



WELLAND CENTENNIAL SECONDARY

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UPCOMING EVENTS...

- Nov 29th - Grade 8 Open House
- Dec 3-7 - Christmas Food Drive
- Dec 7th - Grandparents' Tea
- Dec 12th - Christmas Concert
- Dec 21st - Christmas Assembly/Talent Show
- Dec 25 to Jan 5 - Winter Break
- Jan 7th - Classes Resume
- Jan 16th - University Application Deadline
- Jan 16th - Senior Drama Showcase
- Jan 17th - Grade 9 EQAO Math Assessments
- Jan 25 - Jan 31st - FINAL EXAMS for Sem I
- Feb 1st - College Application Deadline
- Feb 1st - PA Day (no classes)
- Feb 4th - First Day of Semester II
- Feb 8th - Canada Day Winter Festival
- Feb 14 - Distribution of Sem. I Report Cards
- Feb 14th - Semi Formal
- Feb 15th - P.A. Day (no classes)
- Feb 18th - Family Day

A FITTING TRIBUTE REMEMBRANCE DAY 2018

WCSS showed its appreciation of the sacrifices made by our fallen soldiers, veterans and those who presently serve our country in our annual Remembrance Day ceremony. Over 80 students and staff participated in this important event. A special thank you to members of the Lincoln and Welland regiment who were in attendance, and who were available to talk to our students in their afternoon classes.



INTRODUCING THIS YEAR'S 2018-2019 STUDENT COUNCIL



Prime Minister: Shelby Laing
Deputy Prime Minister: Amélie Marais
Executive Officers: Keylee Smith, Aiza Malik, Destiny Paquin & Stanley Lam
Grade 9 Reps: Maya Thibault & Donghwui Kim
Grade 10 Reps: Avery Reynolds & Evvi Libby
Grade 11 Reps: Cooper MacJanet & Alyssa Bendlis
Grade 12 Reps: Addie Hambly & Makana Scott

Arts Reps: Keira Martinson & Avery Smits-Talving
Athletic Reps: Taylor Pattison & Blake DiVinney
International Rep: Zainab Sarwari
Tech Reps: Ian Beauchamps & Mike Culliford
Tech Promo Reps: Hannah Balint & Rowan Mikolic-O'Rourke
Staff Advisors: Mrs. Visocchi, Mrs. Thibault, Mr. Krasnay & Mrs. Reid

Our newly elected members of WCSS Student Council joined over 2200 students Nov 4-6 to participate in the 41st Annual Ontario Student Leadership Conference in Niagara Falls entitled **"Leadership - The Final Frontier"**.

GOLFER UNIVERSITY BOUND

Congratulations to Kayla Burke on making it to OFSAA Golf for a fourth consecutive year. This year, Kayla earned herself a first-place finish at SOSSA at Twenty Valley Golf Club. She travelled to Windsor and finished 7th overall in the two day tournament. Centennial wishes Kayla all the best as she heads to the Division 1 University of Arkansas next year on a golf scholarship!



FNMI MATTERS

The first week of October was Indigenous Awareness Week came at Welland Centennial. From Monday, October 1st to Thursday, October 4th, staff and students worked together to bring to the forefront some of the major issues impacting Indigenous people in Canada and in our community. Students were invited to share a “Project of Heart” by creating images on wooden tiles to remember the victims of residential schools. An opening ceremony was conducted in the courtyard to honour the memories of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Canada through songs and offerings. We closed the circle the following day, placing red roses in our courtyard as a way to honour and remember. Welland Centennial is continuing our commitment to walking the path of reconciliation through this week long event.



COOKING TOGETHER AT ROYAL ROSE PLACE

Based on a similar program that ran in Niagara-on-the-Lake, the effort saw 28 Welland Centennial Secondary School culinary students visiting the Royal Rose once a week over the last month, cooking, eating and interacting with 15 residents. The food was a means to an end in fostering connections between the seniors and teenagers who are often split by a generation gap.



“Behind everyone there is a story” Dean Karr

ONTARIO STUDENT LITERACY TEST

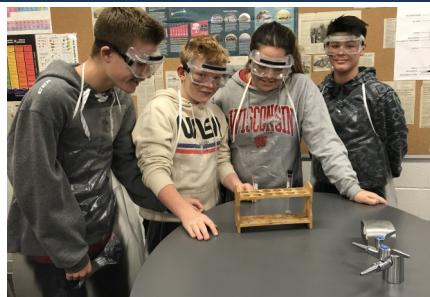
The 2019 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2019. Students have the opportunity to prepare for this graduation requirement through in-class literacy blitz sessions, as well as targeted After Hours Literacy programs. Dates and times will be announced in semester two.

