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HISTORY IN THE MAKING

A small piece of history was created for Welland Centennial when this year's graduating class voted for their valedictorian. For the first time ever, there was a tie in votes and our rules state that both students receive the honor. Congratulations to Bryan Marr & Vani Sharma, who were also recognized by the Rotary club of Welland for their services for their school and community.

BROCK'S NIAGARA PRINCIPAL'S SCHOLARSHIP



Congratulations to Korynne Cousineau and Tara Napper (pictured left with the Brock Badger) Both won the Brock's Niagara Principal's scholarship this year. Korynne will be studying Concurrent Education in French and Tara will be studying Medical Sciences.



ROWING SCHOLARSHIP AT OKLAHOMA

Congratulations to Rachel Della Valle: our Cougar graduate who accepted a rowing scholarship from the University of Oklahoma. Rachel had a number of offers from U.S. universities but was impressed by the set up and ambition she saw at Oklahoma.

(left to right) WCSS Rowing Coach Bob Young,
Rachel Della Valle & WCSS Principal Nigel Evans



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Grade 9:

Carly Couroux
Mateo Mussari

Grade 10:

Keira Martinson
Jackson Edge

Grade 11:

Maddison Harris
Nicolas Yioldassiss

Grade 12:

Camryn Wade
Noah Belanger

CENTENNIAL EXPANDS PROGRAMS

WCSS is excited to offer a new SHSM in energy. The aim is to teach students about the benefits about green construction and designing with energy efficiency provisions. It fits well with our tech design and construction programs, our strong science program and our large co-op program. The aim is to promote sustainable architecture and building as well as focus on alternative energy sources including (but not limited to) solar, wind, hydro electric and geo thermal heating. We would like to thank the following community partners who supported our successful application: **City of Welland, City of Port Colborne, Welland Hydro, Niagara Wind Power, Rinaldi Homes, Luchetta Homes, Rankin Construction and Walker Industries.**

FURTHER FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

This Summer the DSBN is investing a further quarter of a million dollars in refurbishing 3 science labs at Welland Centennial. These will be ready for use when our students return for the 2018-19 school year. This means all 6 labs will now be fully renovated and able to meet the requirements of today's curriculum in a modern state-of-the-art facility.

EQAO

On June 14th, our semester grade 9 students wrote their final EQAO test and once again, we had 100% participation. We spent the past couple of weeks doing rigorous review in class and also ran the lunch time numeracy program as extra support. Upon review of the tests, we are confident that our students performed exceptionally well. Congratulations goes out to all of our grade 9's for their tremendous effort. I would also like to congratulate Kevin Kim, who achieved in the top 25% internationally on the Euclid math contest. He is the second student of ours who achieved this result in the past 5 years.

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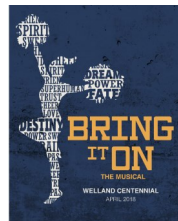
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CENTENNIAL CLEANS UP AT CAPPIES WITH 11 AWARDS

The Cappies Gala was held on May 23rd at WCSS and was a celebration of high school theatre and journalism. The Cappies, "Critics and Awards Program", is a program where high school students are trained as theatre critics and then attend plays and musicals at schools throughout the region. They write reviews published in the Welland Tribune, the St. Catharines Standard, and the Niagara Falls Review. The critics may not vote for their own school's production. The Centennial critics, supervised by Mrs. Bootsma, were Tara Allati, Sydney Larter, Olivia Hitchcock, Rowan Mikolic-O'Rourke, Leo Paraskevopoulos, and Rose St. Armand. Centennial's musical, *Bring it On*, was nominated for 21 Cappies and won 11 Awards:



