



CELTIC NEWS

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A Message from our Leadership Team...

Hi Celtics!

I always think a school year is going very well when time seems to fly by. And wow, suddenly its November!

We've seen back to school photos, the start of sports and clubs, a Thanksgiving food drive, yearbook distribution, graduation 2021 video release, a civvies day and a PD Day to name a few exciting events.

But the best has been the return to all day/every day in-class learning!

Teachers and support staff were eager to get the year going. And while the quadmester system does not replace all the benefits of a semester system, we are happy to be in person while the pandemic continues and we do our part.

We are proud of how Celtics have responded to the pandemic by being as careful as possible, making health and lifestyle choices that keep themselves and others

Looking forward, the end of Quad 1 and beginning of Quad 2 dominate our academic landscape. A reminder that November 19 is a PD Day for students: the staff is looking forward to this Spiritual Development Day to gather as physically distant Catholics. The Literacy Test also returns so watch for more information.

The Catholic School Advisory Council meeting is set for Nov. 30. And before you know, the Christmas season will be upon us, how great is that!

Dave Jaeger, Christine Bencina, Jordan Figueiredo

Daily COVID Screening

All students (or guardians on their behalf) will be 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/>



Upon entering the school students are required to wear a mask and sanitize their hands, while maintaining a social distance.



Next week... (Final Evaluations)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
November 8	November 9	November 10	November 11	November 12
Regular School Schedule	Regular School Schedule	Period 1 Evaluation Day In Person Classes Period 1 8:15-10:15 am	Period 2 Evaluation Day In Person Classes Period 2 8:15-10:15 am	Turnaround Day No Classes

Students will be completing their final evaluations in person. As outlined by the Ministry of Education, a final evaluation does not need to be an examination and is administered at or towards the end of the course to allow students an opportunity to demonstrate achievement of the overall expectations. Teachers can provide a broad range of culminating activities for the final evaluation to allow students to demonstrate their learning. Possible options may include a performance, an essay, a test, a debrief of the course, a presentation, individually scheduled exit interviews or another method of evaluation suitable to the course content.

Buses will run according to their regular schedule in the morning and will depart school at 10:25 am after class on November 10th and 11th.

Quad 2 begins November 15 (Q2 = Periods 3 & 4)

Student Timetables

Please make sure you check your schedule before Quad 2 starts.

Accessing Login page:

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



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 and the 'List View' will appear.

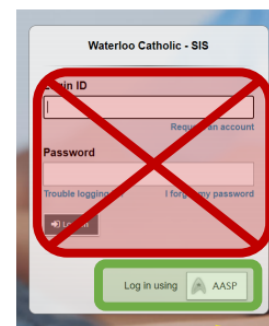
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Course	Description	Term	Schedule	Classm
AV10I-02A	Visual Arts	Q1	1(1)	223
COC1DI-02A	Issues in Canadian Geography	Q1	2(1)	109
MPM1DI-01A	Principles of Mathematics	Q2	4(1)	205
SNC1DI-01A	Science	Q2	3(1)	210
FBF1DI-03A	Core French	Q3	1(1)	224

Click on the column heading

Term = Quad #

Schedule = Period #



Click here

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

St. David will be providing an opportunity for students in Grade 10 and 11 (as well as non-graduating 12s) to write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) this November. The OSSLT measures whether students are meeting the minimum standard for literacy across all subjects up to the end of Grade 9. Successful completion of the literacy test is one of the requirements to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma. However, as a result of the learning disruption caused by the pandemic the literacy graduation requirement for all students graduating during the 2021–2022 school year has been waived, so graduating students do not need to take the OSSLT.

The administration of the OSSLT for Grade 10, 11, and non-graduating Grade 12 students will take place on...

EQAO: OSSLT (LITERACY TEST) ADMINISTRATION DATES



Note: A letter with more detailed information about the OSSLT will be sent home with students who will be writing the test this November.

In preparation for this year's test, we encourage our students to try the ministry practice test which can be accessed through the Student Success tab on the St. David website or by using this link: [OSSLT Practice Test](#)

Good Luck to all of our students who are writing the Literacy test this year. For more information please reach out to Garry Kraehling at garry.kraehling@wcdsb.ca

Student Individual Education Plan Distribution

If your student is on an Individual Education Plan, parent copies have been distributed.

Parents are asked to please review the IEP and sign the consultation page. We highly encourage families to scan a copy of the signed consultation page and email the electronic copy to their child's IEP monitor. Families also have the option of having their child give the signed consultation page to their teacher.

