



WELLAND CENTENNIAL SECONDARY

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UPCOMING EVENTS...

Nov 30th - Grade 8 Open House
Dec 5-9 - Christmas Food Drive
Dec 7th - Christmas Dance
Dec 8th - Grandparents' Tea
Dec 13th - Christmas Concert
Dec 22nd - Christmas Assembly/Talent Show
Dec 25 to Jan 5 - Winter Break
Jan 8th - Classes Resume
Jan 17th - University Application Deadline
Jan 17th - Senior Drama Showcase
Jan 18th - Grade 9 EQAO Math Assessments
Jan 26 - Feb 1st - FINAL EXAMS for Sem I
Feb 1st - College Application Deadline
Feb 2nd - PA Day (no classes)
Feb 5th - First Day of Semester II
Feb 13 - Distribution of Sem. I Report Cards
Feb 15th - Semi Formal
Feb 16th - P.A. Day (no classes)
Feb 19th - Family Day
Feb 26-Mar 2 - Niagara Drama Festival

THE RESULTS ARE IN! CONGRATULATIONS, COUGARS

Last year, once again our WCSS Grade 9 & 10 students scored the highest marks in the city of Welland on the EQAO-marked Mathematics and Ontario Secondary School Literacy test. The marks were also above the Provincial Average in both cases. In Grade 9, 87% of our Academic students scored at or above provincial standard (Prov average 83%) and 68% of Applied Students were at or above the provincial average standard (Prov average was 44%). In the OSSLT, 89% passed on their first attempt (Prov average 81%). Congratulations to staff and students for maintaining our proud academic record.

NEW TRACK AND FIELD PHASE I COMPLETE

Phase I of the DSBN investment in the WCSS athletics complex is now complete. A FIFA standard all weather turf field is encircled with a rubberized track. Work on Phase II has begun with a new shot put, javelin, pole vault, long jump triple jump and discus area to be put in place.



This should be ready for the spring track season. Thank you to Jackson Edge and his drone camera for the spectacular aerial shot of our new campus. **Business opportunities:** Advertising and partnerships with the new Track and Field are available. Please contact the school for more information.

WCSS POETS SWEEP REGIONAL AWARDS



For the fourth year in a row, Welland Centennial students scored top awards in the St. Catharines Public Library's "Fresh Ink" competition. Faith Dehghan won first place with a poem written about her mother named *Khanum Mosafer*. Coming in at a very close second was Emily Babyak. Her poem was entitled *Old Cedar Box* and also explored family memories. Congratulations, Faith and Emily.

Faith Dehghan & Emily Babyak

REMEMBRANCE DAY



Centennial showed its appreciation of the sacrifices made by our veterans and those who presently served our country in our Annual Remembrance Day ceremony. A special thank you to members of the Lincoln and Welland regiment who were in attendance, and who made themselves available to talk to our students in their afternoon classes.



Students of the Month:

Gr. 9 Kennedy Pijl & Rachel Bubanko

Gr. 10 Irem Buruc & Jessica Acaster

Gr. 11 Madison Jessop & Taylor Pattison

Gr. 12 Reese Radobenko & Kyla Jackson

FNMI MATTERS

On September 8th, students enrolled in our school's new First Nations, Metis and Inuit Literature course were invited to preview an important documentary, *"Rumble - Indians Who Rocked the World"* at the Performing Arts Centre in St Catharines. This powerful film introduced many social issues through biographies and music. In keeping with the activism theme explored through this movie and the Sisters in Spirit play last year, on September 29, the entire student body was invited to participate in Orange Shirt day. This is a day set aside each year to remember those who survived Residential Schools and those who did not. \$250 was raised for the "Save the Evidence" campaign through the sale of buttons created to honour the event. The event is raising money to restore the Residential School in Brantford as a museum, a living reminder of this dark chapter in Canadian history. The following week, a vigil was held in the courtyard, led by Sheila Maracle, to honour missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.



TAKE YOUR KID TO WORK DAY



Ian Hetherington

The annual "Take Your Kid To Work Day" was on November 1st. Grade 9 students got to experience a wide range of work places, and gain valuable insights as to what life might have in store for them in the future.



Nick Tessier

A CROSS-CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Where Food and Culture Meet...

At the end of October, students from Ms. Shedden's Period 2 ESL class joined students in Mme Pelissero's Gr.10 Core French class to participate in a cross-cultural experience. The ELL students brainstormed and picked various topics to prepare and present in connection with the French unit on International Cuisine & Culture. In small groups, the FSL students rotated to each station where ELL presenters taught, showed and discussed their topic.



