

# WELLAND CENTENNIAL SECONDARY

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**THE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH** are chosen by the staff to recognize students from each grade for their hard work, participation, and contribution to school life.

### January Winners

- Grade 9 Mikayla Minken
- Grade 10 Makenna Noyes
- Grade 11 Carlton Todd
- Grade 12 Olivia Drover

### February Winners

- Grade 9 Krista Dafoe
- Grade 10 Jacob Naumann
- Grade 11 Mike Naszados
- Grade 12 Caitlin Boon

### March Winners

- Grade 9 Aaron Middleton
- Grade 10 Madison Aitken
- Grade 11 Jay Clayton
- Grade 12 Bayley Carmichael

## WCSS EUROPEAN VACATION - THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME

After more than a year of planning and preparation, nineteen Centennial students jetted off for a whirlwind tour of some of Europe's most popular destinations. A flight to Amsterdam and a connecting flight to Paris put everyone right in the heart of The City of Lights. Our tour guide, Christian, accompanied us to the Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower, The Louvre, and other Parisian attractions. Next stop was the beautiful city of Nice in the French Riviera. A trip to Monaco provided a look at one of the smallest countries in the world. Some caught a glimpse of Prince Albert as he raced by in his motorcade. Leaving Nice for Florence, Italy, the group took the tour to Pisa where that famous tower is still leaning. The final two days were in Rome with a stop in Assisi, home of Saint Francis. The galleries, Sistine Chapel, and Saint Peter's Basilica at Vatican City were followed by a guided tour of the Coliseum and the Forum. Rain and the Rome Marathon only slowed the tour a little. Mme Brennan, Mrs. Seebach, and Mr. Seebach would like to thank the students for being such fine Ambassadors for the City of Welland.



## MOVE OVER MESSI

Congratulations to our very own **Connor Jolliffe (2nd from the right)** who is 1 of 30 players from across North America who were selected to train at Chievo Verona's Elite Soccer Camp in Verona, Italy this spring. This soccer team plays in Serie A- the top professional league in Italy. Connor, whose favourite player is Barcelona's star Lionel Messi, says he is excited about the experience.



## TOP 40 ON THE USA COUNTRY CHARTS

Welland Centennial student **Ashlynn Vince** has cracked the US Billboard Top 40 charts. *Hold On To Love*, a song she recorded in Nashville last year, debuted this week at #37. Ashlynn has made several trips to Nashville (one for an internship), where she was spotted by a recording engineer, leading to a deal with Plateau Music.



## EARLY REGISTRATION FOR THE 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR

All students are encouraged to register beginning **April 27th**. Registration packages are enclosed with your child's report card and this newsletter!



**To register early, please submit the following:**

1. Student Verification Form (parents must revise and update all info)
2. Applicable fees  
Activity Fee \$30 + 2016 Yearbook Fee \$33;  
Graduation Fee \$30 for grade 12s only
3. Information Technology Digital Citizenship Agreement Form
4. Permission to Participate Form



**\*\*Early registrants** will avoid having to register in August, receive their timetable in the July mail out **AND** be entered for 3 weekly draws every Friday (until beginning of exams in June).

Cheques (payable to Welland Centennial S.S.) or cash are accepted.



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## DSBN SKILLS CHALLENGE



**Flora Sibley and Nick Galway-Small** spent the day at the DSBN Skills Challenge for TV and Video Production. They planned, filmed, and edited an original film exploring the fun of the DSBN Skills Challenges. **Curtis Egert**

and **Stephen Koiter** competed in the Team of 2 Carpentry and **Taylor Howlett** participated in the Individual Construction competition.

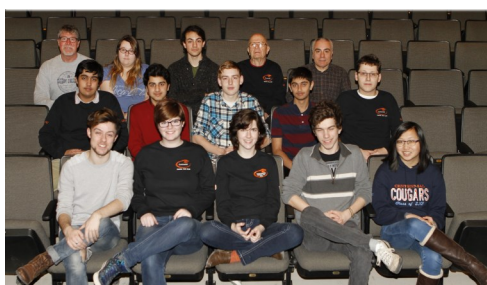
**Emily Mundy** brought home the gold medal as the winner of the D.S.B.N. Culinary Arts Competition. Emily, who plans on studying Engineering at a Post Secondary level next year, advances to the Regional Finals at Niagara College.



Emily Mundy with Chef Robert Laughton

## THEATRE TECH CLUB

The Theatre Tech Club meets every Tuesday after school. Students have the opportunity to learn how to operate lighting and sound systems to support various school and community events.



Front Row l to r: **Derrick Thibault, Martine Farrington, Olivia Roy, Nick Galway-Small, Flora Sibley.** Middle Row: **Ahaz NoorEllahi, Hussain Chattha, Ben Jason, Malav Patel, Jordan Barnartt**

Back Row: **Mr. Krasnay, Rachel Rockefeller, Skyler Allati, Mr. Woods, Mr. Colonico**



The club's most recent event saw **Paul Mocsan**, Sound Engineer and Centennial Alumnus, lead students in an engineering workshop covering a variety of sound and mixing techniques. Each year, Centennial also has a senior construction class

dedicated to stage construction and design. This semester's class will create sound baffles above the auditorium stage.

