

WELLAND CENTENNIAL SECONDARY

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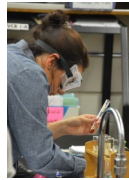
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INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE...



Over the summer close to half a million dollars was spent on improvements to our school. Two science labs are in the process of being completely refurbished at a cost of \$400,000. Our field has been regraded, complete with an underground irrigation system, at a cost of \$70,000. It will

be ready for use at the start of the 2015/16 school year. Our auditorium has been refitted with new LED lighting that will reduce energy consumption by 90% as well as providing greater light for our audiences. This project cost \$10,000 and was financed in part by an energy rebate from the Welland Hydro Incentive Program.



COUGARS DEMONSTRATE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE!

Congratulations to Centennial students for an outstanding set of EQAO scores in Grade 9 Math and on the Grade 10 Literacy Test. In Grade 9, 83% of our students scored at Level 3 or higher in both Academic and Applied Math, above the

Board Average. On the Literacy Test, students scored 86% (above the Board & Provincial averages) with 97% of our students taking part. This is above the 93% Provincial participation rate. Thanks to all our staff and parents for your support.

SPREADING THE WORD...



WCSS Environmental Club members planted around our new school sign. The Cougars would like to thank the **Welland Port Colborne Concert Association** for their \$5,000 donation toward the cost.

From left to right: **Lianne Bankert, Olivia Carlson, Ramie Bilowus, Destiny Collins, Rebecca Parry, Kelsey Rynberk, Vinay Sharma, Emily Deiter, Lexie Thomas and Morgan Fink.**

Thanks to **Rynberk Landscaping** for their assistance with the project!!

COUGAR EARNS TOP AWARD

Congratulations to **Vinay Sharma** who was recently recognized by the Welland Chamber of Commerce as the Welland Youth Citizen of the year. Vinay was one of 17 students from across Welland who were nominated for this prestigious award.



Centennial would also like to recognize and congratulate our other nominees, **Steven Alakas, Lianne Bankert, Caitlin deVries and Emilee Leonard**, who are all fine ambassadors for our school.

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A RECIPE FOR SUCCESS



Welland Centennial Secondary School's Culinary Arts team are once again providing nutritious meals for the entire school at lunch time. In addition to this, dinner is also made for artists and crews performing as part of the Welland and Port Colborne Concert Association.

Students have prepared dinner for groups such as The Peking Acrobats, Chorus Niagara, The Russian Ballet, The Mantini Sisters, The Niagara Symphony and many other local and international acts. We would like to thank patrons for their glowing reviews and return custom.



ACADEMIC SUPPORT

It is the aim of Centennial Staff to encourage all our students to achieve a minimum mark of 70%. This is because 50% represents a pass, but 70% represents reaching the Provincial Standard and mastery of the skills involved. In order to support this goal there is a Lunch Time Homework Club for Math each Tuesday & Thursday in Room 114, and after school Math help for Grade 10s on Tuesday and Grade 9s on Thursdays. There will be a homework club blitz offered each day at lunch for all subject areas on the following dates: Dec. 8th to 19th and Jan. 5th to 9th.

HOLMES ON HOMES & MORE

Our SHSM programs continue to offer innovative and unique experiences outside the classroom. Our construction program recently visited Rinaldi Construction's building site to follow a Holmes Inspection process approved by T.V. personality Mike Holmes. Students observed a thermal inspection, and toured homes in various stages of completion, from foundation to framing to finish. The Arts & Culture program is offering a wide range of activities delivered by expert guests, including African Dance training and workshops with Clown Performance and makeup design. There is also a workshop called "Sketch Up" for students with an interest in Graphic Arts.



50TH ANNIVERSARY APPROACHING

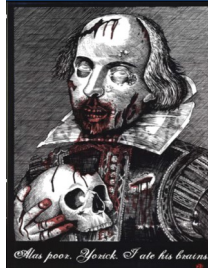
As a lead up to our 2016 50th anniversary celebrations our Alumni Association hosted a pasta night on October 9th. There were 100 guests who enjoyed the meal. We look forward to future events. A list of meetings and upcoming events can be found at <http://centennialalumni.weebly.com>

FULL FRENCH EXPERIENCE

Recently the University of Ottawa came calling to recruit students from the French Immersion Program. Centennial is their natural choice as nearly 50% of our students study French in Core and Immersion classes. We offer 12 Extended French credits towards the 30 needed to graduate making Centennial a truly bilingual school. Cultural experiences offered, such as trips to French theatres and restaurants in Toronto, Educational Exchanges to France, Work exchanges to Québec, and this year there is a March Break trip to France and Italy where our Italian learners will also participate.



IT'S A THRILLER



This year's school play is a one-act adaptation of William Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, entitled, *Hamlet, Zombie Killer of Denmark*. On stage as part of the Arts Showcase on February 19th & 20th. Please contact Mrs. Neufeld for further information or visit:

www.centennialdrama.com

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The Student of the Month is an award given by the staff at WCSS to recognize students from each grade for the hard work, participation and their contribution to school life.