KEEPING COUGARS INFORMED

Our “Centennial Change Makers” club members have been actively planning various activities for this current school year. For the first of these activities, many of our Grade 11 classes attended the “Weed Out The Risk” presentation by MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) Canada. This informative program challenges teens’ misconceptions about cannabis and presents the real risks of using cannabis and driving, or being a passenger in a vehicle with an impaired driver, in a non-judgmental manner.



FURTHER INVESTMENTS AT WCSS



This summer, further investments were taken by the DSBN in upgrading more WCSS Science labs. Three labs were upgraded at a cost of half a million dollars to ensure that Centennial staff can continue to deliver high quality curriculum to our science students. Cougars regularly achieve places at universities such as Brock, McMaster, Guelph and Ottawa and colleges such as Niagara, Mohawk and Flemming.

NEW YORK CITY! SPRING 2019

WCSS Arts is heading back to New York City May 16-19, 2019. There are 7 seats still available. See Mr. Braun for your registration information or see the link on the school’s website. The cost is \$798.00 CAN funds which includes Bus, hotel, Broadway show and more!





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**Evelyn Visser @
Renaissance
Midwifery**



Alexis Milani @ Niagara Health System
Physiotherapy dept

Get to know your School Nurse! Get one-on-one counselling on sexuality, relationships and any health concerns. Let's Chat! Come to Student Services to make an appointment with nurse Helen. She is in the school most Tuesdays. Everything you say is private.

NEW TRACK AND FIELD PHASE II COMPLETE

Phase II of the DSBN investment in the WCSS athletics complex is now complete. Along with the FIFA standard all-weather turf field is the new shot put, javelin, pole vault, long jump, triple jump and discus area. **Business opportunities:** Advertising and partnerships with the new Track and Field are available. Please contact the school for more information.

ORANGE CRUSH RETURNS TO THE ICE

WCSS's Orange Crush Hockey team returns to the ice on Thursday, November 29 in the Port High 3-on-3 tournament. Junior and senior teams are looking forward to this annual start to Centennial hockey. Stay tuned to announcements for more opportunities to play hockey at Centennial.

WCSS CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club meets every Wednesday at lunch in the library. Our team began their year with a strong showing at the A.N. Myer tournament last month, with each of our participants moving up in their ranking. December will have us travelling to Eastdale to do battle in a team tournament format. New members are always welcomed.



Merrick Lavigne-James, Owen Waskawich, Stanley Lam, Rachel Bubanko, Joey Everitt, David Everitt, Rex Song

New to WCSS this year is the introduction of our "A-Team" Ambassadors. The A-Team is a group of 50-60 students who mentor other students by acting as role models and being available for tutoring and social needs. Ambassadors will also be assisting with school functions throughout the year, all while gaining valuable leadership skills. To date, our A-Team ambassadors have paired with over 80 students in the school. Special events have taken place to pair the Senior A-Team Cougar leaders with the Junior Cubs and they are now connecting, which is having a positive impact for all.



JR GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Jr Girls Basketball Team has had an amazing season. They won the AN Myer Tournament and placed 2nd in Centennial's Cougar Classic (losing a close game to Sir Winston Churchill). They just won the NRHSAA Championship, beating AN Myer 52 to 17. The team advanced to the zone final on Nov. 13th to play Notre Dame.



Team members: Kyleigh Gisel, Eden Vince, Abby Donofrio, Klaire Marr, Courtney Marr, Jimin Lee, Jessica Gibson, Alexis Wright, Jayda Rodrigue, Emily Barden, Emma Smith, Faith Garner, Audrey Bevacqua, Maya Thibault

AMBASSADORS AT WCSS ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

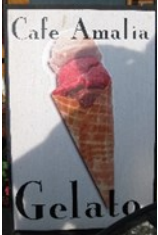


DRAMA - ESCAPE FROM SYRIA

This year, Centennial Drama is creating a play based on the graphic novel *Escape from Syria*. With permission from the author, staff and students are bringing the story of one family's struggle to survive the civil war, displacement, poverty, and their relocation to Canada. Rehearsals are underway and the production will be performed on Thurs. Feb. 28th & Fri. Mar. 1st. Please like our Facebook page (@wcssdrama) to stay updated with show & ticket details as well as our progress as we create this new work.