## ART DISPLAYS AT THE DSBN BOARD OFFICE



The "Off the Wall" art show took place at the DSBN Board office February 10 to March 24. Grade 9-11 Art students were recognized in this month long show. Congratulations to the following Centennial

students: **Paula Suzuki, Natalie Richer, Rachel Roberts, Maria Dziarkach, Abi Wheeler, Kambrie Luciani and Jasmine Axxix.**



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## ONTARIO STUDENTS AGAINST IMPAIRED DRIVING

O.S.A.I.D. hosted a very successful and fun pasta dinner and trivia night in the school cafeteria on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. This fundraiser was held to assist 5 school delegates in attending the Provincial Conference, held annually during the month of May. Centennial would like to thank Ms. Yari, our Culinary Arts students, who prepared a wonderful meal for the crowd of over 100 participants, and the community businesses that provided door prizes and prizes for the raffle tables.



WCSS Students: **L-R Adam Brulé, Eric Egert, Lianne Bankert, Vinay Sharma, Justin Chong and Kaj Hemmingsen-Berriault.**

## Co-op opens doors to future employment

Students in the co-operative education program have the opportunity to explore future careers, refine their employability skills, expand their résumés and in **Ryan Whitaker's** case, land full-time summer employment at Vermeer's garden centre & flower shop. Sometimes the best interview is a co-op placement! Well done, Ryan!



## FÉLICITATIONS

Congratulations to **Lily Ayres** who has been awarded a language bursary from the "Explore" program to study French for 5 weeks in Jonquière Québec this summer.



## SUMMER WORK EXCHANGE PROGRAM

WCSS's Core and Extended French students have the opportunity to apply to the YMCA Summer Works Student Exchange program. Participants gain paid work experience, practice their second official language skills, discover another community within Canada and develop personally. Interested students should see Mme Brennand ASAP!

## OUR NEW SCIENCE LABS



Our students and Science teachers have been enjoying the two refurbished science labs since the beginning of Semester II. This year, upwards of 30 of our graduating students will study a science-based subject in University.

## ESL EXPANDS LANGUAGES AT WCSS

We will be offering an **English as a Second Language** program in the 2015/16 school year. This means that students from Welland who previously had to go to Niagara Falls will now be able to stay with their friends in their home community.





## BLUE, ORANGE, WHITE...action!

### COUGAR STUDENTS BORN TO LEAD...

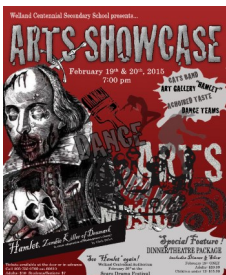
On Monday March 30<sup>th</sup> students had the opportunity to attend the B2L (Born to Lead) Youth Leadership Conference at White Oaks in NOTL. Canada's premier youth leadership conference is for young women who are emerging leaders and entrepreneurs. Over 200 young women from Ontario high schools, colleges and universities had the opportunity to attend workshops led by some of Canada's top-performing companies. The keynote speaker Arlene Dickinson, from the award-winning series *Dragons' Den*, gave an inspirational message to young women.



Claire Grenier, Rose Fraracci, Karling Lucianni, Lianne Bankert and Victoria Guarino

### WCSS STUDENTS CENTRE STAGE

Congratulations to Welland Centennial students who took an amazing 7 out of 15 awards won by the D.S.B.N for this year's Sears Drama Festival for Hamlet, Zombie Killer of Denmark.



- 1) Rita Steeve Award for Best Stage Crew  
**Sears Awards of Excellence:**
- 2) Outstanding Comedic Acting: Sebastien Voth for Laertes
- 3) Outstanding Comedic Acting: Lily Ayres, for Queen Gertrude
- 4) Outstanding Achievement in Make-up Design: Kyla Della Gatta

#### Sears Ontario District Awards of Merit:

- 5) Notable Comedic Acting: Taylor Peters, for Ophelia
- 6) Notable Classical Text Work: Austin Wheeler, for Hamlet
- 7) Notable Achievement in Collaboration: Austin Wheeler and Tim Campbell, *Health Class*



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SEARS ONTARIO DRAMA FESTIVAL  
FESTIVAL DE THÉÂTRE SEARS DE L'ONTARIO  
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### CALLING ALL ARTISTS!!

