

WELLAND CENTENNIAL SECONDARY

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2015 GRADUATION

HONOURABLE MENTIONS

Excellence in Education Award -
Vinay Sharma

Lieutenant Governor's Community
Volunteer Award - **Ariel Hartwick**

Ontario Principals' Student Leader-
ship Award - **Lianne Bankert**

Rotary Club of Welland Medalists -
Lianne Bankert & Vinay Sharma

Class of 2015 Valedictorian -
Austin Wheeler

CELEBRATING SUMMER!

Congratulations to our very own Ashleigh Gisel who was crowned the 2015 Rose Queen, and to Rose Fraracci who placed as 2nd Princess. The Gr. 9 vocal class and the Gr. 11/12 dance class entertained the crowds at the Rose Festival Day in the Park on June 19th. The weather co-operated on the day of the parade and the Centennial float was voted the Best Float by the festival judges. Thank you to all staff and students who made this such a great way to start the Summer!



BROCK-NIAGARA - FRENCH CONTEST 2015 (Concours Brock-Niagara)

In May, eleven Welland Centennial Students from the Core & Extended French Gr. 11 and 12 programs participated in the 37th Annual Brock-Niagara French Contest. The contest participants took part in activities designed to test their proficiency. They competed in one of three categories: Core French, Extended French or Francophone. This year's participants were: **Lily Ayres, Megan Corriveau, Maria Dziarkach, Morgan Fink, Alex Gilmore, Gabriel Marais, Emily Mundy, Amanda Pattison, Hannah Smith, Alexa Sutton, and Adrienne Thompson.**

Congratulations go out to **Amanda Pattison** and her group who placed 1st in the Gr. 11 Extended French improv skit category. As well congratulations to **Gabriel Marais**, who placed 5th in the Francophone category.



CONGRATULATIONS ROTARY MEDALISTS



Recently recognized by the Rotary Club of Welland graduates, one male and one female, from each of the five secondary schools in Welland. These students have been chosen by their peers and Guidance staff because they personify the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self." They have made worthy contribution to the life of the school and the community at large and possess the qualities, abilities and interests that make them worthy representatives of their schools while the same time achieving academic success. **Congratulations to the WCSS winners, Lianne Bankert and Vinay Sharma.**

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD

The Excellence in Education award honours students who excel academically, while making outstanding contributions to their school and home communities. Congratulations to Vinay Sharma, who was Centennial's recipient of this award. Vinay has been a visible leader throughout his years here at WCSS as well within our local Community such as Student Council Deputy Prime Minister, Chair of the of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee for the City of Welland and currently holds the title of Student Trustee for the DSBN.



COUGARS ON BROADWAY

The Arts department enjoyed their bi-annual trip to New York City on May 14-17. The afternoon we arrived we went immediately to the Museum of Arts and Design for our first tour. That first evening drew to a close atop the Rockefeller Center. The highlight of day two was the Musical Theatre Song & Movement Broadway Classroom experience. The session was taught by a Broadway performer from the musical *On The Town*. Students saw the show later that evening. Sheet music was provided and all students participated in a true Broadway rehearsal learning the choreography, staging, and music directly from the show! Later students were aboard The Ride, a unique theatre experience where the touring bus becomes elevated theatre seating and the streets become the stage. Day three highlights included the Staten Island Ferry, a Stage Door Tour of Radio City Music Hall, and a visit to The Museum of Modern Art. On their final morning, students and staff explored Central Park. Stay tuned for the Centennial Arts Department's NYC trip being planned for May 2017!



BON APPETIT!!



Heather Montgomery

Gr. 9 class! Special thanks go out to Mr. Laughton for preparing such a wonderful menu and to his students for doing an excellent job working with the French class.

This semester, the Gr. 9 Applied French class and the Gr. 10 Culinary Arts students came together over two days to do some French cooking. The culinary students worked in teams to teach the French students how to make some wonderful French recipes such as: *tarte tatin*, *soupe à l'oignon* and *croquettes* to name a few. A delicious feast was enjoyed by the



(left): Taylor Haymes & Dylan St. Amand
(right): Mr. R. Laughton & Carl Paulemont



Reaching for the stars

Jordan Barnartt is one of 60 students chosen from across Ontario to complete Grade 12 Math and Science credits during an enriched semester at the Ontario Science Centre in Toronto. The Science School seeks students with a passion for learning and communicating about science and who have a strong academic background.

