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SISTERS IN SPIRIT RECEIVES HONOURS AT SEARS DRAMA FESTIVAL



Congratulations to the cast & crew of WCSS's original dramatic production, "Sisters in Spirit", who were honoured with the distinction of Most Outstanding Production at the Sears Drama Festival. Awards of Excellence were also presented to **Conor Koval & Gryffin Schirru** (Ensemble Performance) and **Rowan O'Rourke & Wynne Reichheld** (Costumes). An Award of Merit (Achievement in Acting) was given to **Ali Corriveau** for her portrayal of "Skye". WCSS will now represent the DSBN at the Sears Drama Regionals in Hamilton, and will perform at three secondary schools in April. The team is honoured to continue to raise awareness for Canada's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls (MMIWG). Thank you to the entire Centennial community for their continued support and encouragement with this powerful learning journey!

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.

February & March Winners

Grade 9

Jackson Edge & Georgina Holditch
Mike Culliford & Deakyne Rosinski

Grade 10

Bobby Lacombe-Watt & Cierra Cassar
Emma Wright & Drew Elliott

Grade 11

Camryn Wade & Avery Dempster
Tara Napper & Kayla Marttila

Grade 12

Colin McNicoll & Brynna Campbell
Victoria Stuart & Madison Aitken

COUGARS AT THE WATERLOO MATH CONTEST

On February 28th, 25 WCSS students from Grades 9-11 participated in the Waterloo Math Competition. This international tournament attracts the top students of each school and our representatives did us proud. Congratulations to **Faith Ingebrigtsen, Sommer Newton, Bobby Lacombe-Watt and Kevin Kim** who were awarded Certificates of Distinction for achieving positions in the top 25% of all participants.

Academic Excellence Pays Off

Congratulations to Student Council Prime Minister, **Karling Luciani**, who secured a \$40,000 scholarship awarded by Guelph University. Karling will study neuroscience. The scholarship was awarded to 8 out of 40 interviewees from across Canada. Good luck next year, Karling.



Two-Time Gold Medal Winners

Grade 12 Construction students **Jacob Nauermann and Stephen Koiter** won a First Place Gold Medal for the second year in a row at the DSBN Team Carpentry Skills Competition, held on March 8th. Last year, Jacob and Stephen competed for Team Carpentry against 48 teams in the Provincials and came home with a bronze medal. This year, they will compete in the Provincial Skills Competition at the Toronto Conference Centre. Congratulations, Jacob and Stephen.



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WCSS HOSTS LGBTQ+ HEALTHY LIVING CONFERENCE

Thanks to Grade 11 student **Riley Kennedy's** successful application for a Speak-Up grant, WCSS will be hosting an LGBTQ+ Healthy Living Conference in May. South Niagara High School students are invited to spend the morning listening to guest speakers and meeting community organizations that support members of the LGBTQ+ community in South Niagara. Watch the school website for additional details. Congratulations, Riley!

MARY CHOI TAKES CENTRE STAGE

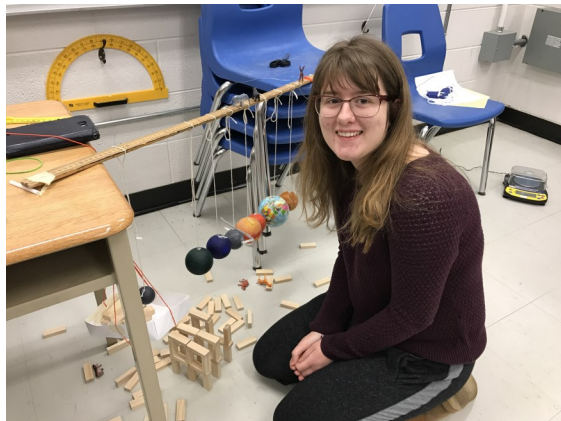
Grade 12 student **Mary Choi** made her debut performance on the violin with Niagara Symphony Musicians in a performance of Beethoven's Egmont Overture on Tuesday, April 4th. This SHSM Performing Arts event gave high school musicians from Centennial and other DSNB high schools the opportunity to engage with professional musicians for a truly inspiring Performing Arts event. Also featured was Brahms' A German Requiem, with over 30 Centennial voices involved.