All students have the opportunity to design this year's Graduation Program. This is your chance to get your art published and noticed. Please visit our school's website for detailed information. Entries must be submitted by **Friday, May 1st**. Entry forms are available online, in the Guidance office & in the Art room #144. ***Please visit our website for Eligibility & Requirements at <http://centennial.dsbno.org/>***  
**Grand Prize \$50.00**



## SR. BOYS BASKETBALL: OFSAA IN OTTAWA

The Sr. boys completed the regular season in first place in Zone 3. The Cougars defeated the Cyclones from E.L. Crossley to capture their second straight Zone 3 Title. Centennial hosted SOSSA and the Cougars qualified for OFSAA as a second entry, losing to eventual OFSAA gold medalists St. Francis. For a second year in a row, the boys were off to OFSAA in Ottawa. The Cougars opened the tourney with a tough match against host team Merivale Marauders from Ottawa. They next faced Huntsville Secondary School and were victorious. This led to a second match-up with St. Francis and the Cougars came up short against the eventual Ontario Champions. The coaches would like to thank the boys for all their hard work and in representing Niagara so well. The 2015 team players: **Alex Elliott, Mike Hardy, Owen Alexander, Mateo Paez, Nick Fitzgerald, Gabe Marais, Brandon Elliott, Sheldon Davis, Jay Clayton, Eric Matkowski, Justin Bryan, and junior call-up Ehab Sati.**



## CHEERLEADERS SHINE AGAIN

Congratulations Cougar Cheerleaders for a hard fought 3rd place finish in the Canadian National cheerleading competition, held recently in Niagara Falls. The Cougars missed out on the first place finish by 0.8 of a point. We are very proud of their achievements as the team had won all 4 previous competitions.

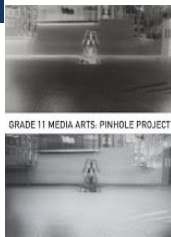


## SWIM CLUB MAKES A SPLASH

The Centennial swimming Cougars had a wonderful swim season this year! Lee-Ann Skulj won 1st place in her 100 m freestyle (front crawl) race, advancing to OFSAA, where she placed 1st in her heat! Mrs. Wilding wants to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of the following swimmers: **Spencer Boyce, Sage Cherevaty, Zach Collin, Jordan Courtney, Abigail Cutts, Lucas DeFreitas, Nick Fitzgerald, Brittney McIntyre, Hannah Miller, Emily Mundy, Gloria Schidowka, Sydney Sherry and Lee-Ann Skulj.**

## GRADE 11 MEDIA ARTS PINHOLE ART

Students from Mrs. Thibault's Visual & Media Arts class created a class set of cameras out of small treasure boxes. A pop can was recycled and cut into small squares to make a pinhole 'lens' for the image to enter the box. Real darkroom photo paper was used to capture the image. Students transferred exposed paper to film tanks using a black bag. The paper was developed, rinsed and dried to reveal the negative. Once dry, students scanned their images at high resolution and worked in Photoshop to invert the image into a positive. This project was a tremendous success in teaching the most basic concepts of photography. More images can be viewed at [www.centennialvisualarts.com](http://www.centennialvisualarts.com)



## UPCOMING EVENTS...

April 21-May 1st DSBN JunkArt Show	June 11th - Gr. 9 EQAO Math Assessment
April 30th - Students' Council Assembly & Executive Election	June 11th - Senior Drama Showcase
May 6th - Spring Concert	June 18-24th - Semester II Final Exams
May 13th-June 2nd - Graduate Art Show	June 23rd - Grade 12 Prom
May 15th - P.A. Day	June 25th - Grade 12 Graduation
May 18th - Victoria Day (Holiday)	June 25 & 26th - P.A. Days
June 3rd - Cougarfest and Awards Assembly	July 3rd - Report Cards and Final

## WELLAND CENTENNIAL S.S. IN THE COMMUNITY

**DSBN Dance Showcase** - The third annual DSBN Dance Showcase took place on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at Centennial and was a celebration of Dance in the District School Board of Niagara. This unique event brought together dance teams, classes, and groups from both elementary and secondary schools. The Centennial dancers also collected non-perishable food items for the Open Arms Mission's food bank and over 324lbs of food was donated.



**The Safe School Team** is a group of Gr. 9-12 students committed to keeping Centennial a safe and welcoming environment for all students. They participate in activities that promote inclusivity, anti-bullying and kindness, and are also a Gay/Straight Alliance. They recently held a bottle drive to raise funds for Pathstone Mental Health and other Safe School Team initiatives. The team donated \$300 to Pathstone Executive Director of the Pathstone Foundation, Carrie Zeffiro.



## WELLAND CENTENNIAL ALUMNI

The Centennial Alumni committee is holding an information meeting on Wed. June 17th at 6:30pm at the school. We are in the beginning stages of planning our 50th anniversary on Oct. 2016 and need interested alumni &/or volunteers to help with the event. Any assistance is appreciated. For further information please email [kim.wylde@dsbn.org](mailto:kim.wylde@dsbn.org).

## WELLAND-PORT COLBORNE CONCERT ASSOCIATION

2015 Juno award nominated Sultans Of Strings performed an afternoon concert to a packed theatre of over 750 students. This concert was the first of what will become an annual tradition thanks to the generosity of the Welland-Port Colborne Concert Association.

