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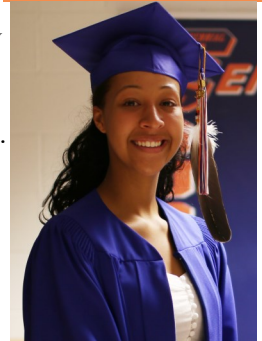


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2019 VALEDICTORIAN

Congratulations to this year's Valedictorian, Destiny Paquin. Destiny is a graduate of Princess Elizabeth Elementary School, and was chosen by her peers, which is a significant honour. She will be attending Brock University next year to study Concurrent Education. Destiny was also recognized with the Welland Tribune Tournament Basketball Tournament scholarship and the Wilma Morrison Scholarship.



BROCK'S NIAGARA PRINCIPAL'S SCHOLARSHIP



Congratulations to Amélie Marais who won the Brock University Niagara Principal's scholarship this year. Amélie was accepted into the Medical Science program. This award is given to students selected by the Principal based on a combination of academic excellence and involvement in school and community.

GEORGIA MAJOR

Congratulations to Georgia Major who is the DSBM winner of the Grad Art Show for Painting and is also this year's Welland Rose Queen.



Congratulations to Shelby Laing and Nicholas Yioldassis who were recognized by the Welland Rotary Club members for their outstanding record of service within the community. Thanks also to the Welland Rotary Club for their continued scholarship support.

2019 ROTARY MEDALISTS



Shelby Laing & Nicholas

WATERLOO MATH ZONE CHAMPIONS!



Last month, our math team participated in the final Waterloo math competition of the year. It is a group format in which students write individually, with the top five scores making up the team score. Our grade 9 team, consisting of Donghwui Kim, Nico Damelio, Jordan Jacobi, Jacob Thomas and

Chase Kish, placed first in our zone. Our grade 10 team placed a very respectable fourth in the zone. Ruby Kong, a grade 11 student, placed in the top 25 percent and earned a certificate of distinction. We are very proud of all of the accomplishments of our team this year and look forward building on our success next year.

WCSS STILL #1 IN MICROSOFT TESTS

Centennial continues to set the standard as the #1 school in Ontario and #2 in Canada, with over 300 certifications over the last 3 years. This year over 90 students at WCSS earned a Microsoft Office User Specialist designation. The success rate this semester was off the charts, with all of our students passing on their very first attempt! 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!



The Senior Reach team had a record-setting year of competition. Our group of five -- Keegan M., Faith D., David E., Georgia M., and Jenn V. - won the regional championship and represented Niagara at the Ontario Provincial Playoffs of Reach for the Top in May. They gained experience and confidence in "beating the buzzer" and were able to showcase their strong and varied trivia knowledge. In the end, they finished 16th of 40 schools. It was an impressive result, and Centennial's first time competing at the provincial level.

Congratulations on your fantastic year! Meanwhile the Jr Reach team advanced onto the Regional Finals at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School; the team showed composure and intellectual stamina with a second place win overall.



BROCK MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Congratulations Gabby Corriveau for her acceptance in the 2019-20 Brock University mentorship program. The program offers the opportunity for high school students to pursue a real-life scientific investigation at a University level, while still enrolled in high school. Gabby will be studying & learning under the supervision of Dr. Dawn Good in the department of Psychology and the Centre for Neuroscience.



Gabby Corriveau

ALL ENTRANTS PASS FRENCH MINISTRY TEST

Félicitations to Natalie Barrett, Faith Dehghan, Lilya Eruysal, Amelie Marais and Jessenia Sosa, who were our first group of grade 12 language students who challenged the DELF (Diplôme d'Etudes en Langue Française) test in May at the DSBN. All were successful at the 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.



ESCAPE FROM SYRIA WINS BEST PLAY!

Congratulations to the cast & crew of Escape From Syria on an extraordinary year! Escape From Syria was the most recognized production at the National Theatre School Festival Provincial Showcase (top 12 plays in Ontario), earning two Awards of Excellence and one MIRA Award. The production culminated with a performance at the Niagara Folk Arts Festival, and with two sold-out shows at the Performing Arts Centre in St. Catharines as part of the In The Soil Arts Festival (June 7 & 8). In attendance at the final show, and seeing Escape From Syria for the first time, was Samya Kullab, the author of the graphic novel from which the show was adapted. Brock University hosted a beautiful reception afterwards to celebrate the amazing achievements of all involved. Escape From Syria also had an outstanding showing at this year's Cappies, earning seven awards, including BEST PLAY!