DSBN DANCE SHOWCASE

On March 23rd, over 450 dancers from across the region came to Centennial for the 5th annual DSNB Dance Showcase. This unique event brought together dance teams, classes, and groups from both elementary and secondary schools interested in performing for a wider audience. This event was not a competition but a showcase and celebration of what is happening with dance in our school board. The evening performance culminated in a grand finale that was choreographed by Toronto Afro-Caribbean choreographer, Jazmyn Fyffe. Non-perishable food items were also collected in support of the Welland Open Arms Mission.



A SCIENTIFIC TWIST ON AN OLD GAME



Gloria Schidowka works on the design of a "Rube Goldberg" machine for a Grade 12 Physics project. The machine, designed and built by Gloria and her group, used multiple steps to ultimately spray a can of silly string.

JUNIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

On Monday, March 20th, the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, hosted the 36th annual Ontario Junior Citizen Awards ceremony at Queen's Park.

Thirteen outstanding youth from across Ontario, including Welland Centennial's own

Dario Smagata-Bryan, were recognized in front of family and friends for their inspiring community involvement. Congratulations, Dario!



Niagara's Best Dance Crew Competition

On April 3rd, 40 Centennial dancers competed at the Niagara's Best Dance Crew competition at the Scotiabank Centre. Amazing dancers from Niagara, Toronto, Hamilton, and Barrie took part in the competition. Some of our dancers were competing for the very first time! They all represented Centennial well and



had excellent results. The Gr. 11/12 dance class earned a first place, a high gold, and a score of 92.1. **Madi Jessop** competed her solo in a very tough category of 9 soloists and earned a 4th place, high gold, and a score of 91.3.

The dance team competed two dances. Their Hip Hop dance earned a 3rd place, a high gold, and a score of 92.17 and their lyrical dance received a 1st place, high gold, and a score of 92.13. Way to go, dancers!

BLUE, ORANGE, WHITE...action!

SOME SMART COOKIES!

Signora Pelissero's Semester 1 Italian class completed an end of course activity of Italian cookie and dessert baking. The students made tiramisù, Italian almond wedding cookies, Italian vanilla cookies, gluten-free lady fingers, and pizzelle. Delizioso!



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COUGAR SPIRIT



TRIP TO VIMY RIDGE HONOURS CANADA'S PAST



The trip was advertised as "a trip of a lifetime", and it was! Twenty-three students and four staff members travelled to France and took part in the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge: the battle that made us a nation. What an experience and what a ceremony it was with French, British and Canadian dignitaries, as well as thousands of Canadian students from coast to coast! The students also had the opportunity to visit Paris, Normandy and Northern France to better understand the sacrifice made by thousands of Canadians during the two World Wars. Memories were made for life!



REGISTRATION FOR THE 2017/2018 SCHOOL YEAR

All students are encouraged to register beginning May 1st. Registration forms have been included in this package with your child's report card and this newsletter.

To register early, please submit the following:

- 1. Student Verification Form**
(parents must revise & update all info)
- 2. Applicable Fees**
Activity Fee \$35 + Yearbook Fee \$33
Grad Fee \$40 for Grade 12s only

- 3. Additional Forms - Info Technology Digital Agreement Form, Permission to Participate Form, Science Department Form**
All to be signed and returned upon registering

Students who register using Cash OnLine will save \$5.00 on their Activity Fee.

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

Paying for school items just got easier! Sign up to get started today. School Cash OnLine is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees.

Go to: <https://dsbn.schoolcashionline.com/>
and get started today!



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UPCOMING EVENTS...

May 1st - College Acceptance Deadline (OCAS)

May 18th - 21st - New York City Trip

May 19th - P.A. Day

May 22nd - Victoria Day

May 31st - Cougarfest & Awards Assembly

May 31st - Toronto Blue Jays Game

June 1st - University Acceptance Deadline (OUAC)

June 15th - Grade 9 EQAO Math Assessment

June 22nd-28th - Semester 2 Final Exams

June 27th - Prom - Delphi Banquet Facilities

June 29th - Graduation

June 29th & 30th - P.A. Days

July 7th - Report Cards Mailed Home

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A SCHOLARSHIP DONOR?

Every year, WCSS awards scholarships to a number of its graduates. These scholarships are made possible by generous community-minded citizens who would like to recognize our students for their dedication to their studies & community involvement. If you would like to become a scholarship donor or would like more information, please contact our Guidance Department.

EXTENDED FRENCH STUDENTS VOLUNTEER

A study conducted at Brock University that paired high school students with nursing home residents recently concluded, and one of our Extended French students took part. Over the past year, **Jessenia Sosa** volunteered at a francophone retirement home in Welland. The study allowed students to see the opportunities in Health Care, especially in a French language setting. For the full article, published in the Brock News, visit the link that can be found on the school's website under Extended French.

