

WELLAND CENTENNIAL SECONDARY

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Students of the Month:

Zelda Baiano	Kyle Clarkson
Brendan Gingras	Maggie Jessop
Catherine Maltais	Heather Montgomery
Destiny Paquin	Travis Smith

COUGARS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Once again, Welland Centennial students have distinguished themselves on the provincial math and literacy tests. Our students achieved an overall pass rate of 86% on the OSSLT, a graduation requirement. This is well above the provincial average and the highest score of all Welland secondary schools. Our Academic Math students set the standard for DSBNI with a board-high success rate of 90%. Well done to all of our students and thanks to the dedicated teachers who prepared them for these important assessments.

Province wide disruptions caused the cancellation of the recent on-line trial OSSLT. Our students handled the challenges of the day with calmness and maturity. We will continue to prepare students for the March 30, 2017 test to ensure that they are equipped to meet this graduation requirement.

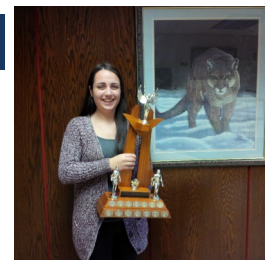
BACK TO THE FUTURE

2016 marks WCSS's 50th anniversary and to celebrate, the Alumni Committee held events on Sat., Oct. 8th. The day started with an open house and tours given by the current members of Student Council so former staff, students and their families could see the changes and upgrades that have happened at our school. The Centennial football team defeated the Thorold Golden Eagles in a well-attended game. This will be one of the last games played on our existing field, as the DSBNI will be putting in an all-weather rubberized track and field in the next school year. Later, the alumni basketball team showed the current boys basketball team that they still have what it takes. Children and grandchildren of alumni were entertained with face painting and juggling. Gym C was transformed into a memorabilia room with pictures, yearbooks and clothing from years past. That evening 400 alumni and staff enjoyed a social event in the cafeteria. Special thanks to the Alumni Committee for organizing the event and to current staff, students, administration and parent council for their assistance and support.



YOUTH CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Grade 12 student, **Karling Luciani**, who was presented with the Youth Citizen of the Year Award by the Welland/Pelham Chamber of Commerce at their annual Ruby Awards Ceremony held October 4, 2016. Karling will be attending university to study in the health sciences field.



Semester 1 Grade 9 Geography Students awaiting the Hornblower Niagara River Tour, one of four stops on their day in Niagara Falls.

STUDENTS SHOWCASE TALENTS

The Arts Department went “on the road” when 50 Arts Students accompanied Mr. Ingrao, Ms. Wylde, Mrs. Thibault and Mr. DiMartile to our local feeder schools on October 21st and 26th to perform as part of their annual Arts Road Show. The 45-minute shows included live performances by The Cats Band, Dance Team, Drama Class, A-Chaired Taste, Voices of Centennial, plus a video of student artwork brought a varied and entertaining show to over 1200 elementary school students. Thank you to all our elementary schools for their warm welcome.

COUGARS ON BROADWAY

The Centennial Arts Department is set to embark on our 6th bi-annual tour of New York City. We will be on our way with 49 passengers and 6 chaperones Thursday, May 18th and returning Sunday, May 21st. Two Broadway shows, a Broadway classroom experience with Broadway performers, The Museum of Modern Art, Top of the Rock, and a tour of the Apollo Theater are just a few of the highlights we are excited to see.



NEW EXTENDED FRENCH PROGRAM

Centennial's Arts Department now offers the first class of Grade 9 Art in Extended French. The students have been working hard at continuing their French language acquisition while working on a variety of topics in art. **Rose St. Armand, Grace Jacobi, Cherilyn Augustine, Kassie Madsen, Dwight MacPhee, Deakyne Rosinski and Ian Beauchamps** are seen working on Ancient Egyptian murals.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXTENDED FRENCH STUDENTS

WCSS continues to provide opportunities for students to further develop their language skills. Stephanie Blais from Brock University spoke about a volunteer opportunity at Foyer Richelieu in Welland and participation in the Revivre project. Eva Sorbara, a Canadian Education Exchange Foundation representative, spoke to students about the 1 month Summer or 2/3 month European Exchanges available. This is a great way for students to build their confidence in the language, travel and make friends in other countries. For more information, see the ad on our school website. The University of Ottawa also made a presentation to our Grade 11 and 12 students regarding their French Immersion program and how students can complete various degrees in addition to maintaining their French skills.

