

WELLAND CENTENNIAL SECONDARY

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2016 GRADUATION

DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENTS

Excellence in Education Award -
Justin Dubé

Lieutenant Governor's Community
Volunteer Award -
Lauren Horinga

Ontario Principals' Student
Leadership Award - **Justin Dubé**

Rotary Club of Welland Medalists -
Justin Dubé & Hannah Donofrio

Class of 2016 Valedictorian -
Hannah Donofrio

NEARLY A QUARTER OF A MILLION DOLLARS RAISED BY CARING COUGARS !!

This year, WCSS students raised **\$52,000.00** for our 5th Relay for Life event, which was held at the school on Friday, May 27th! This brings the total funds raised to date to nearly a quarter of a million dollars. The overnight event brought 450 of Centennial's staff and students from grades 9-12 out to help raise awareness. We would like to thank the cancer survivors who came to be a part of this special event. Memories were made while walking the track for 12 hours throughout the night while celebrating survivors and remembering their loved ones. Fun was also had with events such as the photo booth, the inflatables and watching the Raptors' game on the big screen outdoors. We wish to acknowledge the following Community partners for the donations made that helped make our event so successful:

- Can-View Drive In
- Meridian Credit Union
- Domino's Pizza – Welland
- Lasting Images
- Tim Horton's - Lincoln St. Welland
- Sysco Foods
- WCSS Alumni
- Fraracci Family
- W2 Dance
- McDonald's - Port Colborne
- Giant Tiger - St. Catharines
- Jeffery's Greenhouses



COUGARS SHINE IN BROCK FRENCH CONTEST

Cougars from both the Core & Extended French Gr. 11 and 12 programs competed in the 38th

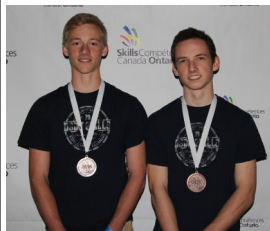
Brock-Niagara French Contest 2016



Annual Brock-Niagara French Contest. They took part in five language activities designed to test proficiency. Congratulations goes out to **John Breton**, who placed 1st overall in the **Gr. 11 Extended French category**. Other participants include **Anna Nero** who placed 5th. In the **Gr. 12 Extended French category** **Lily Ayres** who also placed in her category; and In the **Gr. 12 Francophone category** **Julian Ploquin-Lucas** placed 2nd overall in his category. He also received 1st place for Greatest Speaking Ability. **Anna Nero and John Breton's** group won the prize in the Gr. 11 Extended French improv skit category. The Moderns Department would like to congratulate all participating Cougars for their efforts!

3RD IN ALL ONTARIO

Stephen Koiter and Jacob Naumann represented WCSS in the Ontario Technology Skills Competition that took place on May 3rd in Waterloo. They found themselves competing against students representing 48 school boards from all over Ontario. They earned a 3rd place finish and brought home bronze medals. On behalf of Welland Centennial and the DSBN, congratulations **Jacob and Stephen** for your amazing accomplishment.

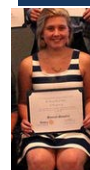


EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD

The Excellence in Education award honours students who excel academically, while making outstanding contributions to their school and home communities. Congratulations to **Justin Dubé**, who is Centennial's recipient of this award.



CONGRATULATIONS ROTARY MEDALISTS



Hannah Donofrio & Justin Dubé were recognized at this year's Rotary luncheon. They truly exemplify the Rotarian motto of "service above self."



Congratulations to both Hannah and Justin!

GET CERTIFIED AND GET AHEAD...WCSS AMONG THE TOP 5 SCHOOLS IN CANADA!

We have issued over 90 Microsoft Office Specialist Certificates in our very first year of running our new program. CCI Learning recently told us that we were one of only a "handful" of schools in CANADA to achieve this type of success. Clearly we have a proven system that works and is preparing our students for all



workplaces, with the skills they will need to be successful and productive. Be sure to get Certified before you graduate so that you can separate yourself from the competition in all fields! Microsoft Office User Certifications are **internationally** recognized designations that prove you have the skills the workplace requires! Get Certified by signing up for BTA 30 or BTX 40 in grade 11 or 12.

Microsoft Specialist Certification is also being offered for Adults:

FREE - Microsoft Office 2013 Specialist certification available for adults. For information call 905-735-0700 Ext 60711.



WWII VETERANS SHARE EXPERIENCE AND WISDOM

Recently, WWII Veterans Mr. Rowland Gillap and Mr. Jim Summersides visited our Grade Ten history classes. Mr. Gillap fought in the Italian Campaign. He also helped to liberate the Netherlands from the Nazis and fought in Germany at the end of the war. Mr. Summersides was a part of the joint U.S. /Canada First Special Service also known as the Devil's Brigade. Last year, 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. Rowland and Mr. Summersides for once again sharing with us.