A TASTE OF ITALY



Welland Centennial's Italian class had the opportunity to visit Cafe Amalia's in September to try out some 'gelato' (ice cream). Before the visit, students learned about the history of Italian ice cream, its cultural influence and how it has shaped the ice cream world. The class practiced having

conversations using the different expressions associated with the activity. The owners of the café, signor & signora Nava, were gracious hosts and students were able to order in 'Italiano', eat their ice-cream and enjoy the beautiful afternoon outside!



Eunice Yang, Grade 10 ESL student

THEATRE CRITIC TEAM

The Cappies critics attended a training day on Oct 30th. They attend plays across Niagara, write reviews, can be published in local papers, and then vote on the award winners at the Cappies Gala. Critics from across the DSBN and Ridley College will also be joining us to our March performance of *Escape from Syria*.

Back row, left to right:

Rowan Mikolic-O'Rourke,
Lizzy Hajla, Aiza Malik, David
Everitt, Leo Paraskevopoulos,
Gillian Durfy

Front row:

Sarah Cann,
Serena Thornton, Tara Allati



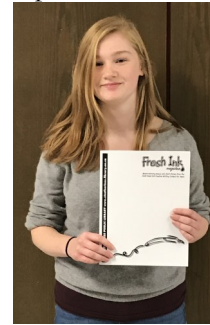
COUGAR ART AT THE WELLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mrs. Thibault received the following acknowledgement of student work: "This morning my husband and I were at the Welland Public Library and we were captivated by the Photos on Wood display that your students had created. It is so refreshing to see the work of Welland's young people. Very, very impressive!"



FRESH INK AWARD WINNER

St Catharines Library runs an annual competition which is open to all students living in the Niagara Region. This year, **Leah Middleton** won 2nd place in her age category for her short story, "The Day Doubt Dared". Leah read an excerpt from her award-winning piece and was given her cash prize on October 25 at the awards ceremony. A



copy of the Library publication in which she is featured is available for sign-out at our school library.

BAKING ON THE RISE

This year, popular demand has led to the creation of a new baking facility as part of our expanded Culinary Arts program. Watch out for additional enhancements in the coming school year. It is no coincidence that Centennial's most recent after school club is the new Baking Club that had 84 students sign up this semester.



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MICROSOFT CERTIFICATION

Will you be graduating with Microsoft Specialist Certifications?

These students will!

Centennial continues to set the standard with over 200 certifications over the last 3 years. So far this semester, Ian Beauchamps, Michael Ciminic, Luke Thompson, Mike Culliford, Nicholas Blazeovski, Isabella Norio, Lyndsay Turner, Liam Aulph, Kyla Driver, Markus Ticknovich and Lydia Boustead have received their certifications! Don't graduate without yours! See guidance for details on how you can obtain yours and gain an advantage in post-secondary and the workplace!



WWI DAY AT RUTHVEN NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

This past Fall, History students attended the Ruthven National Historic Site in Cayuga. Students visited different learning stations, including weapons and trenches, signaling, and medical, and had a tour of the Greek Revival style Thompson family mansion.

Guest Speaker Andy Robertshaw, is a historian who has consulted on several Steven Spielberg movies (War Horse and Wonderwoman)



ATTENTION GRADS

Students and parents of the 2019 graduating class are encouraged to stay informed of important information throughout the year by following Student Services via:

Web: <http://centennialguidance.weebly.com>

Twitter: @wcssguidance

Remind: text WCSSGrads to (289)812-0214

Facebook: Centennial Student Services



EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

Do you like to travel, to meet new people and to experience other cultures? If yes, then you should try an exchange! The Canadian Education Exchange Foundation offers summer exchanges to France and Spain and 2 or 3 month exchanges to France, Spain, Germany and Italy. Interested students should see Mme Brennand in Student Services for more information.



FUN IN THE FALLS



First semester Grade Nine Geography students enjoyed a day at Niagara Falls in late October. On a partially sunny day, students visited Hornblower River Cruises for a trip to the base of the Falls and took in two attractions at Table Rock. Each resulted in a partial soaking for some who wore the raincoats and

a full soaking for those who chose not cover up. Second semester students will get their opportunity for this fun field trip in the spring.

WCSS ARTS ROAD SHOW

Over the course of 3 days this past fall, the WCSS arts department took their show on the road and visited all of our 7 feeder schools. The elementary students were treated to a performance that showcased Centennial students involved in the instrumental music, vocal music, drama, dance and visual arts programs.

