



WELLAND CENTENNIAL SECONDARY

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BACK TO BACK VICTORIES AS COUGARS DOMINATE

Congratulations to the Senior Boys Basketball team on two thrilling tournament wins in recent weeks. The Cougars won the 63rd Welland Tribune Tournament in a nail biting fashion when they overcame Notre Dame 69-63. **Keenan Larmand** was the tournament MVP and **Reese Radobenko** was most sportsmanlike player. The Review Tournament saw a remarkable comeback. Down 31-19 at the half, your Cougars charged back against the St. Paul Patriots to take the title with a 66-59 points victory.

Keenan Larmand and **Nick Yioldassis** were named first team all stars. **Reese Radobenko** was named

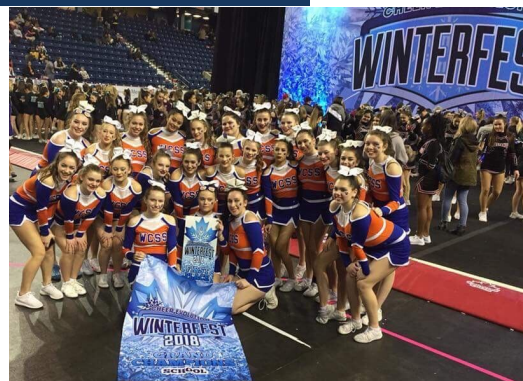
tournament MVP. These wins are testimony to the boys skill and resilience and the high quality coaching enjoyed at Centennial. Congratulations to all concerned.



WINNING START FOR DEFENDING NATIONAL CHAMPS

Congratulations to our Cheerleaders, who placed 1st at the Winterfest Cheer Evolution 2018 held at the Meridian Centre on January 27th.

Upcoming competitions are in February at Provincials in Kitchener, in March at Allstar Cheer's SickKids fundraiser in Vaughn, and April at Nationals in Niagara Falls where they will defend their prestigious winners' title from the 2017 season.



THANK YOU MAYOR CAMPION



Corey Alkerton, Joshua Spiteri and Mayor Campion

Mayor Campion visited Centennial to talk with grade 10 civics students about his roles and responsibilities as mayor. Students asked the mayor questions, in order to better understand Municipal Government and the responsibilities surrounding the mayoral position. The mayor has attended other sporting events and activities and was last at Centennial for the coin toss that opened the football game on the brand new Centennial field. Thank you Mr. Mayor!

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- Feb 15th - Semi Formal
- Feb 16th - P.A. Day (no classes)
- Feb 19th - Family Day
- Feb 26-Mar 2 - Niagara Drama Festival
- Mar 5-9 Spirit Week
- Mar 8 - DSBN Dance Showcase
- Mar 9 - Spirit Assembly
- Mar 12-16 - Spring Break
- Mar 22 - Progress Reports
- Mar 29 - Easter Egg Hunt
- Mar 30 - Good Friday
- Apr 2 - Easter Monday
- Apr 5 - Parent-Teacher Interviews
- Apr 10 - OSSLT (Literacy Test)
- Apr 18 - Last Day of Term 1
- Apr 19 - First Day of Term 2
- May 1 - Mid-Semester Reports

Congratulations to our Students of the Month

Gr. 9 Hannah Smith & Ian Hetherington
Gr. 10 Keylee Smith & Isaac Bandi

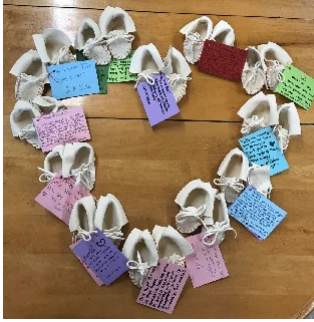
Gr. 11 Tara Allati & Noah Avolio
Gr. 12 Riley Kennedy & Tara Napper



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MOCCASINS TIE TEENS TO INDEGENOUS BABIES



Semester I students in the Contemporary First Nations, Metis and Inuit Voices class (NBE 3C/3U) wrapped up the year with a very meaningful project. Lead by Sheila Maracle and Erica Zombolas, students created tiny moccasins for the Da-Giiewewaat—so they can go home—Moccasin Project. After a traditional “Indian Taco” feast catered by Sheila, students learned the shocking statistics around the number of Indigenous children in foster care. Even though Indigenous babies make up 7% of the population, they make up 48% of the children in care. In order to address this situation, students made traditional moccasins and attached personal notes to them. These will be given to the parents of the babies in their new homes so that they always have a tangible link to their past, should they want to explore their teachings and traditions when they are older. As Sheila told The Standard reporter who attended, “The idea is to put them on their feet so their feet find their way home.”