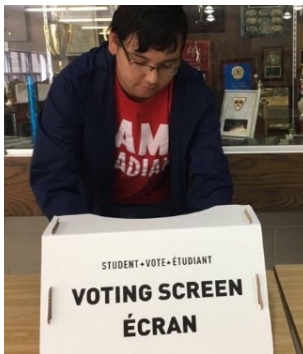
Bring it On
Cross the Line
Gavin Cauwenbergs, Jackson Pijl, Tara Allati
Isabella Dykstra, Kristen Hall, Rory-Ann Smith
Maggie Jessop
Keegan Mueller
Senzenina De Freitas
Starla Blais
Emily Draper
Caitlyn MacInnis
Abby Etling



Top Musical
Best Song
Special Effects/Technology
Stage Crew
Featured Actress in a Musical
Featured Actor in a Musical
Female Dancer
Female Vocalist
Comic Actress in a Musical
Supporting Actress in a Musical
Lead Actress in a Musical



COUGARS JOIN IN ON ONTARIO STUDENT VOTE



Ontario Student Vote took place the first week of June. Many students had the chance to cast their vote and have the true experience of voting, just as they would in a real election. Student Vote is a program run by Elections Canada and students are given real ballots and voting boxes. Robert Lewis (left) casts the first voting ballot showing Centennial's enthusiasm for representing their political voice. Jazlyn Smits and Cherilyn Augustine (right) act as enumerators for the ballot cast.



WWII VETERANS SHARE EXPERIENCE AND WISDOM

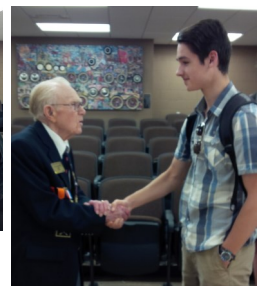
WWII Veteran Mr. Jim Summersides visited our Grade Ten history classes. Mr. Summersides was a part of the joint U.S. / Canada First Special Service also known as the Devil's Brigade. Mr. Summersides, along with the others from the First Special Service, was awarded the American Congressional Gold Medal. His medal is now on display at the Welland Historical Museum. The Grade Ten classes enjoyed listening to their many stories in a "question and answer" type session. Thank you Mr. Summersides for sharing your stories with us once again! You are always a welcomed guest at our school.



Elijah Cousineau



Kyle Graham



Cody Goforth

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of our students are on the
Honour Roll for Semester I of this
academic year !

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CO-OP: A YEAR IN REVIEW

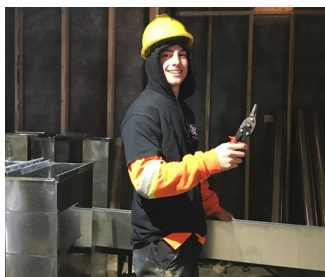
A great big thank you to this semester's co-operative education community partners and our participating students! Multiple students were signed to the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program and there were numerous Specialist High Skills Major placements completed. Throughout the year, students were placed in a variety of fields from education and health care to the culinary arts and construction trades.



Rachel Della Valle
Accelerated Health & Wellness Centre



Madison Page
South Pelham Dental



Ty Stadnyk
PAC Heating and Air Conditioning



Samantha Pinckney
Houghton, Sloniowski and Stengel



Alana Franco
Glendale Public School

STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT THE ART OF MODERN DANCE

Centennial's SHSM Arts & Culture program welcomed Jessica Germano for a modern dance workshop. Jessica is a graduate of the Ryerson University dance program and is now working with professional dance companies in Toronto and Montreal. She taught a 2 hour workshop to our SHSM students based on Graham and Limon modern dance styles and exposed them to movement that was new for most of them. It was excellent experience for our students.



Jessica Germano



EXCITING NEWS!

The Centennial Arts Department is pleased to announce the next two major Arts trips. We will be travelling to **New York City** in May 2019 and to **Chicago** in May 2021. Students will be able to experience these great cities from an Arts perspective, including trips to professional shows, museums, cultural events, and amazing sightseeing. There will be an information session about the New York City trip in September and students will be able to sign up at that time.