At the Science School, there is a strong emphasis on experiential learning and the communication of science. This is achieved through Science School practicum hours engaging in activities within the Science Centre and the local community. Congratulations on earning this opportunity. We know you will represent Centennial well!

SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR PROJECT

The Construction Specialist High Skills Major students major project this semester was to construct 10 large acoustic panels in the classroom and install them in the auditorium ceiling above the apron on the stage. Students worked with our community partner, Serianni Construction Ltd., to install the panels after receiving training in scaffolds and elevating work platforms. The panels were needed to correct sound issues identified when the auditorium was professionally sound tested.



The Arts Special High Skills Major students attended the Art Gallery of Hamilton in May showcasing Italian Baroque and Canadian Contemporary art. Students also participated in a visual arts experience with gallery artists.



At the Art Gallery of Hamilton

ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE

Welland Centennial's Gr. 11 & 12 dance class pictured below presented their final performance at the Merritt Park amphitheatre on King St. in Welland. This is a site-specific piece in which students choreograph using the environment around them. The Welland Recreational Canal Corporation rented the amphitheatre to us for this special event. Senior dance students used the creative process to choreograph solo, small group, and large group pieces that utilized the site and demonstrated the skills they have learned over the past few years. The performing arts classes give students the opportunity to explore the arts outside the classroom and we are thrilled the students had this unique experience.



A NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR COUGARS/NEW SKILLS FOR THE MODERN WORK PLACE

The **Centennial School of Business** is thrilled to announce that it will be offering to our students one of the most sought after qualifications in Canada and internationally.

Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) certification is the leading IT certification in the world. More than 1 million MOS exams are taken every year in over 140 countries. It has recently been rated the 2nd most sought-after skill required for high growth high paying jobs, and it is available to Cougars in September.

Certification demonstrates you have the knowledge, skills, and abilities to productively use Microsoft Office. MOS enables you to tap the full features and functionality of the Microsoft Office system, resulting in heightened levels of individual performance, confidence, and differentiation.

- In academia, MOS promotes success in the classroom for students (and instructors), builds individual distinction, and prepares students for an increasingly competitive workforce.
- For business, MOS maximizes office productivity and efficiency for the organization and increases job satisfaction and heightens career achievement among employees.
- In workforce development, MOS prepares and places job candidates, ensuring they possess the skills employers require.
- This exciting opportunity is offered in our Grade 11 BTA class and our Grade 12 BTX class. It will also be offered in our adult programs.



COUGARS EARN THEIR WINGS



Grade Ten History classes traveled to Hamilton's Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum in May for an in-depth tour of the remarkable collection of planes that have played a vital role in Canada's wartime and peacetime history. Students were given an interactive lesson on wartime life for civilians in Canada and soldiers and pilots overseas. The Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum is home to one of the two remaining Lancaster bombers still capable of flying. The other is in England.

SCHOOLN REACH TEAM PLACED FIRST IN REGION

The Centennial School reach team has had a fantastic year, meeting weekly at lunch to enjoy friendly practice trivia competitions. Our Senior team won their final tournament in March, taking home the Finalist Plaque at the Regional level. The Intermediate team went all the way to win the Regional Championship trophy in May, a very impressive feat for students in their first competitive season! Congratulations to all students who came out to Reach this year.



Back row (L to R): Connor Poland, Dean Haydon, David Gagnon, Jordan Barnartt, Keegan Patrick, Maria Dziarkach

Front row (L to R): Chris Russell, Devlin Mayne, Spencer Taylor, Meredith Durfy, Lily Ayres

ROBOTICS ON THE MOVE

The new robotics season celebrated its launch at the end of April. Students in the Robotics Club were busy working independently and together designing and building prototypes for competitions taking place in the upcoming school year. These future innovators are focusing and applying what they know of science, technology, engineering and math, and having a great time doing it!