Destiny Paquin, Kennedy Saxton, & Emlie Oakes

NO NICKEL AND DIME PROJECT!



The Gr11/12 Senior Construction Class made up 20 collection boxes for the Local (Niagara) 613 Cadets Corps. The wooden boxes are to replace the cardboard boxes used to collect poppy donations and Support Tags for Remembrance Day. It was a pleasure for our senior Construction class to work with and support a local community group. Several WCSS students are members of the 613 Cadet Corps. (l to r) **Kayla Marttila, Chris Gajdek, Kelly Chuckry (613 Cadet Corps.), Mr. Grummett, Will Lyons and Issac Waskawich**

YOUNG WOMEN’S SKILLED TRADES CONFERENCE

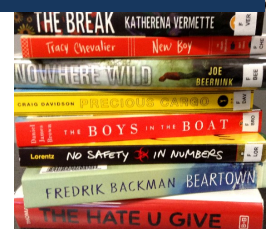
A group of students from Centennial attended an important local conference designed specifically for young women in Niagara Falls. They were fortunate enough to connect with Centennial alumnus and civil engineer project manager, Lauren Beaudoin.



(l to r) **Lauren Beaudoin, Gillian Durfy, Georgia Major, Kaitlyn Thomas, Angela Hertrich, Alicia Vermolen, Mack Sibbett, Liliya Eruysal, Cita Johnson, Zainab Sarwari and Mr. Code.**

THE LOVE OF READING

Our library has a wide variety of new books to encourage a love of reading. We also run a White Pine Book Club that meets every Tuesday at lunch that encourages stimulating discussion of the top fiction titles for teens in Canada. New members are always welcome!



CHECK MATE—CHESS PIECE

The Centennial Chess Team had a successful 1st semester with all members moving up in rankings. Strong focus and a competitive edge allowed each member to increase in ranking by an average of 100 points. Although the club meets on Mondays in the library at lunch, every day is chess day in the library. We look forward to continued success in our next tournament in Fort Erie later this month. Pictured participants are **Brook Aviles, Lily Charlebois, Evelyn Visser, Owen Waskawich and Stanley Lam.** Absent is Emily Swartz.



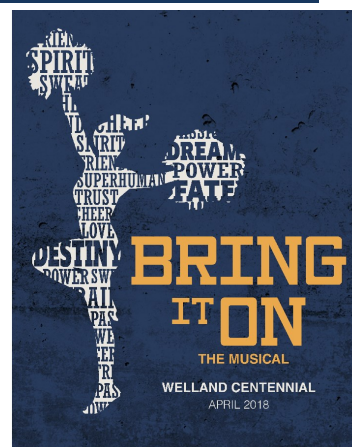
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YOUR INVITATION TO "BRING IT ON"

Get ready for Centennial's 2018 musical production of *Bring It On!* Over 80 students have been hard at work since November bringing this Broadway hit to life on the J.M. Ennis Auditorium stage. Evening performances are on April 19, 20, 21, 26 and 27 at 7pm. Our special **Dinner Theatre** package is available for April 19 only; tickets are limited and must be pre-booked. Please call 905-735-0700 to order your tickets, and stay connected to Centennial's website for more info. *Bring It On* tells the tale of Campbell - Truman High's newly elected head cheerleader in her senior year. The pressure is on, and Campbell is determined to fulfill her lifelong destiny: leading her squad to victory at Nationals! But with a sudden redistricting notice, Campbell's world comes crashing down as she is forced to attend rival school Jackson High.

Bring It On is an empowering story of self-identity, and tackles the many pressures students experience while pursuing their dreams. Filled with humour, sass and sweat, *Bring It On*'s themes of resilience and being true to oneself will resonate with students and their families. *Bring It On* was adapted from the movie franchise into this Broadway hit by Andy Blankenbuehler, the choreographer of *Hamilton*, with music and lyrics by *Hamilton*'s creator, Lin-Manuel Miranda.