COUGARS MEET GRIZZLIES



In late May, students from Mrs. Bootsma's Writer's Craft class created original children's books and then visited the Kindergarten classes at Gordon Public School to share their work with appreciative audiences. Pictured are Korynne Cousineau and Taylor Girard; Taylor (*WCSS Class of 2018*) is reading to her sister Aubree (*WCSS Class of 2031*). Thanks to our friends at Gordon for hosting us!

TAKING IN OUR LOCAL GEOGRAPHY



Semester Two grade nine geography students were treated to a sunny day with an excellent chance of getting soaked on our field trip to Niagara Falls. Looking stylish in each of the three colours of plastic raincoats (pink, yellow, and blue), students got a close-up view of the Falls. The day ended with a pizza lunch among the pesky seagulls.

ANNUAL BLUE JAYS TRIP



Thirty nine Centennial baseball fans traveled to the Rogers Centre on a beautiful sunny day to see the Blue Jays play the Los Angeles Angels. Some students came home with souvenir Blue Jays sunglasses, a stylish accessory. Our streak of seeing two wins in the last two School Day games was broken with an 8 to 1 Blue Jay loss. Tickets for next year's trip to see the Jays will go on sale early in second semester.

TRACK & FIELD OFSSA 2018



This year the Centennial Cougars sent a strong team to the OFSSA Track & Field championships. Congratulations to Sierra Skotniski for bringing home her gold medal. The full results were as follows:

Sierra Skotniski - Gold Medal- Midget Girls Shot Put and Bronze Medal- Midget Girls Discus,
Noah Carl- Midget Boys 300m Hurdle Finalist- 8th,
Midget Boys 100 m Hurdles - 13th,
Blake DeVinney- Senior Boys 110m Hurdles - 9th and Senior Boys 400m Hurdles - 11th
Katelyn Romano- Midget Girls Long Jump- 14th
Jackson Collin- Midget Boys High Jump- 22nd
Pic: Noah Carl, Blake DeVinney, Jackson Collin, Sierra Skotniski, Katelyn Romano (Coach Higgins)

A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES

The SHSM Arts & Culture program at Centennial allows students to build a foundation of arts-based skills in two or more arts areas: dance, drama, visual arts, vocals, instrumental, guitar and photography. This year, our students were involved in a variety of workshops, seminars and training opportunities. This included dance training with



professional dancers, two theatre trips to the Shaw and Toronto, backstage workshops with local and international symphonies, workshops in art curation, saxophone, film production, darkroom photography at Brock University, studio photography with local photographers and so much more. Our graduates also completed their CPR/ First Aid training as the completion of their certificate. We are proud to offer these opportunities to our students to experience engaging and career-related learning environments, enabling them to pursue meaningful postsecondary goals. **From R to L - Jackson Pijl, Nicola Gordon, Abby Etling, Alicia Vermolen, Liz Mazzuca**

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COUGAR SPIRIT



BLUE, ORANGE, WHITE...action!

WCSS GIRLS' SOFTBALL TEAM

The girls' softball team had a great tournament with lots of sunshine. They played well, narrowly missing the playoffs.



From Back Left: Mrs. Mellikov-Delong, Sydney Minor, Jessica Scott, Catherine Maltais, Sarah Couroux, Hannah Zanetti, Madelaine Keller, Jessica Gibson, Sarah Stayzer, Kelly MacGuire, Ms. Spiers Front Left: Jessenia Sosa, Mikayla Minken, Jessica Acaster, Victoria Hingley, Jessica Gingras

WCSS FISHING CLUB

The 2018 Welland Centennial Fishing Club's inaugural season had an exciting start for the students and staff that participated. The club is open to all students who share in a passion for being outdoors and for those novice anglers that would like to learn about fishing.