From L-R: Tori Rivers, Teagan Clark, Olivia Healey, Jim Summersides, Rowland Gillap, Xanda De Freitas, Mikayla Minken, Blaze Semple, Samantha Crawford, Holly Brown, Gavin Cauwenbers, Catharine Maltais, Amy Teeter. Veterans Jim Summersides fought with the First Special Service and veteran Rowland Gillap fought in Italy, the Netherlands and Germany.

ONTARIO STUDENTS AGAINST IMPAIRED DRIVING

This year, OSAID hosted a very successful pasta trivia night in April. This fundraiser sent 3 school delegates to attend the Provincial Conference in Oakville. Thanks to Mr. Laughton and our Culinary Arts students who prepared a wonderful meal for the crowd of over 100 participants. We received a lot of support from community businesses that provided door and raffle prizes. The provincial conference in Oakville was a whirlwind of activities. It was attended by 200 people from all over Ontario, all dedicated to supporting the need for continued awareness and prevention of the unsafe and sometimes deadly consequences of impaired and distracted driving. Amongst the motivational speakers in attendance were Cheryl Pounder from the Women's Team Canada hockey team. We are looking forward to planning and participating in next year's events! Have a fun & safe summer! And remember, *'Friends Don't Let Friends Drink and Drive'*.

Victoria Stuart, Hannah Balint, Morgan Fink & Dario Smagata (Regional Representative) Staff Advisors: Ms. Saunders & Mme Pelissero



Centennial's very own Dario Smagata as OSAID's Regional Rep with other representatives from Ontario

Hollywood themed dinner night



FUTURE COUGAR FIGHTS BACK FOR CROHN'S AND COLITIS



Our future 12 year old Cougar **Emma Haist** from Fitch Street School presented herself at WCSS on May 10th to sell purple bracelets as a fundraising opportunity for Crohn's and Colitis. Emma was diagnosed with Crohn's at the age of 10 and has dedicated her time over the past 2 years fundraising for this cause in hopes to some day find a cure. Staff and students showed their support by purchasing bracelets from Emma. 1 in every 150 Canadians has Crohn's or Colitis. If you would like to make a donation to this organization in Emma's name please visit gutsywalk.ca.



SCHOOLREACH TEAM 2015-2016

The Centennial Schoolreach team competed in two tournaments during Semester 2. On April 1, the team travelled to Dunnville S. S. for a day of trivia matches against four other schools. In the end, Centennial came out in third place, narrowly missing the top spot by only two correct answers. The team moved on to the consolation final at Thorold Secondary School on May 6. The group has held weekly lunchtime practices and friendly matches throughout the school year. Congratulations on another enjoyable year of trivia!



Back row (l to r): Conor Koval, Keegan Mueller, Wynne Reichheld, Dvir Hilu, Maria Dziarkach, Lily Ayres, Mrs. Odreman (coach)

Front row (l to r): Kamille Reaker, John Breton, Taylor Hunt, Danielle Brown, Alanna Wiseman, Anna Nero

GUYS & DOLLS LIGHTS UP THE STAGE AT CENTENNIAL!

This year's production of *Guys & Dolls* was a tremendous success. Every student, staff member and community volunteer who helped to bring this masterpiece to the stage, working countless hours to make it the best it could possibly be. Many Cappies were awarded in a variety of categories. **Abdul Al-Kaysee** and **Mikayla Stranges** each won for Best Vocalist in a Musical, while **Kevin Pena** won Best Featured Actor in a Musical and **Daphne Mowat** won Best Female Dancer. In addition, **Wynne Reichheld** won the award for Marketing and Publicity, while both the Costume Crew and the Stage



Management teams won the top honours in their categories. Finally, Centennial also won the award for the Best Song for their performance of "Luck Be a Lady." Mrs. Neufeld would just like to add that she is very happy to have had the opportunity to work with such a wonderful group for her last musical at Welland Centennial S.S.

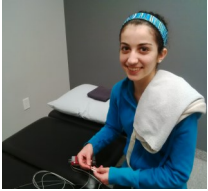
Thanks for all the great memories!



CO-OP - A YEAR IN REVIEW

We have had a very successful 2015-16 school year in Cooperative Education. Many of our students were able to land part-time or summer employment. 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. We would like to acknowledge and welcome aboard a number of our new partners: **Peninsula Dermatology, Lifemark**

Physiotherapy, Accelerated Health, Royal Rose Place, A-Tech HVAC and Indexable Cutting Tools. Thank you for partnering with us in education!



