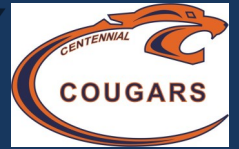


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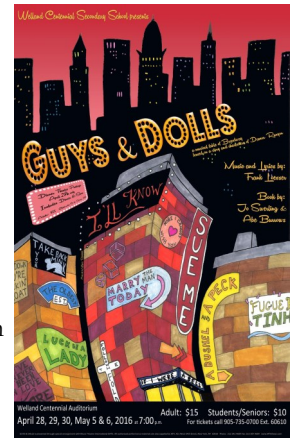
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CENTENNIAL "ROCKS THE BOAT" WITH GUYS & DOLLS

Guys & Dolls Opens on April 28th!

The Arts Department, along with the help of the Tech Department, has become a beehive of activity as we ramp up preparations for our opening night. While the cast rehearses their scenes, perfecting each note, line and dance step, the set building and painting, costume fittings, and lighting design continue to escalate. This upbeat musical promises to be one of our best ever! The show dates are **April 28, 29, 30, May 5, and 6 at 7:00 pm.** On April 28th only, you have the unique opportunity to combine dinner with the show. Our own Chef Rob Laughton will prepare an elaborate buffet for your dining pleasure. The combined dinner/show package is available for \$25 per ticket (\$18 for seniors and children under 12). Seating for dinner is limited to 150, so plan to get those tickets early. **Advance ticket sales** will begin in February and can be purchased through the Main Office. Regular show tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for Seniors and Students, and are also available at the door. Don't miss out on this fabulous opportunity to see our students shine! Congratulations to **Wynne Reichheld** for her prize winning poster that so clearly captures the glamour of "Guys & Dolls".



LANGUAGE COUNTS IN CANADA'S CAPITAL

Congratulations to **Lily Ayres** and **Dario Smagata** for gaining entry to the Forum for Young Canadians. Only 120 students from across Canada are selected to be a part of this prestigious bilingual program each year. Students go behind the scenes and discuss, debate and collaborate contemporary issues. They also meet M.P.s and senators and had a sit-down meal with their local M.P.s Mr. Dean Allison and Mr. Vance Badawey. This continues a long tradition of excellence as one of our French program students Darcy Feagan a 2014 Centennial graduate, is currently employed as a page on Parliament Hill.



"In a multicultural country like Canada, it's becoming increasingly important to speak both of our official languages, and it's amazing to see how many doors to future career opportunities are now open to me thanks to the French Immersion program at Centennial."
-Darcy Feagan

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.

September/October Winners

- Grade 9** Jordan Byng
Steven Crevier
- Grade 10** Aaron Middleton
Catherine Maltas
- Grade 11** Megan Corriveau
Jarod Preston
- Grade 12** Justice Pearson
Dvir Hilu

November/December Winners

- Grade 9** Kyle Chuckry
Brendan Gingras
- Grade 10** Caitlin MacInnis
Heather Montgomery
- Grade 11** Karling Luciani
Ben Hoffman
- Grade 12** Lauren Horinga
Abegale Rodrigues

SHSM'S SAFETY VILLAGE PROJECT

Welland Centennial Specialist High Skills Major Construction students took on another community project this Fall. This project involved constructing a building for the Niagara Ice Dogs and Avondale at the Niagara Region Children's Safety Village. We would like to thank our community partners Serianni Construction, Hachey's Roofing, HD Construction, and Gabmar Homes who came to work with our students. This networking has led to job offers for the students when they graduate. We value our partners on-going support.



Pictured in the photo left to right. Back row: Nigel Evans, Principal of Welland Centennial Secondary School, Claude Hachey - Hachey's Roofing, Ross Serianni - Serianni Construction, Shawn Metlin - HD Construction, Domenic Iannetti - Gabmar Homes, Kevin Krasnay - Centennial Construction teacher, Dave Colonico - Centennial Co-op teacher
Middle Row: students-Reid Whitaker, Jacob Naumann, Stephen Koiter
Front Row: students - Alex Arth, Levi Dobbin, Carlton Todd



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CENTENNIAL BASKETBALL ON THE RISE

Centennial Basketball is once again taking flight as both girls and boys teams are making big strides to continue their dominance in the Niagara region. The Jr. and Sr. girl's teams had excellent seasons and continue to develop young girls into strong, competitive players who represent the school in games, tournaments and all-star competitions. Olivia Smith, a grade 10 student playing senior girls' basketball, was selected to the Niagara Girls High School All-Star game played at St. Catharines Collegiate in December. Olivia was an excellent representative of Centennial and proves that the future remains bright for girls' basketball at Centennial. On the boys' side, both the Sr. boys and Jr. Boys won the annual "Cougar Classic" tournaments held in November and January. The Jr. boys also won gold at the Heritage Jr. Tourney. The Sr. boys also captured the Consolation Championship of the 61st Tribune Tournament by defeating EL Crossley in the final game. The Cougars are gearing up for strong play-off runs in the next couple of weeks. Congratulations to all Centennial basketball players and continued success in the future.