September

Grade 9 Reese Radobenko
Grade 10 Keaton Welychka
Grade 11 Dvir Hilu
Grade 12 Sebastian Voth

October

Grade 9 Vani Sharma
Grade 10 Dario Smagata
Grade 11 Amanda Pattison
Grade 12 Bayleigh Turgeon

This award is sponsored by M.T. Bellies Tap & Grillhouse



COUGAR SPIRIT 2014 - 15



BLUE, ORANGE, WHITE...action!

RECOGNIZING OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Welland Centennial would like to thank the following businesses and groups for supporting our Co-Operative Education program this year.

Adelina's Catering	Electric Dreams Video	Maddalena Uniforms	Plymouth Cordage	Welland Aero Centre
A Little R&R Vacations	Evergreen Construction	Main West Hospital	Prince Charles Animal Hospital	Welland Animal Hospital
Bardon Supplies Ltd.	Gabmar Homes	Mak Studio Photography	Pupos Super Market	Welland County General Hospital
Belle Electric	Galaxy 2000	Mario's Electric	Rick's Service Centre	Welland Historical Museum
Blue Star Restaurant	Health Studio	Midas	Ritetrac Auto and Service	Welland Public Library
Bogner Photography	Giant Tiger	Mike Knapp	Rona	Welland Wellness & Recreation
Boston Pizza	Goodwill	Mikes Music	Sage-Femmes Midwifery	Wintronic
C.C.'s Dugout	Hair Hunters	Mini War Gaming	Seasons First Avenue	YMCA
City of Welland	Handlebar Hanks	Modern Vision Mixed Martial Arts	Serianni Construction	YMCA Father Fogarty Centre
Cogeco	Harvey's	Modern Vision Mixed Martial Arts	Sobeys	YMCA Glendale
Cut Plus	Healthwise, Seaway Mall	M.T. Bellies	Staples	Zavarella Electric
Dairy Queen	Hendrick & Takacs	My Place Restaurant	St. Charles Village	
Doral Holdings	Hicks Lumber	Niagara Region Children's Safety	The Hope Centre	
Dr. Mancuso & Associates	Hill Boles	Palazzo Salon & Spa	U Need A Pita	
Dr. Richard Hsiung	Home Hardware	Performance Computers	Vermeer's	
Dr. Saari Optometrists	JJ Patterson & Sons Funeral	Pet Valu	Welland & District Humane Society	
Electric Beach	Kentucky Fried Chicken	Physiotherapy Rehabilitation Centre		

SPORTS UPDATE

Cougar athletes have been busy again. The Senior Boys football team lost in the quarter finals to Stamford, while the Juniors reached the finals for the 2nd year in a row. Our Junior girls basketball team finished second in the regular season and lost in the zone final. Both the Junior and Senior boys volleyball teams made the play offs.



Congratulations to **Connor Jolliffe** and **Ilyab Noor Ellahi** who are the Junior Doubles Tennis zone champions. In Senior

mixed doubles **Rachel Roberts** and **Gabe Marais** won zone and were runners up at SOSSA.

Mrs. Fitzgerald commends the teams' effort and sportsmanship. In Cross Country five runners advanced to SOSSA. Congratulations go to **Mikayla Minken, Hope Garner,**

Brittney McIntyre, Austin Brochu and **Nathaniel Baker.** The Cougar Golf team participated at the Rio Vista Golf Invitational where **Savannah Prokopetz** won "low gross".



A WINNING TRADITION

Congratulations to the Senior Girls Basketball team who, completed an impressive back-to-back Tribune Tournament win. The Senior Cougars ran out 36-33 winners against the St. Francis Pheonix in a thrilling game that saw the Cougars trail by as many as 8 points. Awesome fan support contributed to an electric atmosphere for the game. This season the girls have also won the prestigious Bishop MacDonell tournament in Guelph and have won Zone for the 4th consecutive year. Our Tribune Championship team is: **Alexis Brenzil, Bayley Carmichael, Hannah Donofrio, Brooke Ferrara, Rebecca Fuaco, Dana Hardy, Sarah Holmes, Tabi Leishman, Starr Lund, Ceilidh Richardson, Rachel Roberts & Tayler Vajda.**



Thank you to Mr. Mosley and Mr. Marando for their inspiring coaching & leadership.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

November 19th - Open House

November 25th - Chess Team Tournament

November 11th to 21st - Operation Christmas Child



December 5th - Grandparents Tea

December 8th - week of Christmas Food Drive

December 10th - Christmas Concert

December 11th - Christmas Dance

December 19th - Christmas Assembly & Talent Show

December 20th to January 4th - Winter Break



January 5th - Classes Resume

January 14th - University Application Deadline

January 15th - Senior Drama Showcase

January 15th- EQAO Grade 9- Math Assessment

January 23rd to 29th – Semester One Final exams

January 30th - P.A. Day

February 1st - College Application Deadline

February 2- First Day of Semester Two

STILL TIME TO GET INVOLVED!



Many clubs and groups are now up and running here at Centennial and we are always looking for new recruits—try one out! We have The Environment Club, Cougars for Christ, OSAID, Art Club, Me to We, Dr. Who and more. Make the most of your time by meeting people with similar interests.