L-R Kelly MacGuire, Haylea Zaborowski, Josh Robins-Gearing & Aiden Hyatt



WCSS BOYS' SOFTBALL TEAM

The Cougar baseball team started spring training inside and then took advantage of our new artificial turf field to hold outdoor practices before moving to Chippawa Park. May's unsettled weather shortened the season to five games. We had a young team and Coach Snopek and Coach Seebach see lots of promise for next year.



WCSS ROWING TEAM

What a year in rowing! Welland Centennial Rowing Team had a fantastic year. The team increased by over 40% this year and it showed. For the first time in a number of years Centennial had a Sr. crew boat in the Canadian Secondary School Rowing Association Competition in June. Congratulations to **Rachel Della Valle, Madison Thomas, Sarah Couroux and Melaine Goetz** on their silver place finish! Our Jr rowers also displayed Cougar courage. Way to go to the Jr girls' mid-weight four: **Kassie Madsen, Ashley Leggett, Abigail Lococo and Melanie Goertz**, for qualifying in the finals and placing sixth overall.



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**Students earned their OSSD Diploma
June 28, 2018**

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CATS BAND'S YEAR END TOUR GOES PURRR-FECTLY!

On May 15, the Cats Band performed their final 2 concerts for this school year. The band performed at Fitch Street P.S., playing blues, rock, pop, and jazz standards over the past decades. The afternoon concert was for residents at Lookout Ridge Retirement Home. The band played oldies which held nostalgic memories for the seniors and even had them dancing in the aisles! Auditions for next year's Cats Band will take place in the Fall. **Avery Turner, Evelyn Visser (vocals); Colin Cayen, Logan Ardizzone (bass guitars); Nick Nowaczyk (drums); Grace Han (keyboards); Sam DiMarco, Mitchell Weiler, David Busch (guitars); Nicola Gordon, Madison Thomas (flutes); Hugh Reichheld (clarinet); Rowan Mikolic-O'Rourke, Sarah Allegra, Justin Zacharuk (trumpets); Isaac Waskawich (saxophone); Ian Hetherington (sound).** Special guests **Glendon Smith (on sax) and Graeme Hales (teacher escort, Centennial grad and former Cats Band member)** were also along on the trip.



FRENCH CONTEST

At the end of May, a group of students from grades 11 and 12 Core French and French Immersion classes, traveled to Brock University for the Annual Brock French Contest. Congratulations to **Jessenia Sosa**, who took home fourth place overall for the French Immersion group.



SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Our 2018 Graduates are very fortunate for the following Community Sponsors and their generous scholarship donations:

- A.P. Brown Jewellers
- Black Sheep Lounge
- Central Music
- Canadian Federation of University Women
- Choralis Camerata
- Cinéfest Niagara
- Club Richelieu, Welland
- Faith Rebekah Lodge #84
- Kiwanis Club of Welland
- Krall Consulting
- Mapleview Charities Welland
- Rotary Club of Welland
- Royal Canadian Legion Branch 4
- Vermeer's Greenhouses
- Welland Centennial Alumni
- Welland Masonic Association
- Welland Optimist Club
- Welland Vol. Fire Co. #2

Special thanks to **South Pelham Dental** for generously donating their funds raised through "Toonie for a Tooth" along with a variety of dental supplies. These donations helped support our yearly Christmas Elf campaign which provided Christmas gifts for a select number of our students at WCSS.

South Pelham Dental

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UPCOMING EVENTS...

August 27 - Administrative offices re-open

August 30 - Grade 9 BBQ at 11:00 a.m.

September 3 - Holiday - Labour Day

September 4 - 1st Day of Classes

September 7th - WCSS Annual Corn Roast

September 13th - Gr 9 Parent Night

September 14th - Early Release

September 20 - Student Photo Day

September 24-28 Spirit Week

September 28 - Catch A Slice



LASER TAG



The grade 10s experienced a fun afternoon of laser tag to gain awesome experiential learning for their optics unit! Mr. Sarvis and Mrs. Wilding enjoyed this too!!



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Students wrote the OSSLT (Literacy Test) on April 10th