FOOTBALL TEAM SHOW VERSATILITY

Recently, our football team took to the basketball court to play against Pelham Panthers wheelchair basketball team at EL Crossley. They suffered a narrow defeat but they are looking forward to a rematch in the near future.



FUTURE COUGARS CENTRE STAGE



Centennial would like to thank all the Grade 8's for the enthusiasm they showed on their recent visit to Cougar country. Thanks also to the Grade 8 teachers and elementary school principals who made this day such a success.

SWIM TEAM MAKES A SPLASH

The Centennial Swimming Cougars are having an awesome swim season! The team practiced hard every week, and entered into a few practice meets, where they had the chance to hone their skills. The Zone meet was just before Christmas break, and our junior girls and senior boys relay teams made it to SOSSA, which will be Feb. 10th. Mrs. Wilding is proud of all your hard work this swim season! Wish our swimmers good luck!



Back row: Lee-Ann Skulj, Jordan Courtney, Nicholas Yioldassis, Cody Ballantyne, Spencer Boyce
Middle row: Mrs. Wilding, Nick Fitzgerald, Sage Cheravaty, Gloria Schidowka, Hannah Rodrigue
Front row: Camryn Wade, Sierra Prokopetz, Victoria Rivers, Taia Mussari, Sandra Graves

COUGARS SHOUT! CHEER & DANCE



Congratulations to our Cheerleaders, who placed 1st as the High School Champions at this year's Frozen Festival Niagara Championship, held at Eden Secondary School January 17th.

19 The number of Centennial students who have received Microsoft Office Certification this semester!





COUGAR SPIRIT 2015 - 16



The collage above captures events such as Grandparents' Tea, Talent Show, Science Trip, Grade 8 Open House and Centennial for Christ's "Operation Christmas Child" shoebox collection.

BLUE, ORANGE, WHITE...action!

EXPLORING FUTURE CAREERS



We have had another successful term in the Co-operative Education department. Congratulations to the following students on achieving part-time employment as a result of their co-op placement efforts:

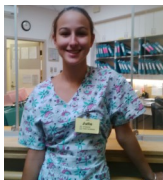
We would like to thank our new employers for supporting our students.



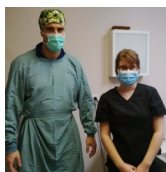
- Connor Todd**, Mommaz Boyz Pub & Eatery
- Dylan Hill**, Prince Charles Pharmacy
- Gloria Schidowka**, Main West Animal Hospital
- Julie Cowley**, Foyer Richelieu
- Anna Young**, TSC Store

- Erie Media**
- Mommaz Boyz Pub & Eatery**
- Nolet Paint Horses**
- Prince Charles Pharmacy**

- Redeemed Goods**
- Soggy Doggy**
- Taris On The Water**
- TSC Store**



Julie Cowley at Foyer Richelieu



Gloria Schidowka and Dr. Aron Bhan at Main West Animal Hospital

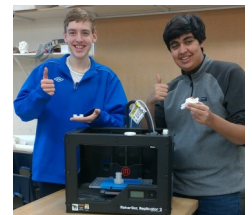
EQAO - A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

This year, students will be writing the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test on Thurs, March 31st. We will be looking to improve upon our first time pass rate of 89%, which was the highest in Welland and Port Colborne last year. During the test, breakfast and snacks are provided to fuel students for the day. We provide small class settings for students to write the test. Extra time and accommodations are provided for students with IEPs and for English Language Learners.

NEW TECHNOLOGY LEADS TO INNOVATION

This semester, students at Welland Centennial have created their own 3D objects using our new 3D Printer - A Makerbot Replicator 2. This device can take anything students draw in AutoCAD or Autodesk Inventor and create the exact physical part. Students now have the ability to develop, design, and build any part that they might need for their robotics projects or design presentations, such as a small 3D model home or a fully functioning wheel and axel for a remote controlled car.

Ben Jason and Ahaz Ellahi, Technological Design students, show pieces created by this exciting new technology.