RELAY FOR LIFE 2018

On Friday, May 25th, WCSS is hosting our 7th Relay for Life. Our goal is once again to raise over \$50,000 in our fight against cancer. Students will be treated to an evening of fun, food and activities. This event runs from 6pm to 6am. The evening will be chaperoned by teachers and security. To participate, each student must submit a \$20 fee along with a permission form signed by a parent for students under the age of 18. Cancer survivors are invited to join us for the Survivor Lap at 7:00 pm. Please contact us if you know anyone who would like to participate in the Survivor Lap or contribute with any type of corporate or private donation. We are in need of funds, food, entertainment and are open to any help we can get. More details to follow.

MATH COMPETITION MEDALISTS

Mathematicians competed in the Intermediate & Senior Waterloo Math Competition this year. They performed well. Special congratulations go to medalists **Kevin Kim** and **Cindy Joung**. We are looking forward to the next competition for Juniors at the University of Waterloo and for Junior through to Senior at the DSBN challenge later in the year.



Kevin Kim and Cindy Joung

FREE ADULT COMPUTER EDUCATION

Welland Centennial offers **FREE** Adult Computer Education. Our next session starts now. 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.

ANNUAL TRIP A REAL HOMERUN

Centennial baseball fans are returning to the Rogers Centre on May 24 for School Day with the Toronto Blue Jays. This is our third trip to see the Jays and this year we'll have great seats on the first base side in the 200 level. We've seen wins on our last two trips and are hoping for another over the visiting Los Angeles Angels. Mr. Seebach has permission forms.



A STAR IS BORN

Ros Battye & Ross Macfarlane (Welland Port Coborne Concert Association) presented **Kayla Marttila** with the WPCCA Arts Bursary scholarship honoring her spirited initiative &



commitment to the Welland Centennial Arts Department over her 4 years at Centennial.

25th

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



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SWIM TEAM MAKES A SPLASH

The Centennial Swimming Cougars had 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 Jr. girls and Sr. boys relay teams qualified for SOSSA in December. As a result **Delia Barnes** placed 1st overall in both her events, sending her to OFSAA in two weeks!

Congratulations also to **Camryn Wade, Alyssa Decker, Victoria Rivers** and **Aurelia McReynolds** who all placed 1st in their heats. Mrs. Wilding is ridiculously proud of the entire team for their dedication and hard work!



ORANGE CRUSH HITS THE ICE

Orange Crush Hockey players are looking forward to the upcoming 3 on 3 non-contact tournament on February 27 in St. Catharines. The teams are hoping to repeat the success they had at the December tournament hosted by Port High and in recent exhibition games. Orange Crush Hockey is open to all hockey players. Mr. Seebach has permission forms.



ROWING FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS

Thank you to all the Community Partners who graciously donated towards WCSS's Rowing Team's 2nd annual pasta fundraiser. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. A number of our Centennial Rowers competed in the Canadian Indoor Rowing Championships in Mississauga February 4th. Congratulations to **Ashley Leggett** and **Kassie Madsen** for finishing First and Second in their heat. An honourable mention goes out to the Novice rowers. 3 of our first year novice rowers placed in the top ten, out of 54 competitors. **Lily Charlebois** placed 6th, **Carley Couroux** placed 7th and **Hannah Smith** placed 8th. The novices competed February 10th, at Denis Morris Catholic H. Six of our 10 competitors finished in the top 10. An honourable mention to **Alyssa Dekker** who placed 1st and **Lily Charlebois** who placed 3rd. Congratulations to all of our novices! *Thank you to all of our sponsors!*

Thank you to our Rowing Sponsors!



CONGRATULATIONS ZONE 3 CHAMPS



Congratulations to the senior girls basketball team who competed at SOSSA this year as Zone 3 champions. After an up and down season, the ladies came together at the end of the season and during the playoffs, beating GFESS in their gym and St. Mike's in our gym!

900 The number of food cans Student Council collected in this year's food drive. Proceeds were donated to the Hope Centre

MODERN VISION FAMILY FITNESS CENTRE

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COUGAR SPIRIT 2017 - 18



BLUE, ORANGE, WHITE...action!

SCIENCE LABS INVESTMENT CONTINUES

This summer 3 more science labs will receive upgrades costing in excess of a quarter of a million dollars as the DSBN continues to invest in our vibrant program.