(left) Malav Patel



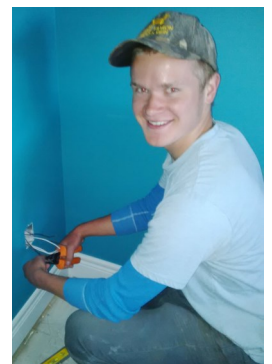
(right) Alexandra Gilmore & Flora Sibley

STUDENTS' CO-OP SPARK CAREERS



Congratulations to Steven Alakas (*below*) and Colin Snider who both completed their co-op placements in the electrical field as Ontario Youth Apprentices. Students wishing to pursue careers in the skilled trades are encouraged to participate in

the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP). Questions about the program and its benefits can be answered by either a guidance counselor or co-op teacher at Centennial.



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COMING SPRING 2016!!!

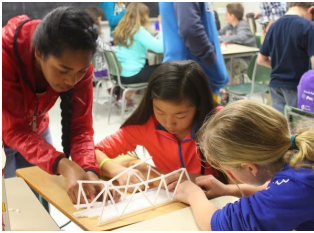


The Arts Department is once again looking forward to mounting a full-scale musical in Spring. This year we turn our attention to the classic Broadway musical "Guys & Dolls." Set in the 1950s in New

York City, **Guys And Dolls** is an oddball romantic comedy that takes us from the heart of Times Square to the cafes of Havana, Cuba, and even into the sewers of New York City, but eventually everyone ends up right where they belong. We encourage all students to consider getting involved in this exciting project. No previous experience is required and we can guarantee that getting involved will build high school memories that will last a lifetime.

GRADE 6 MATH & SCIENCE OLYMPICS

On Tuesday, April 28th, Centennial hosted Grade 6 students from all of our feeder elementary schools for the Math and Science Olympics. Junior Cougars were able to get a taste of life at high school and meet new people as they competed in three fun challenges.



TRACK & FIELD TRIUMPHS

Centennial Cougars traveled to the University of Toronto to compete in the 2015 OFSAA track and field championships. The weekend was full of great experiences for both athletes and coaches. To qualify for OFSAA as one of the provinces' top 24 athletes is a great accomplishment. Our 11 athletes had Centennial's best results at OFSAA Track and Field in recent history, with 7 top eight finishes and 3 medals. Special congratulations go to **Mackenzie Jasinskis** who won a bronze medal in the midjet boys 100 metre hurdles, **Alexis Brenzil** for winning a bronze medal in senior girls javelin and **Emma Nero** for capturing silver in the senior girls 100 metre hurdles. GO COUGARS GO!



HELLO & FAREWELLS

As the school year comes to an end WCSS wishes to congratulate Mr. Speck, Mrs. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Tracey on their retirements. They have all enjoyed long and distinguished careers and served the students of Niagara with credit. Mr. Kubeck will become the new V.P at Governor Simcoe S.S. in St. Catharines. We will miss his good nature and his drive to do what is best for students at the school. Ms. Skye Butters, Ms. Carusetta, Mr. Holland, Mr. Mitson, Ms. Risto, Ms Shishkov and Mrs. Straighton have taken on new assignments and we wish them well. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new staff members Mrs. Reid-George (our new V.P.) and incoming teachers Mr. Barker, Ms. Carl, Ms. Thomas, Ms. Smith and Ms. Corbett.

RUGBY TEAM FIRST FINAL



The boys Rugby team played at SOSSA in Beamsville where they progressed to before losing to an experienced Stamford team

The girls Rugby team (pictured below) played at a Prom Dress tournament at A.N. Myer where they went 2-1 in their pool play.



BOY'S BASEBALL TEAM

Centennial's Boys' Baseball team had a 500 ball this season, finishing just one spot short of a playoff appearance with a two win and two loss record. The boys played in the St. Francis Spring Classic and were competitive in each of their games and even beat the host team. The team looks forward to next season and wishes graduating players well.



GRAD FAST FACTS

- Graduating Class - 199 Graduates
- Scholarship & Bursary Dollars earned - \$50,000.00
- Ontario Gold Medals - 63
- Ontario Silver Medals - 42
- University Bound Students - 66
- College Bound Students - 41
- Returning 12B Students - 21
- Students going to the workforce - 37