



WELLAND CENTENNIAL SECONDARY

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Students of the Month

Grade 9:

Emily Swartz
Zach Perna

Grade 10:

Jessica Hardy
Seth Johnston

Grade 11:

Morgan Proulx
Caleb Fast

Grade 12:

Ben Vasko
Tara Napper

BRING IT ON - A BIG HIT



Behind the scenes there were many more students using their skills in stage design, lighting, video, costume, make-up, set painting and sound to great effect. Congratulations to all the students, staff and volunteers who once again combined to produce a memorable work that delighted so many. Thanks also to all who showed their support by attending.

May 2018

Audiences were wowed by this year's high energy musical production "Bring it On". On stage, 60 students sang, acted and danced, including 10 members of our National Champion Cheerleading squad.

CONSTRUCTION CHAMPS REGIONAL 3 PEAT

Welland Centennial's Construction Program officially completed the 3Peat as champions once again at the DSBN Skills Competition in the Team Carpentry Challenge. Team members **Stephen Koiter** and **Chris Gadjek** completed their challenge with time to spare over the tough field of 10 DSBN Secondary Construction Programs. Stephen and Chris represented Centennial with the utmost poise and efficiency during the competition and demonstrated their leadership as they worked together to make the day successful. Next for the Centennial Team... the Provincial Skills Competition hosted in Toronto.



A KEY ELECTION WIN

Congratulations to **Keylee Smith** who was elected by students across the DSBN to be their representative as the Student Trustee on their Senate for a 2 year term. Keylee will have an important role in putting forward the student voice in Niagara, and helping to decide the agenda for student led-initiatives. We wish Keylee every success in her new role.



REGISTRATION FOR THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

All students are encouraged to register before the end of the year. Registration packages are enclosed with your child's report card and this newsletter!

To register early, please complete, sign and submit the following:

1. Student Verification Form

(parents must revise and update all info)

2. Applicable fees Activity Fee \$35 + 2018 Yearbook Fee \$40;

Graduation Fee \$45 for grade 12s only

** Cheques (payable to Welland Centennial S.S.) or cash are accepted in the main office - OR- Credit card and debit payments available via Schoolcashonline.com

3. Info Technology Digital Citizenship Form

4. Permission to Participate Form

5. Informed Consent for Participation in Sciences

****Early registrants** avoid having to register the last week of August, receive timetables by mail in the July mailout, and will be entered in our weekly early registration draws in May and June.

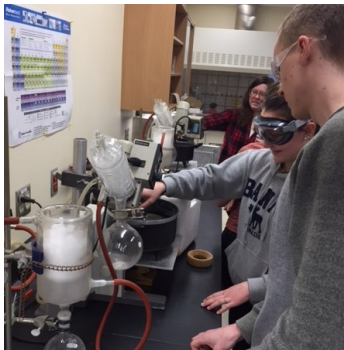
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COUGAR SCIENTISTS AT GUELPH UNIVERSITY

On April 19th, a group of Centennial senior science students had the opportunity to visit Guelph University to tour their science department. During our day, students were able to conduct lab work using equipment and materials not available at the high school level. The labs included extracting caffeine in powdered form from tea and a DNA extraction from a banana.



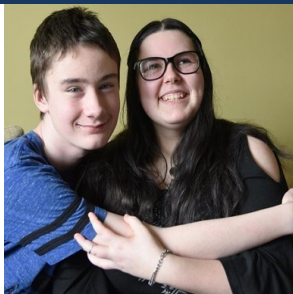
SR STUDENTS ATTEND THE B2L CONFERENCE

Paige Kramer, Sarah Allegra, Laura Pante, Hannah Ballint, and Victoria Rivers had the opportunity to attend this year's Born 2 Lead Youth Leadership Conference at White Oaks. This conference brings together emerging leaders with experienced corporate leaders and entrepreneurs from the Women in Leadership and Business (WiLB). The also had the chance to meet the keynote speaker, Marci Ien, from CTV's The Social.



