellbeing page (<https://www.wcdsb.ca/programs-and-services/mental-health-and-well-being-at-wcdsb/>), here are a few:

Electronic Resources & Links:

1. [SMHO No Problem Too Big or Too Small](#)
(how to ask for help)
2. [SMHO Self-Care 101](#)
3. [WCDSB Help-seeking flyer](#) re: local supports



A few things coming and/or in development:

[Summer Stress and Anxiety Boot Camp](#) Two 1-hour workshops for students on ways to manage stress and anxiety. (First come, first served, spots limited).

Parent Wellbeing Video Series (not yet released): A series of short, recorded sessions addressing wellbeing for parents. Watch the board's [WCDSB Mental Health and Wellness page](#) for the release of this series.

Community Support Services



Here 24/7 (crisis services) and Kids Help Phone continue to provide mental health support to children, youth, and families during covid. Currently these services are primarily via phone or online.

- * [Kids Help Phone](#): 1-800-668-6868
- * <https://here247.ca/> or 1(844) 437-3247 for mental health crisis support.
- * <https://jack.org/covid>
- * [Front Door Access to Child and Youth Services](#): Waterloo Region mental health access point for children/youth = 519-749-2932 (Child and Adolescent mental services for Waterloo Region),
- * Women's Crisis Services of Waterloo Region 24 hr crisis line: 519-742-5894
Link: [Women's Crisis Services of Waterloo Region](#)
- * Families needing support with accessing food – Emergency Food Hamper Program: 519-742-0662
Link: [House of Friendship](#)
- * Community Outreach Workers are assigned to all neighborhoods in Waterloo Region and are an excellent resource to help kids and families with supports and resources in the community. To find out who your Outreach worker is, call 519-742-8327 x 240 or email info@familyoutreach.ca
Link: [Family Outreach Program](#)

Health and Physical Education

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!



Celtic Virtual Fitness Club

The Celtic Virtual Fitness Club was established in Nov 2020 using Google Meet. It was a great opportunity for students to be active and socialize with peers twice a week during a 30-minute online workout. Each session was something different and got our brains and bodies moving!! Thank you CSAC for your support in providing at home workout kits! Have a safe and healthy summer!

Welcome to St. David Catholic Secondary School



St. Agnes
Flames



The staff and students at St. David hope that you are all doing well.
We want to send our **CONGRATULATIONS**
on your Grade 8 Graduation.

We look forward to welcoming you to St. David in September!
Parents, we invite you to visit our website at www.stdavid.wcdsb.ca
Link to [Grade 8 Information](#)

Follow us on [twitter](#) @StDavidCeltics and [Instagram](#) at stdavidcss

Subscribe to our [NewsWire](#) to receive news releases, updates, activities, opportunities and more!

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

Chaplain Reflection as we end the school year...

So....I'm a chaplain and I was trained to do specific "*chaplainy*" things.

When I was trained as a hospital chaplain I was there to offer comfort, journey through the ends stages of life, the times of convalescence and healing. In a high school I did a lot more physically; running retreats, organizing liturgies, and classroom visits. Just like the hospital chaplain I used to be, I also offered comfort to the staff and students as they journeyed through their own struggles and joys. Both roles I carried out as a severe extrovert – in the 95th percentile to be exact. And I did it well. Then the world was introduced to the Coronavirus. At first it was a "not in my backyard" mentality and while I felt bad for other countries it hadn't affected me. Have you ever heard the expression: "Want to hear God laugh? Tell him your plans!" Holy Doodle – it was a tsunami change in our whole wide world and absolutely no one was exempt from the effects of this. And Merriam Webster's Dictionary expanded it's list of word definitions exponentially... Pivot....unprecedented times, anti maskers....you're on mute.....my wif was'n't working ...stay six feet away...protocols...contact tracing...flatten the curve...herd immunity...hydroxychloroquine...lockdown... essential/nonessential...PPE...quarantine....quadmesters...cohorts...synchronous...asynchronous, etc.