EFS cast & crew with author Samya Kullab (far left)

Creativity - Live Music:
Ian Beauchamps, Isaac Cousineau,
Rowan Mikolic-O'Rourke,
Serena Thornton

Supporting Actor in a Play:
Cole Reid

Lead Actress in a Play:
Senzenina DeFreitas

Stage Management:
Tara Allati & Talia Wakem

Special Effects:
Gavin Cauwenbergs & Lizzy Hajla

Stage Crew:
Isabel Pearson

BEST PLAY!!!

Next year's musical is *Legally Blonde* - Auditions will be held the week of September 23rd. Please be sure to listen to the morning announcements for further detail. We encourage everyone to participate on stage or behind the scenes.



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CAMP OUT FOR A CAUSE

The Centennial Cougars raised exactly \$25,278.24 for Campout For A Cause in memory of Mr. Kevin Krasnay. Nearly 430 Welland Centennial Secondary School students surpassed their goal of \$20,000 that will benefit two organizations that helped him during his battle with lung cancer. Mr. Krasnay taught at WCSS and Eastdale S.S. Students and staff raised enough money to make \$10,000 donations to each Wellspring Niagara and Hospice Niagara, where Mr. Krasnay received care before his death. Mr. Krasnay built many sets

and stage props used in drama productions at the high school, and was also the lead on the miniature structures at the Niagara Safety Village, teaching many students about construction in the process.



Mrs. Louisa Krasnay and Michael Krasnay (Kevin's wife and son)

WWII VETERANS SHARE EXPERIENCE AND WISDOM



Jim Summersides, a veteran of WWII, of the First Special Service Force ("Devil's Brigade") came to visit on May 22 along with Cliff Driscoll, Peacekeeper and former RCMP officer, and James Grenier, retired corporal of Canadian Forces. These veterans came to speak about their experiences with Ms. Bowman's grade ten and grade twelve history classes. In the audience was Taylor Allen, Jim Summersides' great niece.



This semester's Italian class had the opportunity to visit Cafe Amalia this month to try 'gelato' (ice cream). Before the visit, students learned about some history of Italian ice cream, its cultural influence and the traditional & various flavours. 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!

GELATO AT CAFÉ AMALIA'S



signor & signora Nava with our class outside on the patio

IN CUCINA

Welland Centennial's Italian class this semester had the opportunity to prepare homemade 'gnocchi' as well as various Italian cookies, including 'Pizzelle' (Italian waffle cookies) this semester. This would not have been possible without the guidance and kindness of Ms. Leblanc-Fraone and her Gr.10 culinary class. They took the time to learn and practice these recipes and taught them to signora Pelissero's Gr.10 Italian class. Both classes came together to enjoy this delicious food and got a taste of espresso, cappuccino and these treats at our Italian café.

~Buonissimo!~



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The semi-annual Grade Nine Geography trip to Niagara Falls was on June 7. Students and staff enjoyed the sunshine from the deck of the Hornblower boat, at the base of the Falls, and eating their pizza lunch.

CO-OP: A YEAR IN REVIEW

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SECONDARY SCHOOL

A great big thank you to this semester's co-operative education community partners and our participating students! Throughout the year, students were placed in a variety of fields from education and health care to the culinary arts and construction trades.

Zachary Taylor completed a placement at the Pump Pro Shop where he was signed as a General Machinist under the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program. He will be working at the Pump Pro Shop on a full-time basis.



TAKING IN OUR LOCAL GEOGRAPHY



Hannah Corriveau (far right), completed her co-op placement at Airbus Helicopters Canada and has accepted summer employment after which she will be attending Fanshawe College for Aviation Technician – Aircraft Maintenance.