Student Success/Spec Ed.:

Community & Active Living Students = Maureen O'Grady
A to I - Garry Kraehling
J to S - Shannon Penney
T to Z (& International) - Steve Bedic

From your Celtic Guidance Team

Mental Health and Wellbeing supports with WCDSB

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

You can find resources here to grow your knowledge on mental health 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.

Student Supports:

Do you need one on one help from a **Student Success Teacher**?

Do you need to make an appointment with your **Guidance Teacher**?

Please use the following link: [Book an appointment.](#)

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

Critical Course Change Request form:

Do you need to make a 'critical' course change to your schedule this year? [Critical Course Change Request form](#)

The link will be live starting on November 12th and will close on Thursday November 17th at midnight.

Important Information for Grade 12 Students

Community Service Hours

Students are required to earn 40 hours of Community Service as a graduation requirement. Due to the pandemic, students may count the following towards their community involvement hours:

- up to 10 hours of paid employment if a student is 14 years or older and completes a reflection exercise demonstrating how their work contributed to their community
- community involvement during school time, for example, walking a younger child to and from school or helping younger siblings with school work
- duties normally performed at home, for example, helping an elderly relative with errands or providing after school care for a sibling

Please submit your hours using this [online form](#)

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)

- The requirement for the successful completion of the OSSLT has been removed for students graduating in 2021-2022.
- Students currently in grades 10 & 11 will be writing the OSSLT this school year. Please see page 3 for more details



Resources for post-secondary planning are available on the
Grade 12 Google Classroom
Join by using the following code

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Guidance continued...

College Applications

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

Applications are due **February 1, 2021**.

www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca for university information

www.indeed.ca for workplace opportunities

University Applications:

Students applying to university need to create an account at www.ouac.on.ca/ouac-101

PIN numbers to apply to the OUAC-Ontario University Application Centre can be picked up in the guidance office.

Applications are due January 13, 2022.

Useful websites:

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

www.ontariocolleges.ca for college information

www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca for university information

www.indeed.ca for workplace opportunities

Need to update your contact information?

To update your contact information (address, phone number, email address, etc.) please email

Bernardete.moreira@wcdsb.ca Guidance Administrative Assistant

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 child's Guidance Counsellor, Student Success and Special Education teachers or Administrator, please feel free to contact them via email below:

Administrators:

A to I - Jordan Figueiredo

J to S - Christine Bencina

T to Z (& International) - David Jaeger

Student Success/Spec Ed.:

Community & Active Living Students = Maureen O'Grady

A to I - Garry Kraehling

J to S - Shannon Penney

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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

Jessica Frias

Receiving email from the school

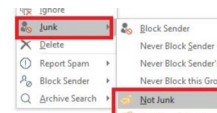
How do I mark a junked email as safe?

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**

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 learning tasks (synchronous and asynchronous) assigned by the classroom teacher.

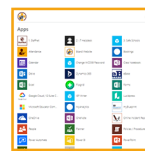
How to Login to D2L and Google Classroom – Print Version

- 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

St. David Communication Tools

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



A message from our Chaplain



... a word from your Chaplain

Getting Back in the Groove.....I'm back.

GETTING BACK INTO THE GROOVE WITH GOD

In an almost two-year hiatus from “normal” St. David’s is back in the groove. For me? I’ve been out of practice being an effective chaplain due not only the Pandemic, but also due to the intense busyness of the season before that fateful March 13, of 2020 when we went into lockdown.

After the shock, adjusting and transferring to St. David from a very busy and large school, I was in a funk....I had lost my groove. As your chaplain I have so many ways to interact with students and last year I virtually had none (unless you consider virtual ministering a thing for high school). And not only had I lost my groove as a high school chaplain I lost my groove when it came to my faith.... watching masses online was convenient as I wore my pajamas, slouched on the couch, drinking coffee. Then churches opened back up.... did I want to get dressed and *drive* to mass in clothes????

Then September 2021 happened; still in quadmesters but ALL the students are back. I am able to visit all the classrooms to introduce myself (and I so affectionately explain: *I am useless until you find a use for me*)...and more than one classroom in a day. I can connect with students quietly in my office, offering pastoral counselling. And most exciting for me – and hopefully the students – I am able to offer 2.5-hour retreats in the chapel for the gr 10 religion students. I am back in the groove, and I am loving it!