TRACK & FIELD UPDATE

Having completed the track and field lights, contractors are now installing facilities for Triple jump, long jump, shot put, discus, javelin and pole vault events.

YEARBOOK UPDATE

Yearbooks are still available for purchase for this school year 2017/18. The deadline to purchase is March 23rd, 2018. They can be purchased online at www.schoolcashonline.com.

VETERANS SHARE KNOWLEDGE & EXPERIENCE



On December 7th, Grade ten history students welcomed Cliff Driscoll (left) retired RCMP officer and Peacekeeper and Jim Summersides (right) WWII veteran of the First Special Service Force. To the right of Jim is his great niece, Taylor Allen.

NEW PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS

Our first semester Photography Class created a printed exhibit displayed in the Auditorium here at Centennial. Fifty students completed a photo portfolio which included Studio lighting, film photography, studies in composition and experimentation with shutter speed and aperture. Our next photography show for Semester 2 will show at the Centennial Spring Concert on May 9th, 2018 .

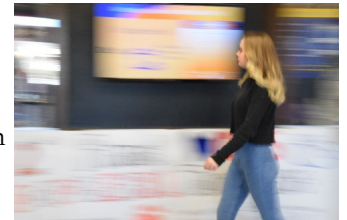


Photo by Sarah Pastore

EARLY REGISTRATION FOR 2018-19

****Early registrants** will avoid having to register in August, and will receive their timetable by mail in July.

Students are encouraged to register by the Spring.

BAKERS RISE TO THE TOP

Next year's planned expansion of our Culinary Arts program has been enthusiastically received as 88 additional students have signed on to our new baking course. Watch out "Best Canadian Baking Show." The Cougars are on the rise!

120 The number of students involved in this year's production of "Bring it On"!

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DANCE DAY 2017



In November, Centennial's Dance Department hosted its 8th annual Dance Day. Local students from Gr. 7 - 12 took part in various dance workshops throughout the day. The workshops were taught by professional dancers and choreographers from Toronto, Hamilton, and Niagara and classes were offered in Jazz, Jazz Funk, Hip Hop, Ballet, Musical Theatre, Tap, Lyrical, Yoga, and Zumba. It was a fun day for our dancers!

CELEBRATING GRANDPARENTS 2017



In December, our student council members planned and organized their yearly pre-holiday celebration in honour of grand parents. The event was a full house with over 200 guests, which included more than 100 grandparents. Thanks also to Chef Laughton who provided delicious treats.

GRAB -N- GO BREAKFAST

Students who are running late in the morning or have an early practice and need to re-fuel before classes start have the opportunity every morning between 7:50 a.m.- 8:15 a.m. to grab a healthy morning snack. Items such as fruit, bagels, oatmeal, cereal, yogurt and granola bars will be offered free of charge in the cafeteria.



DANCE TRIP TO "STEP"

On Feb. 22nd, students from Centennial's dance program will be attending a special screening of the dance documentary STEP, which focuses on a Baltimore high school's dance team and their goal of winning the Step championship while pursuing their dreams of getting into college. It won the U.S. Documentary Special Jury Award for Inspirational Filmmaking at the 2017 Sundance Film Festival and the Audience Award for Best Feature at the 2017 AFI Docs Festival. The film will be followed by amazing displays of contortion, flexibility, and control. They push the envelope of human possibility with astonishing juggling, dexterity, and incredible balancing feats, showcasing tremendous skill and ability.



IMPORTANT GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Graduation is quickly approaching...

Grad Fees: Please ensure your grad fees of \$40 are paid.

Baby Photos: All graduates are to bring in a baby photo to use in the grad slide show by April 6th.

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

Course Selection for 2018/19:

Student Services has been meeting with students to complete their course selections for the 2018/19 school year. Summaries of the students' course selections will be mailed with their mid-term report cards in May.



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Interested in helping support our graduates realize their full potential? Making a gift of a scholarship is a great way to help them along their path. Contact Ms Brennan at ext 60624 to see how we can recognize you or your business for years to come. Information is also available for income tax receipts. Help a Cougar by creating a scholarship for this year's graduating class.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE MAKES PERFECT SENCE

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success continuing through high school. Top things parents can do to ensure success in your child's academics:

- 1 - Make school attendance a priority
- 2 - Help your teen stay engaged
- 3 - Communicate with the school