I found my role as chaplain, or rather my definition of what a chaplain does in the course of a school year, being challenged. Redefined. Yet should it have been redefined? After all, I work for the Big Guy, God is always with me and I never felt alone. However I did change. A colleague recently defined my new role a a hybrid role and that word gave me great comfort. You see, I can no longer say I am a severe extrovert....however slowly it was, I transformed myself into a person who enjoyed her quiet time, enjoyed immensely living alone and felt myself becoming even more quietly present to the staff and students at St. David this past year. Now how can that be? I hardly saw anyone except on camera (and even then many times the cameras were off). Through God's grace I didn't have the distractions of trying to complete so many tasks before the bell rang, driving from one meeting to another and spending hours setting up chairs for assemblies and liturgies. I was able to fully give my gift of presence to the staff. And on the days when I went into the school to tie up loose ends I would inevitably spend the whole time connecting with those who were in the school.

I saw chaplain-defined boundaries fall every day during the pandemic, when staff stopped me in hallways or (in a private message during a virtual meeting) to ask for a quiet moment of prayer — and especially when I would ask: "how are you holding up?", I received such intimate responses. The need for connection became even greater than ever before. So yes, the pandemic forced this chaplain to do things differently, creatively and not perfectly. For years as a chaplain, my ministry has been my eyes, my words, my presence, my ability to listen, reaching out a hand, prayer." "Now all of this has to happen behind a mask which muffles my voice and separates me from others." Yet, by trying this new hybrid model of being less of an extrovert I am still dedicated to being present. At the start of this calendar year I became present in a new and creative way. I can't hold the hand of a student or a staff member in distress or get close enough to have meaningful eye contact. What I have discovered I can do is uplifting.

Perhaps the photos below can explain. A teacher recently told me that I have the ability to speak directly to whomever is watching my morning video prayers. Anyone can read a prayer but Miss Annabel tells you a story from her home. I invite you in to my life and to my heart to share how I am doing. I am inviting all students & families to do the same to this summer and next year. Talk to me, send me an email or a zoom chat. Ask for my non judgmental feedback on what you're studying. Let me know how you are coping ...and I will do the same.

I may not be as adorable as Lynette on the Big Comfy Couch TV show your parents may have watched, but I am VERY excited to know that we shared the most bizarre school year, we learned how to pivot, how to navigate during these unprecedented times and we continued not only to survive but in many ways thrive during a lockdown all the while the world kept spinning on its axis.

May the good Lord keep you & your families safe this summer, give you the much needed rest from technology and may the Holy Spirit bring you back safely to St. David in September.

And to our GRADS – you did it! Against so many odds you did it! Congrats and many blessings on the next leg of your journey called life.

Until then Child of God.....Amen and Amen, St. David...pray for us.

Annabel Quinn (Email: Annabel.quinn@wcdsb.ca)
Chaplain

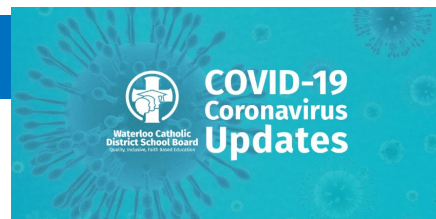


COVID 19 Updates

We encourage you to stay up to date on news from our government regarding the most current public health advice.

Visit Ontario.ca/covidresponse to learn about public health measures in our community.

We also suggest checking out the [WCDsb website](https://www.wcdsb.ca) and [Region of Waterloo Public Health website](https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/public-health) as they contain helpful resources and supports.



NewsWire

Stay informed!

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Receiving email from the school

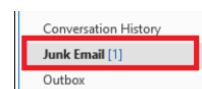
How do I mark a junked email as safe?

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

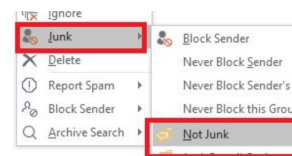
Step 1: Open your e mail application and click the Junk or Spam Email folder

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 Bernardete.Moreira@wcdsb.ca**

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



IMPORTANT DATES



Tuesday September 7th, 2021 =

Back to School

Remember to check the [calendar](#) on our website for coming events, PD Days, Exams, etc.

CALENDAR

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

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J to S - [Christine BENCINA](#)

T to Z (& International) - [David JAEGER](#)

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A—Kowt = [Garry KRAEHLING](#)

Koy—Z = [Steve BEDIC](#)

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

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and International Students

ESL Monitors:

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[Heather PIETROBON](#)



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