TAYLOR ALLEN - HEART OF HOME CARE AWARD

Taylor Allen, a grade 10 student was selected as VHA's (Visiting Homemakers Association) 2018 Young Caregiver Award winner. Taylor taught her younger brother Alex, who has autism, to crawl, walk and talk. Now she is teaching him how to bowl. Though she thinks of herself as a typical teen, there really isn't much typical about the A student and champion 10-pin bowler.



YEARBOOKS 2017-18 & 2018-19

There are only 16 yearbooks left for sale for this year. Call the main office to secure your copy. Next year's yearbook is already on sale and can be purchased with early registration. Cost is \$40.00

UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO MATH MEDALISTS

On February 27th, 26 students from grades 9 through 11 participated in the annual Waterloo Math Competition. Each year, 30 000 students world-wide participate in the hour-long contest and this year, again, Centennial was well represented. Special congratulations go to **Taylor Korten, Shayne Belfry, and Bobby Lacombe-Watt** who earned medals for achieving the top result in the school for their respective grade level. In addition, **Taylor Korten and Scott Song** earned certificates of distinction for achieving in the top 25% of all participants.



CO-OP APPRENTICESHIP SUCCESS

Madyn McNaughton is enjoying completing a co-op placement with Adelina's Catering. Madyn has registered as a baker's apprentice under the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program. This semester, she will earn both high school credits and apprenticeship hours. Congratulations on being one step closer to your baker's red seal, Madyn!



WINNER OF NIAGARA COLLEGE TUITION DRAW

Jacob Bray will have an easier time paying his Niagara College tuition fees thanks to winning a scholarship draw when he recently attended a Niagara College open house. Congratulations, Jacob!



NEW ENERGY SHSM GETS GREEN LIGHT

WCSS is pleased to announce an exciting new opportunity in its technology program area. A new energy SHSM will start next year. This is a growing employment sector where industry is increasingly looking at new energy options and environmental protection. We would like to thank community and post-secondary partners for their support of our application

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

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COUGAR SPIRIT 2017-18

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BLUE, ORANGE, WHITE...action!

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD

The Excellence in Education award honours students who excel academically, while making outstanding contributions to their school and community. Congratulations to **Vani Sharma**, who is Centennial's recipient of the award. Vani has been a visible leader throughout her years here at WCSS, as well as within our local Community. She is a representative on the DSBN Student Senate, a member of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee for the City of Welland and WCSS's Student Council Deputy Prime Minister.



SPRING CONCERT & ARTS SHOWCASE

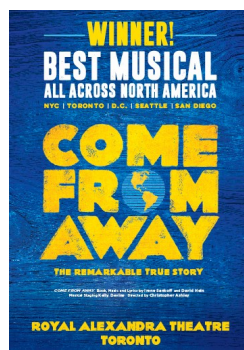
The Arts Department's Annual Spring Concert will take place on Wednesday, May 9 at 7 p.m. in our school auditorium. The concert will showcase work and performances by students in second semester Arts classes, as well as extra curricular groups such as Achoired Taste, Centennial Dance Team and the Cats Band. Students in Performing Arts classes are being evaluated as a component of their course. The concert is open to the public, families and friends. Tickets are \$5 for students and seniors and \$10 for adults and can be purchased at the door. Come out and support our performing Cougars on May 9!

FRENCH SPEAKING COMPETITION

The Moderns Department will be sending 13 grade 11 & 12 students from Core French and Extended French to compete at the Brock Niagara French Contest this May. Our students will be competing against Core and Extended French students from across the Peninsula in a variety of activities to test their language skills. Bonne chance à tout le monde! Mme Brennand and Mme Pelissero are anxiously awaiting a special presentation for their grade 11 and 12 Extended French classes in early May by the Université de Sudbury on "Le Conte Canadien-Français."

