



WELLAND CENTENNIAL SECONDARY

....your community high school since 1966

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UPCOMING EVENTS...

- Feb 14th - P.A. Day (no classes)
- Feb 17th - Family Day
- Mar 5th - Dance Showcase
- Mar 9th - 13th - Spirit Week
- Mar 16th - 20th Spring Break
- Mar 24th - Progress Reports
- Mar 31st - Literacy Test
- Apr 2nd - Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Apr 10th - 13th Easter Break
- Apr 26th - Last Day of Term 1
- Apr 27th - First day of Term 2
- Apr 27th - Mid-Semester Reports
- May 6th - Student Council Assembly & Executive Election
- May 15th - 18th PD Day/Victoria Day
- June 2nd - Athletic Banquet
- June 18th - 23rd Semester 2 Final Exams
- June 22nd - Grade 12 Prom
- June 24th - Graduation
- June 25 & 26th - PD Days
- July 6th - Report Cards Mailed Home

Hello Centennial Families,

I have had the privilege of being the Principal at Centennial since September and have quickly come to realize that this school is truly a gem. The welcoming, accepting culture along with the multitude of opportunities both academically and in extra-curriculars that are available to students allows them to thrive. The school spirit and pride that Centennial students have is like no other school.

We are pleased to share our Semester 1 Newsletter with you. In this newsletter you will see some of the highlights of events, activities, and student accomplishments from semester 1.

I encourage all members of the Centennial Family to get involved in Cougar Life!

Mrs. Zonneveld

All parents are welcome to attend our next School Council Meeting on Monday, February 24th at 6:00 p.m. in Room 116. We look forward to seeing you!



INTRODUCING THIS YEAR'S 2019-20 STUDENT COUNCIL



Prime Minister: Keylee Smith

Deputy Prime Minister: Evvi Libby

Executive Officers: Alyssa Bendlis, Ian Beauchamps, Gabby Corriveau, Keira Martinson

Grade 9 Reps: Ireland Worrall, Joav Ankory, McKenna McNeil

Grade 10 Reps: Donghwui Kim, Mike Roussos

Grade 11 Reps: Avery Smits-Talving, Maya Thibault

Grade 12 Reps: Abigail Lococo, Jacob Miller

Arts Reps: Caitlyn Tassé, Emily Swartz

Athletic Reps: Sarah Stayzer, Noah Carl

International Rep: Zainab Sarwari

Tech Reps: Maria Leon Delgado, Elijah Cousineau,

Culinary Coordinator: Aryana Gobbi

Tech Promo Rep: Victoria Tessier

Staff Advisors: Mr. Krasnay, Mrs. Thibault & 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."**

LEGALLY BLONDE UPCOMING SPRING MUSICAL



Things are gearing up for Centennial's production of Legally Blonde The Musical. The cast and crew have been working hard to bring the musical to life. This musical follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes and scandal in pursuit of her dreams. Action-packed and full of memorable songs and dynamic dance numbers, this musical is so much fun it should be illegal! Performances are April 23, 24, 24, 30 & May 1st. Tickets will be on sale in late March. Follow us @wcssdrama on Facebook for more details and updates.



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Welland Centennial has recently acquired a beautiful state-of-the-art track and field facility with synthetic turf and professional track. Each year over 40,000 students and spectators use our facilities.

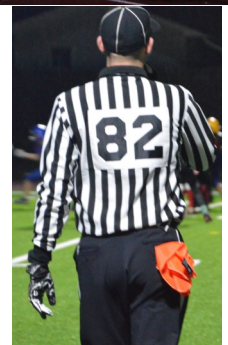
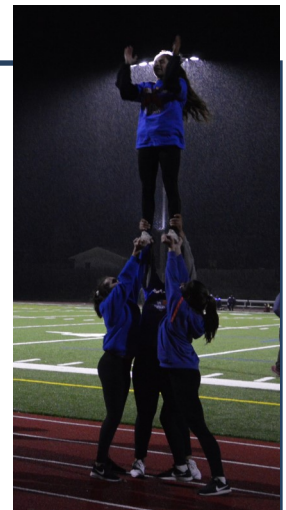
We are currently fundraising to purchase a state-of-the-art digital scoreboard.