Jasmine Axnix and **Wynne Reichheld**
share the prize for this year's yearbook cover contest!

DANCE DAY 2016

On Thursday, November 17th, Centennial will host Dance Day for Gr. 7 – 12 students. It is a day of dance workshops with choreographers from Toronto and Hamilton. Classes will include Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop, Bollywood, Lyrical and Yoga.



GOSPELFEST 2016

Our Grades 10, 11 & 12 vocal music classes, together with singers from Voices of Centennial, joined 300 singers from high schools across the DSNB at Laura Secord Secondary School for Gospelfest 2016. Karen Burke, artistic director and conductor of the Toronto Mass Choir, lead a full day workshop with her band and back-up singers. It was exhilarating to be part of 5 hours of hearty, spirited, harmonious singing.

WINNING POETS

For the second year in a row, Centennial student writers were honoured by the St. Catharines Public Library Regional Poetry Competition. This year, our Cougar poets swept their category when **Catherine Maltais** won first place with her poem, “*Brown Rusted Sea Chest*,” and **Zelda Baiano** came second with “*Vimy*.” In his congratulatory remarks to the winners, Judge Keith Inman praised the poets for creating lyrical passages, haunting images and vivid storylines.

GELATO AT CAFE AMALIA

After learning the history of Italian ice cream and its cultural influence in the classroom, Ms. Pelissero's Italian class visited *Cafe Amalia* in September to sample its famous gelato. The students practiced their conversational Italian and were able to order in ‘Italiano’, hear other customers speaking Italian and enjoy the beautiful morning outside! Thank you to Signor & Signora Nava who were gracious hosts.

Brenna Ferrara and **Tess Rowland** enjoying their gelato.



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EXCITING NEW LINE OF SPIRIT WEAR!

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COUGAR SPIRIT FALL 2016

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Founded by Gr. 12 student **Alex Lipianu**, Centennial's new **CODING CLUB** gives students the chance to learn how to program computers through lessons & hands-on activities while giving them the freedom to create what they want. The club meets with a highly experienced programmer on Thursdays 2:30pm-4:30pm in Room 153.

SAFETY VILLAGE

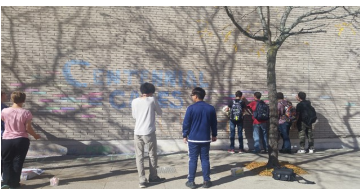
Each year the Safety Village hosts over 7,000 students from the Niagara Region. This year our construction students will be putting in 2 concrete pads to be used as parking spaces for the ambulance and the school bus. We would like to thank our community partner, Seriani Construction Ltd.

WCSS OSAID teamed up with **PARACHUTE CANADA** to promote **NATIONAL TEEN DRIVER SAFETY WEEK (NTDSW)** during the week of October 17 - 21, 2016

"Texting behind the wheel is equivalent to driving blindfolded for almost five seconds"

Students got involved by taking a photo with their friends and posting it to their social media account. An online pledge was taken to practice safe driving by using the hashtags **#GetHomeSafe**, **#NTDSW** and **#CENTENNIALCARES**. OSAID members provided some Monday morning trivia questions based on the statistics behind distracted driving. Some club members also volunteered in the cafeteria at lunch during this important week and encouraged staff and students to participate in taking a 'selfie' with the pledge to help bring awareness to the dangers of distracted driving.

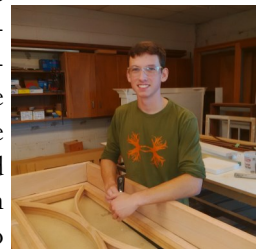
A pledge mural, drawn in chalk, was created by our very own Ms. LeBlanc-Fraone along with OSAID members and was on display on the east-facing wall of the school's main entrance for our community and student body to see. Students had an opportunity to participate by colouring a brick to 'pledge' their commitment to **#GetHomeSafe**.



CENTENNIAL CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION

Co-operative Education provides students with the opportunity to integrate classroom theory with real-world experiences in a variety of fields. The program assists students in making informed career-pathway decisions and helps prepare them for a variety of post-secondary options. Students are provided the opportunity to refine their employability skills, build their resumes and develop lasting industry relationships.

Jacob Naumann is completing a placement at Kingswood Historic. The company specializes in the replication and restoration of heritage windows and doors. Jacob has been applying, refining and extending the skills he learned in his construction class as he helps build a variety of custom-ordered windows and doors that will be installed in heritage buildings from New York City to Toronto. He has registered as an Ontario Youth Apprentice General Carpenter. We currently have 50 students in our community co-op placements and would like to thank all of our community partners.



ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

A big thank you goes to Mr. Young of M. Young Landscaping & Nurseries who helped the Environmental Club with the courtyard landscaping. We have made some nice additions which will make the space beautiful throughout the year.

GET CERTIFIED & GET AHEAD

WCSS is among the top 5 schools in Canada for successful completion of Microsoft Office Specialist Certifications. We have issued over 100 in the first year of running this new program. CCI Learning recently told us that we were one of only a "handful" of schools in Canada to achieve this level of success. Clearly we have a proven system that is preparing our students with skills needed for all workplaces. 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 4C.



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SPORTS UPDATE

A huge congratulations goes out to **Kayla Burke** who earned a 1st place finish at the Southern Ontario Golf Championships, followed by 12th place finish out of 120 girls at the All Ontario Championships. Congratulations on your well-deserved success! Ms. Huska and Mrs. Thibault would like to congratulate all golfers on a great season.

The following teams are presently competing:

Jr & Sr Football, Jr & Sr Girls Basketball, Jr & Sr Boys Volleyball & Girls Rugby. We wish them every success this season.

The Centennial Rowing Team will soon be starting up with their winter off-the-water training in November. This includes sessions in the weight room after school, as well as time at the Flatwater Centre under the super-



GRAD UPDATE

Grads are encouraged to stay informed of important information by following Students Services via:

Web: <http://centennialguidance.weebly.com>

Twitter: @wcsguidance

Remind: text WCSSGrads to (289)812-0214

Facebook: Centennial Student Services

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Dec. 1 - Grade 8 Open House

Dec. 2 - Grandparents' Tea

Dec. 5-9 - Christmas Food Drive

Dec. 8 - Christmas Dance

Dec. 14 - Christmas Concert

Dec. 23 - Christmas Assembly & Talent Show

Dec. 26 - Jan. 6 - Winter Break

Jan. 9 - Classes Resume

Jan. 11 - University Application Deadline

Jan. 29 - Grade 9 EQAO Math Assessments

Jan. 27 - Feb. 2 - Semester IFINAL EXAMS

Feb. 1 - College Application Deadline

Feb 3 - P.A. Day (no classes)

Feb 6 - First Day of Semester II

Feb 16 - Semi-Formal

Feb 17 - P.A. Day (no classes)

Feb 20 - Family Day

MAJOR SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to **Kambrie Luciani** who has accepted the offer of a scholarship to the Division 1 University of South Florida in Tampa. This is the second year in a row that a Cougar Athlete has won a Division 1 scholarship.



SHELDON DAVIS

Congratulations to **Sheldon Davis** who was recently recognized by Welland City Council for his summer cycle across Canada in support of The Hope Centre. He showed great determination and wonderful community spirit on this test of endurance.



TAKING IT ON THE CHIN FOR MS

Pearl Gloves is a charity boxing event that has raised over \$80,000 in support of MS in its first 3 years. This year, our very own Mr. Lapointe is in the ring. He has trained hard to support a good cause. This year's proceeds go to the MS Society (Niagara Peninsula Chapter of Hope), Hotel Dieu Shaver and Powercord. If you can kindly donate in his name from the website, we'll knock out MS.

<https://pearlgloves.ca/>

STUDENT SERVICES

Course selections for next year will begin in early December. Parents are encouraged to begin the course process with their child from home using the course planner found within Career Cruising. Students will have the opportunity to review and discuss their course selections with their guidance counsellor in December. Any necessary changes and/or final selections may also be made at that time.

2016/2017 Student Council

Prime Minister - Karling Luciani

Deputy Prime Minister - Vani Sharma

Executive Officers - Korynne Cousineau, Mariah Crevier, Bryan Marr, Makenna Noyes

Grade 12 Reps - Konnor Luciani, Keaton Welychka

Grade 11 Reps - Marcie Akershoek, Caitlyn MacInnes

Grade 10 Reps - Shelby Laing, Amelie Marais

Grade 9 Reps - Cooper MacJanet, Keylee Smith

Arts Reps - Elizabeth Mazzuca, Meaghan Salmon

Athletic Reps - Williston Goodfellow, Ehab Sati

Tech. Reps - Dario Smagata, Reid Whittaker

Tech Promotions Reps - John Breton, Jared Wogan

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