Bianca Gage
Accelerated Health Physiotherapy

Thank you to Mr. Colonico for his many years seeking Community partners for the young Cougars. We wish him well in his retirement.



Levi Dobin
A-Tech HVAC



PULSE ONTARIO DANCE CONERENCE

Centennial dancers travelled to Ottawa to attend a four day dance conference where they took part in workshops with professional dance artists, participated in site-specific dance creations choreographed by leading Canadian dance choreographers, and enjoyed evening performances by professional dance companies. It was a fantastic and enriching experience for the students and Miss Wyld.



From L-R (standing) Kayla Burke, Abbie Lemay, Daphne Mowat, Morgan Proulx, Emily Robins Front row: Caitlyn MacInnis, Elizabeth Mazzuca

NIAGARA'S BEST DANCE CREW COMPETITION

The Centennial dance team competed against 15 other high school dance teams from across the Niagara Region and Hamilton. The dance team won two 1st place awards for their team dances. As well, there were three student choreographed pieces that received high marks and awards including a special award for best student choreography for **Victoria Hingley** and **Caitlyn MacInnis**.

Congratulations to our graduating dancers, **Abbie Lemay, Daphne Mowat, and Emily Robins!**



¡ BUEN PROVECHO ¡ (AS THEY SAY IN SPAIN)

Students who were taking Introductory Spanish spent a day in the kitchen with Mr. Laughton learning about Spanish/Mexican cuisine and the history behind some of the dishes. The students made gazpacho, paella, churros and flan alongside the cooking class. In the end, they enjoyed a delicious lunch that they helped prepare.



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GRADE 6 MATH & SCIENCE OLYMPICS

On Tuesday, April 26th, Grade 6 students from most feeder schools visited Centennial for the Math and Science Olympics. In teams hosted by senior Centennial students, future Cougars had the opportunity to participate in three challenges: Boat-Building, Bridge-Building and Math Sequences. They also enjoyed meeting students from other schools, eating a snack in the Centennial cafeteria, and getting a taste of life in high school!



TORONTO BLUE JAYS GAME

The Toronto Blue Jays thrilled a bus load of Centennial fans with a convincing 11 to 3 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies. Students enjoyed a sunny day, good seats, a comfortable coach, and home runs from the Jays. Looking forward to 'School Day' next year.

BOYS' BASEBALL TEAM

A post-season appearance eluded the Centennial Baseball Team despite a two win, two loss regular season record. Strong play by returning players with support from the rookies made for exciting baseball action. Special thanks goes out to the fans who showed enthusiastic support for the team. Best wishes to the graduating players. **Front row: Chris Vogin, Jarod Preston, Eric Matkowski, Austin Brochu, William Halliday Back row: Carter Haggard, Ahaz Ellahi, Austin Meyer-Vanneste, Kennedy Seebach, Ryan Oakes, Riley Mallett, Carson Brouwer, Brad VanVeen, Nathan Martin, Matteo Ramundo, Justin Dubé, Spencer Root and Yutaro Hanioka.**



GRAD FAST FACTS

- Graduating Class of 2016 - 178 Graduates
- Scholarship & Bursary Dollars earned - \$50,000.00
- University-Bound Students - 58 students
- College-Bound Students - 53 students
- Returning 12B Students - 15 students
- Students going to the workforce - 24 students

COUGARS MEET GRIZZLIES



In early June, students in Mrs. Bootsma's Writer's Craft class visited Gordon PS Kindergarten classes to read the children's books they had written to an attentive group of 4-6 year olds. Our future Cougars were excited to learn that "big kids" had written storybooks for them, and were an enthusiastic and excited audience. Thanks to Ms. Fletcher, Ms. Munderich and Ms. Clarke for welcoming us to their classes!



SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Special thanks to **South Pelham Dental** for generously donating their funds raised through "Toonie for a Tooth" as well as 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.

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Our 2016 Graduates are very fortunate for the following Community Sponsors for their generous scholarship donations:

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HELLO & FAREWELLS

As the school year comes to an end, WCSS wishes to congratulate Mrs. Neufeld, Mr. Colonico and Mr. Albanese on their retirements. They have all enjoyed long and distinguished careers and served the students of Niagara with credit. Amelia Azzarello, Lianne Smith and Carrie Neilson have taken on new assignments and we wish them well. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new staff members Mr. Ingrao, Ms. Acey, Mr. Snopek, Ms. Ridley, Ms. Thompson and Ms. Perkins.