Was it easy for me to be back in the groove? To be the chaplain God wants me to be? Absolutely not. I had to trust my experience, my age, and my soul to help me “get there”. I had to relax and allow my mind to remember. There’s just no getting around the honoured process of time and practice...so I had to practice again doing chaplainly things! It occurs to me that faith and trust in God is a lot like that.... getting the core of our souls in line so that the rest can just sort of take a life on of its own.

We can stress about the rules of religion, the various ins, and outs of the “Catholic/Christian/Separate Schools” debate and all of that, but in the end, faith boils down to trust and the posture of our souls. We need to know the freedom to understand the source of life as it comes to us, just as your chaplain (and teachers) seek freedom from our anxiety to allow our souls to reconnect with the groove of ministering, of teaching and finding our God in a new post pandemic way.

It is so wonderful to be the chaplain of St. David, ministering to all of God’s children. Indeed, it is good to be back in the groove. How about you?

Amen & Amen

Miss Annabel, chaplain.

Student Activity Council

Hey Celtics! It's your Co-Prez Olivia here! What an amazing start to the school year we've had! With our spirit month ending and wrapping up Halloween week activities, I can't wait for what SAC has planned for the next couple of months. In November, keep an eye out for our Insta Replay Competition, Anti Bullying Week, Remembrance Day activities, and the Celtics helping Celtics Dodgeball Tournament. Come December, get excited for all of the Christmas activities SAC will be planning. I hope everyone has been enjoying the activities that SAC has been planning, and I hope you all have a wonderful November!



September 30, 2021
National Truth and Reconciliation Day

Thanksgiving Food Drive
**1144 items donated to the Waterloo
Region Food Bank**



**Model UN Club as well as other clubs
have started to re-group**

Early Morning Cross Country Runs



Celtic Athletics Return!



St. David Athletics

After a lengthy pause of 19 months from extra-curricular activities due to the global pandemic, our St. David Community was excited to welcome the return of Celtic Athletics.

Following the Minister of Education Stephen Lecce's announcement in early August that extracurricular activities would be returning, there was a sense of optimism heading into the start of this school year.

For many students, athletics have always provided a much needed outlet, and have enriched their high school experience by providing them with not only physical activity and an opportunity for social interaction, but a venue for developing teamwork skills, work ethic, leadership skills, and just the chance to compete. To be without athletics for so long left a void in their lives, but being able to return to the field, the court, or the track has made the return to school so much more valuable and enjoyable for so many.

However, our return to athletics has not been without its challenges. After a two-week delay to establish safety protocols, in consultation with Waterloo Region Public Health, sports had finally returned! Vice Principal, Jordan Figueiredo said, "It was so encouraging to see the excitement and energy as students signed up for sports again. So many smiles had returned, with everyone feeling that a return to sports also marked a shift toward 'normal'".

According to Board safety protocols, schools have been unable to welcome indoor spectators, and seasons have been shorter than usual with District 8 declining participation in CWOSSA or OFSSA events. But despite restrictions, and adjustments to the norm, St. David was fortunate enough to offer a full complement of activities this Fall. Some teams even found innovative and creative ways to connect with parents including our volleyball teams live-streaming their final games, and the basketball teams unveiling some retro 90's-inspired spirit wear that is sure to resonate with many in our parent community! Thankfully, our coaches and athletes have made the most of this opportunity and everyone has definitely done their part, making for a safe and enjoyable experience so far for all.

To their credit, our Celtic Athletes haven't missed a beat, and have enjoyed some early success on the field, court and track so far, with all of our teams making the playoffs, and many continuing their success into the postseason. We wish all of our athletes well as they conclude the Fall Season, and we invite all of our students to consider participating in a Winter Sport in the coming weeks, as opportunities present themselves.

Prayer for Remembrance Day

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict,
and ask that God may give us peace:
for the service men and women
who have died in the violence of war,
each one remembered by and known to God;
may God give peace.

For those who love them in death as in life,
offering the distress of our grief
and the sadness of our loss;
may God give peace.

For all members of the armed forces
who are in danger this day,
remembering family, friends
and all who pray for their safe return;



For civilian women, children and men
whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,
calling to mind in penitence
the anger and hatreds of humanity;
may God give peace.

For peacemakers and peacekeepers,
who seek to keep this world secure and free;
may God give peace.

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership,
political, military and religious;
asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve
in the search for reconciliation and peace;
may God give peace.

O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,
and those whose names we will never know.
Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world,
and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.
As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. Amen.