

# WELLAND CENTENNIAL SECONDARY

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## Students of the Month:

Starla Blais Aaron Middleton  
Stephen Crevier Catherine Maltais  
Megan Corriveau Justice Pearson  
Jared Preston Dvir Hilu

## DSBN DIRECTOR'S RECOGNITION AWARD

John Woods was recognized by the DSBN's Director Mr. Warren Hoshizaki at a recent Board meeting. For over 20 years John has volunteered his time and expertise to make our auditorium a state of the Art facility for our Community to enjoy. Congratulations John and thank you!

**John Woods receiving the Director's recognition award.**



## CONSTRUCTION: HELPING BUILD A SAFE COMMUNITY

Centennial's Construction students are building another project in the community, at the Niagara Children's Safety Village. They are building a small arena for the Niagara Ice Dogs and a storefront for an Avondale. Students work with their teacher, Mr. Krasnay, and local contractors, Serianni Construction, Gabmar Homes, HD Construction and Hachey's Roofing. The walls were built in class and transported to the site, trusses were erected on site and the students are currently completing the exterior finish.



## COUGARS SHINE WITH THE HIGHEST PASS RATE IN WELLAND

Congratulations to our students who wrote the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) in March, 2015. Our school's pass rate for first-time writers was 89%. This is a 3% jump over last year's score. We are well above the provincial average, and our staff and students can be proud to say that they achieved the highest pass rate of all Welland schools. Current grade 10s will write the OSSLT on March 31, 2016.



Grade 9 Semester 1 Geography students enjoy a trip to the Falls

## A HEAD START FOR WCSS STUDENTS

The first 4 students to attempt the Microsoft Office User Specialist Certification exams (highly valued in today's workplace) all passed with an average score of 880. In order to pass, a student must get 700 points. It's really awesome that 3 of those students are in grade 9! Mr. Lapointe would like to congratulate:



- Kaileah Goulden (the first DSBN grade 9 student to become certified)
- Cody Taylor- grade 9
- Jordan Schrock- grade 9
- Emily Barillari- grade 12

## FRENCH OPENS DOORS

Grade 9s and 10s attended a presentation regarding an exciting opportunity for travel and improving language skills. The Canadian Education Exchange Foundation offers exchanges to France, Belgium, Spain and Italy. Students can apply for 1 month exchange in the summer or 3 month (February to May) exchange. This unique program is an excellent way to improve language skills, live and learn in a new culture and make new friends. Any interested students are asked to get a preliminary application form from their Extended French or Core French teacher or see Mme Brennand in Guidance. Parents can visit the website at [www.ceef.ca](http://www.ceef.ca) or call Mme Brennand.

The University of Ottawa recently visited our Grade 12 Extended French students to talk about their French Immersion Program. This unique program allows students to study in their major and maintain and expand their French skills. Several Centennial graduates have gone on to study in this program, launching successful careers.

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## COUGARS SHOW A GENEROUS SPIRIT..

### COUNCIL SENDS A CHEQUE

Our Student's Council used some of the proceeds from our Halloween Dance to make a \$250 donation to the Ronald McDonald House Charities Toronto at the Ontario Student Leadership Conference on Nov 9th.



### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD KICKS OFF

Centennial for Christ kicked off its 6th annual 'Operation Christmas Child' shoebox campaign between Nov. 2-16. The campaign provides gifts for children in less fortunate countries through Samaritan's Purse Canada. This event sends millions of shoeboxes collected from different parts of the world, to children aged 2-14, regardless of gender, race, or religion. Shoeboxes are filled with various hygiene items, school supplies and toys go to children in countries such as El Salvador, Costa Rica, Chili, Uruguay, Senegal & Ukraine. A big thank you goes out to the many volunteers, students, staff and classes who participated and donated items this year!



### RELAY FOR LIFE - MAY 27TH 2016

Every other year, the Welland Centennial family comes together to deal cancer yet another punishing blow. With so many of us being negatively impacted and touched by this disease, Relay for Life has become a unifying event for students, staff and the entire Centennial community. We raised **\$50,000** in 2014 and it is our goal to do the same in 2016. We will be asking students to form teams of 10 and do their best to collect a minimum of **\$100 per person** in order to help us reach our goal. Students and teachers will then join together for an all night walk around our track, with 1 member from each team walking the track at all times. Meanwhile, other team members will be treated to a fun filled night of games and activities. We are calling upon our generous Centennial community for donations and support towards this cause. Cancer survivors are encouraged to contact us and join us for the first lap, "The Survivors' Lap" (picture attached), an inspirational kickoff to the night. Survivors, volunteers and anyone interested in donating money, food, supplies or entertainment are asked to contact Mitch Lapointe.



### PROTECTING ERIE SHORELINE

On a warm, sunny day in October, the Environmental Club went to the Marcy's Woods Nature Reserve to help the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority and a local conservation club to help secure the sand dunes by planting beach grass along a beautiful stretch of beach along Lake Erie. After the planting was completed, a member of the Bert Miller Nature Club took us on a walk through the woods and pointed out the unique characteristics of this protected area. We finished off a gorgeous day with a barbecue and a beautiful sunset.



Morgan Fink, Lily Ayres, Briar Coote, Nadine Wickens

### VIMY RIDGE - APRIL 2017 - A TRIP OF A LIFETIME



Let's honour the 100th anniversary of the battle that created Canada! A trip is being planned for April, 2017. Come spend 9 days in Paris, Vimy & Normandy. Cost is **\$3,429 p.p.**

An information session will be held for parents and students Wednesday, November 18 at 7pm in room 103.