SHSM ARTS AND CULTURE

SHSM grads will complete their First Aid and CPR training in May to complete their Arts & Culture certifications. SHSM students are encouraged to contact upcoming Colleges/Universities regarding scholarship opportunities available to those with this certificate.



COME FROM AWAY

On Wednesday, May 16th, Centennial Arts students will be heading to Toronto to see the smash hit musical COME FROM AWAY. Based on the true stories that happened in Gander, NFLD after the tragic event on 9/11, this musical is a portrait of heroic hospitality under extraordinary pressure.

PHOTOGRAPHY PROGRAM ENTRY

Congratulations to our very own **Laura Baron Gonzalez** on her acceptance into the Award Winning Digital Photography program at Niagara College. Laura was a part of the first photography class offered here at Centennial this year. Best of luck to her next year!

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Students will earn their OSSD Diploma
June 28, 2018

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TRACK & FIELD UPDATE

Between May 2nd and June 5th, Centennial will host approximately 10,000 athletes and spectators from around the DSBN at our new track and field facility. Rugby and soccer are already underway, so this is guaranteed to be a busy time. It's an incredible opportunity for all our athletes to excel this as outstanding, professional-quality facility takes shape. Evening photo of our field courtesy of **Jackson Edge** using his drone.



TORONTO BLUE JAYS GAME

Centennial is traveling to the Rogers Centre on Thursday, May 24 to see the Blue Jays play the LA Angels. Travel by coach bus, sit in good seats, and enjoy a game of baseball. Permission forms are available from Mr. Seebach in Room 212 or through school cash online.



SHSM DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY ACTIVITIES

SHSM Arts and Culture students, as well as Centennial photography students, have taken part in 3 events this year. Students travelled to Brock University to work in the photo darkroom and have participated in 2 Niagara College digital photography activities. Students travelled to Niagara College to work with photo students during their portfolio photo shoots in the portrait studios and later in April, photo professor Grace W. Smith visited Centennial students in their photography studio for a workshop on photo lighting.



Avery Dempster, Christopher Vincent & Addison Dempster

GUIDANCE—GRAD INFO

Graduation is scheduled for June 28th at 6:30 p.m.. Each graduate will be entitled to 4 tickets for guests. Extra tickets can be requested through the Guidance department. Please see the guidance website for further information regarding graduation. If your son or daughter is graduating, please see the Guidance insert within the report card package to review their status. Should you have any concerns, please contact a Guidance counsellor.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

May 3rd - Students' Council Assembly & Executive Election
May 4th - Dental Clinic
May 5 - Students' Council Grade Rep Vote
May 9th - Spring Concert
May 12th - Student Dental Screening
May 18th - PD Day
May 21st - Victoria Day (Holiday)
May 30th - Cougarfest and Awards Assembly
June 14th - Gr 9 EQAO Math Assessment
June 21-27th - Sem 2 Final Exams
June 26th - Prom
June 28th - Gr 12 Graduation
June 28 & 29 - P.A. Days
July 6th - Report Cards & Final newsletter mailed out



CENTENNIAL'S COMPETITIVE DANCE TEAM

The Centennial dance team will be competing at the Niagara's Best Dance Crew competition on May 7th. The team will travel to the Scotiabank Centre in Niagara Falls and compete their tap and jazz routines against teams from across Niagara, Hamilton, and the Toronto area. Gr. 12 student **Caitlyn MacInnis** will also compete her Hip Hop solo. Best of luck to the team on their competition!

BEST DANCE CREW

SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

During the March Break, 12 adventurous students travelled to Portugal and Spain for a 12 day tour with Mme Brennand & Mr. Seebach. Despite some rainy weather at the beginning, the trip was fabulous! Highlights were the bike tour in Barcelona, the monkeys in Gibraltar and the stormy seas in Portugal.



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Grade 10 students wrote the OSSLT (Literacy Test) on April 10th