We are looking of community sponsors that may be interested in advertising space and supporting our cause.

If you are interested in more information please contact

stefan.snopek@dsbn.org or jennifer.reid-george@dsbn.org

Thank you for your support!



WATERLOO MATH CONTEST

Welland Centennial Secondary School was well represented during the Senior and Intermediate Mathematics Contests from the University of Waterloo this November. The grade 9's and 10's placed second overall in our zone, and first overall in our board, with the top 5 eligible scores as a team score.



Ruby Kong, Jiaqui Huang, Darya Porat, Ari Porat, Donghwui Kim, Cameron Stapleton, Nico D'Amelio. Absent: Noah Carl, Brian Tang, Rachel Bubanko, Marcus Aiello, Emily Shin, Sam Park, Laura No, Ireland Worrall, Tegan Lewis, McKenna McNeil, Colin Moss.

WRITER'S CRAFT



Students from Mrs. Bootsma's Writer's Craft class went to Gordon Public School's kindergarten classes to read their original children's books. **Kristina Vermolen** reads her story about friendship to an attentive audience of future Cougars!

WCSS CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club meets every Wednesday in the library at lunch. This year we got off to a good start and have consistently won in the Junior Division at several competitions in the DSBN. There is now a Recreational Division for those who wish to play and not compete. This is a great way to meet new friends and all abilities are always welcomed to join.



Back Row: Owen Waskovich, Merrick Lavigne-James, Rex Song
Front Row: Sam Park, Avery Turner, Kyle Joung, Joey Everitt, James Yoon, Hunter Acaster, Jack Mun

STUDENT VOTE 2019

"Student Vote is an authentic learning program that provides students with the opportunity to experience the voting process firsthand and practice the habits of active and informed citizenship." (Civix website) Student Vote is an Elections Canada initiative and reflects the voting process that students will experience as adults in the future. Centennial students greeted our results with enthusiasm between October 15th to 18th, with two thirds of our student population participating in the student vote process. It was a very close race between the Conservatives, Liberals and NDP



having close to equal representation with very strong Green party support. Centennial had a few votes for the Marxist party and Libertarian Party, respectively. Thank you to all students that supported this nationwide project!

ALL ENTRANTS PASS FRENCH MINISTRY TEST

Félicitations to Owen Huizinga, Lindsay Boyce, Ryan Potrecz, Caroline Young and Alica Oldfield, who were our first group of grade 12 language students who challenged the DELF (Diplôme d'Etudes en Langue Française) test in November at the DSBN. All were successful at the A2, B1 or B2 level. This official designation is awarded by the French Ministry of Education to certify the competency of candidates from outside France in the French language. Students in FEF4U Semester 2 will have the opportunity to challenge the DELF this April.





BLUE, ORANGE, WHITE...action!

RECOGNIZING OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

Aqueduct Water Solutions Inc.
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Mike Culliford @ Zavarella Electric



Gabby Corriveau @ Brock Science Mentorship



Trinatey Clare @ Niagara Centre YMCA



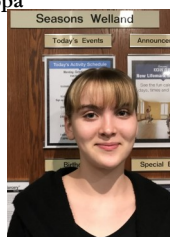
Cadance Humphrys @ Gordon P.S. with Grade 1 FI student Aubree Tessier



Ali Crawford @ Hair Hunters Salon & Spa



Jack Huibers @ Peninsula Construction



Miya Coote @ Seasons Welland Retirement Home

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 or call/text her on her cell at 905-327-4789. She is in the school most Tuesdays. Everything you say is private.



Congratulations to **Keylee Smith** who was presented with the Youth Citizen of the Year award by the Welland/Pelham Chamber of Commerce at their annual Ruby Awards ceremony held October 18, 2019. Keylee was recognized for her commitment in volunteerism within her community in and out of school. The service she provides goes well above and

beyond the volunteer service required to graduate. Keylee will be attending university to study in the medical science field in the Fall.