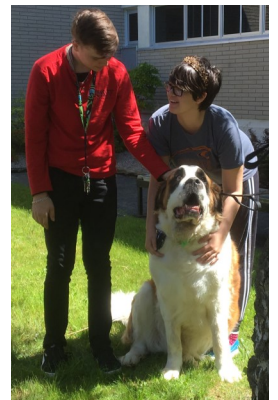
RE-BRANDING SAFE SCHOOL TEAM TO CENTENNIAL CHANGEMAKERS



This year, Centennial's Safe School Team rebranded as Centennial Changemakers. Students who were part of this club aimed to improve the school culture and promote the well-being of all students. Students shared information about impaired driving, the importance of sleep, and brought a dramatic performance about healthy relationships and consent to Grade 11 and 12's this semester. In June, the Changemakers brought in dogs from Therapy Tails to provide some end of semester stress relief!

Therapy Tails Ontario was founded to improve the lives of physically, cognitively, emotionally, and socially disadvantaged individuals through regular visitations and therapeutic relief programs. A big thank you to our leaders:

Natalie Barrett, Sarah Couroux, Jessenia Sosa & Hannah Zannetti who will be graduating this year! We appreciate all the hard work, commitment, passion and ideas you brought to our club. We encourage any students to join the WCSS Changemakers group in September!



WINNER OF MENTAL HEALTH POSTER



Congratulations to Shannah Marr who won the DSBN's 2019 Mental Health week poster contest. This was quite the accomplishment as there were 402 submissions. Shannah received a gift certificate for the Pen Centre and thanked her mom for encouraging her to create her poster.



THE MOCCASIN PROJECT COMES TO CENTENNIAL

On April 12, several students from the Indigenous Voices course met with Nancy Rowe to take part in an act of reconciliation with our First Nations peoples. Nancy is a member of the Anishinaabek Nation and co-founder of the Moccasin project. Nancy heads a national campaign which provides moccasins to Foster Care agencies so that newborn babies who are in the system are given a cultural artifact which will travel with them to their new homes. Students spent an afternoon crafting moccasins, and crafting a note of encouragement and support which was then attached to the moccasins. The intention of the project is to offer children with First Nations heritage a connection to their past. Check out Nancy's campaign at <https://www.sotheycangohome.com/>.



ESL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT DAY

Spring was a busy time for our ESL students! In May, surrounded by the picturesque landscape of the Niagara Escarpment at Walker Living Campus, the DSBN hosted a Leadership Development Day, bringing together English Language learners from many different secondary schools in our board. Students participated in team building exercises and also had the opportunity to listen to a representative from Niagara Workforce speak about future employment opportunities. While Centennial students said, "it was great to get outside and be in nature" the highlight of the day for many of them was meeting ESL students from other schools and making plans to stay connected!

CONGRATULATIONS RETIREES

Congratulations and all the best to three wonderful staff members: Ms. A. Thomas, Mr. P. Mosley and Mr. J. Seebach. We hope you enjoy all of your adventures during your retirement. You will be missed. Your contributions to our school and students are greatly appreciated.



- August 26 - Administrative offices re-open
- August 29 - Grade 9 BBQ at 11:00 a.m.
- September 2 - Holiday - Labour Day
- September 3 - 1st Day of Classes
- September 6th - WCSS Annual Corn Roast
- September 12th - Gr 9 Parent Night
- September 13th - Early Release Day
- September 19th - Student Photo Day
- September 23rd-27th - Spirit Week
- September 27th - Catch A Slice
- September 30th - Orange Shirt Day



CULTURE CLUB OUTING—ST. JOHN'S

Members of Cultural Club were able to enjoy one of the few sunny days this June with a trip to the DSNB's Adventure Campus, located next to Short Hills Provincial Park. Learning about nature photography was the focus for the day so students spent many hours hiking through, at times, the very muddy woods, to get that perfect shot capturing spring's glory! Ms. Shedden and Mrs. Andres want to thank all of the members of Cultural Club for another great year!



OFSAA TENNIS

WCSS Senior tennis team sent their Senior Girl's Doubles team to OFSAA this year. The girls, Addie Hambly and Hannah Zanetti, won SOSSA and represented Centennial and the DSNB with athletic play and fantastic sportsmanship at the OFSAA event. The girls had the opportunity to play on centre court at the AVIVA centre. They were down 7-4, and fought through 3 match points before coming back to win the tie-break game and set 8-7. The girls ended up placing 13th out of 33 teams. The WCSS tennis team will begin practices after school on the first Thursday. Please see Mrs. Casella or Mr. Ingrao if you're interested in playing tennis for Centennial.



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Our 2019 Graduates are very fortunate for the following Community Sponsors and their generous scholarship donations:

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