GOLDEN WORDS

On Friday, March 3rd **Riley Kennedy** participated in the DSBN Concours d'Art Oratoire. This competition saw students from the DSBN Core and Extended French programs present a speech on a topic of their choice in front of a panel of judges. Riley competed in the Senior Extended French category and won gold with his impressive skill at mastering a technical vocabulary based on his future aspirations of working in the medical field. Riley will continue at the provincial level on May 6th at the Glendon Campus. Bonne Chance!!

BORN TO LEAD YOUTH CONFERENCE



On March 27th, **Korynne Cousineau, Zoe Schoonings & Gabi Louks** attended the Born to Lead Youth Conference held at White Oaks. Michele Romanow, a judge on TV's Dragon's Den, was the keynote speaker. The students attended several workshops that addressed leadership, personal development, and career advancement.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

One of our favourite geography teachers, Mr. Seebach, is spreading the word to all students interested in attending the Toronto Blue Jays vs the Cincinnati Reds baseball game on Wednesday, May 31st at the Rogers Centre. You will be travelling in style on a coach bus. Please see Mr. Seebach for a permission form and more information. This could be a World Series Year for the Jays!



This year's **Brock Niagara French Contest** is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10th. WCSS will be represented by 15 awesome Grade 11 and 12 Core and Extended French students. Good luck at this amazing and challenging language contest!



NEW YORK CITY TRIP UPDATE

The tickets have been bought, reservations made, and hotel rooms booked. On May 18th, Mr. Braun and 50 of Centennial's finest will board the bus for 4 days in the Big Apple. A Broadway production of Anastasia, a visit to Times Square, and a trip to the top of Rockefeller Center are just some of the amazing sights on their itinerary. Have an awesome trip!

Cougars are National Champions



Congratulations to our cheerleading team for winning the National Cheerleading Championship at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls. The team has set consistently high standards this year by winning all four competitions that they have entered. In the National Competition, the Cougars beat twelve teams from Quebec and Ontario to take the gold. Centennial has a strong cheerleading program. This is our second National Championship in five years. Well done. Thank you to coaches Brittany Blasioli, Carley Muir, Nikki Napper and Emily Neudorf.

The Welland Centennial Secondary School Cheerleaders are:

Eden Aitken, Allison Battista, Alyssa Bendlis, Keana Buswa, Ashley Clarke-Smith, Colleen Dent, Alana Franco, Brooke Goodman, Kaileah Goulden, Brittany Hanson, Olivia Healey, Rielly Jinks, Kennedy Keith, Emily Kyle, Shelby Laing, Brianna Levere, Madison Nicholls, Hanna Riel, Taylor Smith, Kendra Visser and Emma Wright.

Commencement 2017
Welland Centennial Secondary School
Graduation Information and Instructions



Congratulations to
Welland Centennial Secondary School
2017 Graduates

50th
Commencement
Ceremony

Thursday, June 29th, 2017
@ 6:30pm
Welland Centennial's
J.M. Ennis Auditorium

The Auditorium will be open to guests with tickets at 5:30 pm. The ceremony will last approximately two hours.

A reception will follow in the cafeteria for students and guests.

This newsletter contains important information for all graduates regarding the commencement ceremony.

Cap and Gown Pick-up

WHEN:	<u>Wednesday, June 28th</u>	<u>Thursday, June 29th</u>
TIME:	10:00am-12:00pm	5:30pm
WHERE:	Room 133	Room 133

Returning Your Gown

Your gown must be returned to Room 133 within 15 minutes after the ceremony. The gowns are rented and you will be charged with purchasing the gown if it is not returned.

Arrival Information

- All students must be in the cafeteria to line up by 6:00pm.
- The auditorium will open at 5:30pm for guests with tickets.
- There is no assigned seating.
- Room 103 will open and available for guests without tickets.

Additional Information

Please ensure that your grad fees of \$40 are paid and that your 40 hours of community involvement have been completed. Please check with the Guidance Office if you are not certain.

Due to our large graduating class and the limited capacity in the auditorium, each student will be permitted to invite 4 guests. Tickets will be distributed.

Grads should be checking the scholarship links on the school website.

Grad Meetings have been scheduled for:

1. Wednesday, May 3rd Period 2
2. Tuesday, May 23rd Period 3
3. Friday, June 9th Period 1 (Grad Breakfast)

Please plan to attend these important meetings.

Class of 2017