### GRADE 10 HISTORY

The grade 10 History classes attended the Ruthven National Historic Manor in Cayuga on October 23rd.

A soldier is explaining ambulances in the "Medical Tent" to Yutaro Hanioka & Jordan Byng



### CENTENNIAL DANCE TEAM

The Centennial Dance Team had the opportunity to learn amazing choreography from professional Toronto-based dancers George Absi and Shane Simpson. They will be performing the new dance at the Winter Concert in December. They will also be performing various dances at the DSBN Dance Showcase in March and at competitions in the spring.



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## COUGAR SPIRIT FALL 2015



## 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 term.

Active Green & Ross	Maddalena Uniforms	Rick's Service Centre	Welland & District Humane Society
Adelina's Catering	Main West Hospital	RM Bookkeeping	Welland Animal Hospital
Doral Holdings	Mommaz Boys	Sobeys	Welland County General Hospital
Erie Media	Nolet Paint Horses	Soggy Doggy	Welland Court House
Foyer Richelieu	Performance Computers	Staples	Welland Retirement Suites
Gabmar Homes	Prince Charles Pharmacy	Taris on the Water	YMCA Father Fogarty Centre
Isis Body Sugaring & Esthetics	Plymouth Cordage	TSC Stores	
	Redeemed Goods	Vincent's Red Hot Pizza	



Alexandria Simpson at the Welland Animal Hospital



Oscar Li at Active Green and Ross



Abigail Cutts at Sobeys Bakery



Darik Szabo at the Plymouth Cordage Community

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## SPORTS UPDATE

The Jr Girls Basketball Team had an amazing season finishing 3rd in zone and top four in every tournament they entered. They had a strong playoff game, beating 2nd place ELC, 56 to 32. Ms. Spiers would like to thank the team for all their hard work and commitment this season. **Team members: Hayley Williams, Amelie Marais, Hannah Thompson, Brenna Ferrara, Kennedy Saxton, Destiny Paquin, Catherine Wirkkunen, Tess Rowland, Catherine Maltais, Emily Babyak.**



A huge congratulations goes out to **Kayla Burke**, whose focus & determination earned her 2nd place at SOSSA, followed by 15th place finish at OFSAA. Congratulations on your well-deserved achievement. Ms. Huska and Mrs. Thibault would like to thank all golfers for a fun filled season, and we are looking forward to practicing in the spring.



The Centennial Girls 7's rugby team held their first ever "Halloween 7's tournament". The teams dressed up in themed costumes and competed for the Halloween trophy. It was a great day for the girls, winning 2 out of 4 games and finishing 3rd overall. They also managed to fundraise through their "Trick or Treat" bake stand. We would like to thank all the supporters that cheered them all throughout the day.



Victoria Rivers, Kala Slow, Adrienne Thompson

## DSBN FILM COMPETITION

The following students attended a DSBN film competition called FRAMES held at the Shaw Festival Theatre. Grace Nichols, Mika Wooley, Jackson Pijl, Alex Brideau-Loft, Alex Ryan, Flora Sibley.



Cougars editing their work

## "GUYS & DOLLS" WCSS PLAY THIS YEAR

The Arts Department is looking forward to mounting a full-scale production in the spring. This year, we turn our attention to the classic Broadway musical "Guys & Dolls". The ensemble is having fun in rehearsal while working on learning the music of this fabulous show. A sneak preview of some of the songs will be performed at this year's Winter Concert on Dec. 9.

We are running a **POSTER ART CONTEST** for the musical "Guys & Dolls". The deadline is November 20th for submissions and the info is available at [www.centennialvisualarts.com](http://www.centennialvisualarts.com)



## A GREAT CROSS-CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Centennial has welcomed our first class of ESL students from around the world. Students from Ms. Shedden's ESL class joined Mme Pelissero's Gr.10 Core French class during their unit on Food and International Cuisine to participate in a cross-cultural experience. As



Our ESL (English as a Second Language) students experiencing a piece of our culture by carving pumpkins this Fall.



part of a French unit on International Cuisine, the ESL students paired up with these Gr.10s to teach them how to use chopsticks (*"les baguettes"* en français).

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

- Dec 2nd - Grade 8 Open
- Dec 4th - Grandparents' Tea
- Dec 9th—Christmas Concert
- Dec 7-11 - Christmas Food Drive
- Dec 10th - Christmas Dance
- Dec 18th - Christmas Assembly & Talent Show
- Dec 21 to Jan 1 - Winter Break
- Jan 4th - Classes Resume
- Jan 11-22 - Grade 9 EQAO Math Assessments
- Jan 13th - University Application Deadline
- Jan 21st - Senior Drama Showcase
- Jan 29 - Feb 4th - FINAL EXAMS for Sem I
- Feb 1st - College Application Deadline
- Feb 5th - P.A. Day (no classes)
- Feb 8th - First Day of Semester II
- Feb 11th - Semi Formal
- Feb 12th - Early Release Day
- Feb 15th - Family Day

## POET AND PRIZE WINNER

Meaghan Salmon, a grade 11 student, was one of the winners of the Fresh Ink Contest for 2015. The contest, sponsored by the St. Catharines Public Library, solicits original student fiction and poetry, judged by experts in the field, for publication in the Fresh Ink magazine (pictured). Meaghan's poem "A Dance of Phantoms" has been published in the magazine. Her entry earned her a prize of \$100.



## EMPOWERING WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY

A group of girls studying Technology at Centennial attended DSBN's third "Empowering Young Women in Technology" conference. The girls listened to powerful guest speakers describe their trade and the rewards they have experienced. They then broke into discussion groups with many



women mentors that hold careers in different streams of technology. The girls were exposed to many school and career opportunities.