DU BRUIT DANS LA CUISINE - BON APPÉTIT!

This semester's Gr. 9 Applied French class and the Gr. 10 Culinary Arts students (in period 4) came together over 2 days to experience the culinary art of French cuisine. The culinary students worked in teams to teach the Gr. 9s how to make some wonderful French recipes, such as *soupe à l'oignon*, *coq au vin*, *croquettes* and *Paris-Brest (dessert)* to name a few. After all the fun and learning in the kitchen, this delicious feast was enjoyed by the Gr. 9 class! A special thanks goes out to Mr. Laughton for preparing such a wonderful menu and to his students for doing an excellent job working with the French class.



115 The number of students involved in this year's production of "Guys & Dolls"!

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WOMEN'S WORLD HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP



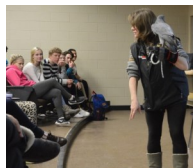
Over 100 Centennial students filled two buses and traveled to the Meridian Centre for the opening game of the IIHF Under 18 Women's World Championship in January. Fans enjoyed the action as Finland battled France in the preliminary round. Special thanks to the organizing committee for including Centennial hockey fans in this event.

CENTENNIAL TURNS 50 THIS YEAR!

Our Alumni committee is hard at work making plans for the school's **50th anniversary**. The main celebrations will take place on **October 7 & 8, 2016**. Events will be held at the school and at the Riverstone Event Centre. Tickets will be on sale in the spring for the Friday and Saturday evening events. Please see our Facebook page, *Welland Centennial Secondary School Alumni*, for more information. We request that any former Cougars email Doug Smith at douglas.smith@bell.net with your contact information so we can keep you updated on the celebrations. If interested in attending, our next meeting will be Wed. Feb. 17th at 6:30pm at the school. We are always looking for new volunteers!

LACK OF DIVERSITY THREATENS OSCAR

Tracey Simpson from the Canadian Peregrine Foundation presented an entertaining and educational session to Science and Geography students January 19. Her presentation featured a history of the threats to peregrine falcons and the efforts to bring the species back from the brink of extinction. Students were able to come face to face (nose to beak) with Oscar, a peregrine falcon that Miss Simpson has raised from a chick.



FREE ADULT COMPUTER EDUCATION

Welland Centennial offers **FREE** Adult Computer Education. Our next session starts in February. Learn Microsoft Office, Photoshop, MovieMaker and website design. Join in our classes geared to adult learners. For further information or to register please call 735-0700 x60711.

For detailed and up-to-date information visit us at <http://centennial.dsbn.org/>

UPCOMING EVENTS...

February 11th - Semi Formal	March 24th - Easter Egg Hunt
February 12th - Early Release Day	March 25th - Good Friday (Holiday)
February 15th - Family Day (Holiday)	March 28th - Easter Monday (Holiday)
March 3rd - DSBN Dance Showcase	March 31st - OSSLT (Literacy Test)
March 10th - Progress Reports	April 7th - Parent-Teacher Interviews
March 7-11 - Spirit Week	April 20th - Last day of Term 1
March 11th - Spirit Assembly	April 28-30 & May 5-6 WCSS Drama Production 2016 "Guys & Dolls"
March 14-18th - March Break	May 3rd - Mid-Semester Report Cards

4TH ANNUAL DSBN DANCE SHOWCASE

On Thurs. Mar. 3rd, Centennial will host the 4th annual DSBN Dance Showcase. This unique event brings together dance teams, classes, and groups from both elementary and secondary schools. You are invited to a celebration of dance in our school board. Tickets will be sold at the door and food items will be collected in support of the **Welland Open Arms Mission**. Cost: \$10 for adults (or \$8 with a food donation at the door) and \$7 for students (\$5 with a food donation). Doors will open at 6:30pm. For more information, please contact Miss Wylde at kim.wylde@dsbn.org.

EARLY REGISTRATION FOR 2016-17

Students will be encouraged to register sometime in early **April - date to be announced**

****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).



IMPORTANT GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Graduation is quickly approaching...

Grad Fees: Please ensure your grad fees of \$30 are paid.

Baby Photos: Student's Council is asking all graduates to bring in a baby photo to use in the grad slide show.

Community Service Hours: Are your 40 hours completed? Completing 40 hours is a pre-requisite to graduate.

Course Selection for 2016/17:

Student Services has been meeting with students to complete their course selections for the 2016/17 school year. Summaries of the students' course selections will be mailed with their mid-term report cards in May.

27th

of May .. Save the date for our annual **Relay for Life!**