WCSS ROWING

The WCSS Rowing Team competed in the Leander Indoor Rowing Competition this January with amazing results. The girls team attained first place overall and WCSS rowers earned third place in the team competition. Congratulations to all our rowers especially to our first-place rowers, Nico D'Amelio and Alicia Cocca.



Front row: (R to L) Nico D'Amelio, Nadya Mulholland, Sierra Humphries, Rachael Sauer, Zoe Sacuta, Clara Van Dyk, Natasha Gamble, Meryn Chew, Olivia Wogan. **Back Row: (R to L)** Coach Peter DeNew, Carely Couroux, Alyssa Dekker, Karli Schellenberg, Natalie Della Valle, Anna Van Dyk, Abigail Welch, Alex Huizinga, Alicia Cocca, Owen Couroux, Joey Everitt, Coach Jirianna Couroux. **Missing in photo:** Ali Campigotto, Lily Charlebois, Nina Galajda, Paige Gismondi, Caitlyn Goodbrand, Megan Goulding, Rebekah Hofstee, David Law, Julia Quesnel and Vanessa Stehling

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Interested in helping support our graduates to 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.



WCSS CHANGE MAKERS CLUB

Centennial Change Makers have been busy helping students prepare for exams. Two weeks before exams began, Change Makers brought Therapy Tails into the school at lunch time. This provided students with a lot of laughs and relaxation as they got ready for a week of culminating activities and exams. Change Makers also made exam survival kits for the student body. These kits were distributed to each student and contained various snacks, supplies and study tips.



Preparing Exam Survival Kits for all students



THERAPY TAILS for some pre exam Relaxation

SR BOYS BASKETBALL

The senior boys' basketball team began the year on a high note, winning the St. Catharines Standard Consolation Championship with a dramatic come from behind last second win over Sir Winston Churchill.



IMPORTANT GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Course Selection for 2020/21:

Student Services has been meeting with students to complete their course selections for the 2020/21 school year. Summaries of the students' course selections will be mailed with their mid-term report cards in May.

Graduation is quickly approaching...

Grad Fees: Please ensure your graduation fees of \$80 are paid.

Grad gown orders will be finalized in March.

Baby Photos: All graduates should have submitted a baby photo to use in the graduation slide show.

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

ARTS ROADSHOW

In the early Fall, the Centennial Arts department travelled to our local elementary schools to showcase our amazing Arts students. The elementary students were treated to a 45-minute show that included instrumental music students and the Cats band, the Gr. 11/12 dance class, the Gr. 11/12 drama class, the vocalists from Achoired Taste, and a video highlighting the work of the visual arts students. The Arts matter!



THE NUTCRACKER COMES TO WCSS

The story of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker came to Centennial for a very SHSM special event on Nov. 29th. Mr. Braun coordinated an hour-long program that featured a live orchestra with professional musicians from Niagara Symphony Orchestra, the Centennial dance team members, a student viola player, and singers from Centennial, Eastdale, EL Crossley, and Eastdale. It was an excellent opportunity for our Arts students to perform a much-loved classic with live musicians and for the student audience to experience high quality entertainment while learning how the orchestra and the dancers make the music come alive.



DANCE DAY 2019

On December 5th, 200 local dancers from across the Niagara Region took part in a full day of dance workshops. The classes were taught by professional dancers/choreographers from Toronto. Classes included Jazz, Lyrical, Hip Hop, Jazz Funk, Bollywood, and Musical Theatre. The final class was taught by Flow XS, an award winning brother duo who will be appearing in the Disney movie Zombies 2.



2019/20 YEARBOOK UPDATE

It is not too late to order a yearbook for this school year 2019/2020. The deadline to purchase is March 31st, 2020.

Payments of \$40 can be made in person at the office or on-line at schoolcashionline.com.



GRAB - N - GO BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Program is available to all students every morning from 7:40 a.m.- 8:05 a.m. Students are encouraged to grab a healthy breakfast snack in the cafeteria.