ROYAL ROSE PLACE

The Gr. 9/10 drama class used their acting skills to portray residents for the home's annual fire drill. The students were each assigned a role and had to represent residents who have various physical challenges. The students received high praise from the Royal Rose staff and the Welland Fire Department.



FRIGHTS GALORE AT THE SHAW

Students from the Arts Department went to the Shaw Festival to see the play *Dracula* in late October. It was a fantastic show and the students thoroughly enjoyed it. **Fun fact: Centennial grad Sara Allison was hired to be the apprentice stage manager for the show**, further evidence of the great experience to be gained in our Arts program.

GET YOUR SPIRIT WEAR

Just in time for Christmas! A new selection of spirit wear has arrived and is available to purchase in the Main Office. Hoodies range from \$35 to \$50 each. See Mr. Burattini for further information.



MUSICAL—BRING IT ON

This year's WCSS Musical is *"Bring it On"*. It is a high-energy musical which focuses on the competitive world of cheerleading, with music & lyrics by Tony Award-winning composer Lin-Manuel Miranda, author of the musical *Hamilton*. The auditions are done and the cast and crew have been selected. Students are already hard at work on what promises to be a blockbuster, contemporary production that will have you cheering for more. The musical also features members of our defending National Cheerleading Championship team. This is a show not to be missed.



FURTHER INVESTMENTS AT WCSS

This summer will see further investment by the DSBN in upgrading more WCSS Science labs. Three labs will be upgraded at a cost of half a million dollars to ensure that Centennial staff can continue to deliver high quality curriculum to our science students.

CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Grummett reviews elements of a construction shelf project with **Alexis Milani, Zach Mooney and Nick Roussel**.



DANCE WORKSHOP—A PROFESSIONAL TOUCH

Lady Gaga took a break from her tour and one of her lead dancers came to Centennial. Professional dancer Tamina Pollack-Paris not only dances for Lady Gaga, but is also a professional actor and dancer, having appeared on *The Next Step* (as Tiffany), *Glee*, *Camp Rock 1 & 2*, and many other projects. She taught two fabulous dance workshops for the Gr. 9/10 and Gr. 11/12 classes. It was really exciting to have Tamina share her talent with us.



COUGARS STAY IN STEP - CELEBRATION OF NATIONS

On Fri. Sept. 8th, some Centennial dancers had the honour of performing in the opening ceremony of the Celebration of Nations event at the First Ontario Performing Arts Centre. They worked with the artistic director/choreographer of Kaha:wi Dance Theatre, Santee Smith. The dancers spent a few rehearsals with Santee during the last couple of weeks of August and they were committed to learning about culture and tradition through the art of dance.



From L to R - Elizabeth Mazzuca, Keira Martinson, Santee Smith, Xanda De Freitas, Renee Jasinskis



WHAT'S ON! WHAT'S NEW!

Watch out for our new baking club with Mrs Leblanc-Fraone. It will run after school and requires your active participation and healthy appetite.

Attention Parents: Do you want to improve your computer skills? Become a Certified Microsoft Office Specialist.....for free. Call 905-735-0700 x60711 for information.



GOLF - OFSAA

Congratulations to **Kayla Burke** on her best OFSAA finish yet. After a second place finish at SOSSA, Kayla travelled to North Bay and competed in a two-day tournament

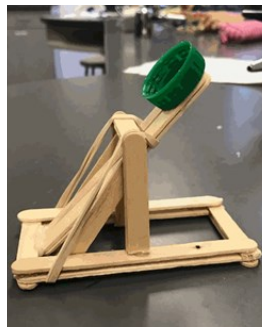


against 98 other female golfers. Kayla's focus and determination earned her an amazing 7th place finish overall. Way to go, Kayla!

A LAUNCH PAD TO SUCCESS

Our annual catalympics competition saw our physicists once again rise to the challenge. They had to design a machine capable of launching a marble at a given target.

Congratulations to this year's winners, **Christian Paverly and Chad Smith**, who designed a machine called "The Champion", clearly named in anticipation of success. The students received a gold medal as a treasured memento of their great engineering achievement.



VARSITY FOOTBALL UNDER THE LIGHTS

On Nov. 15, 2017, Welland Centennial hosted the first annual Wednesday Night Varsity game versus St. Catharines Collegiate. Kickoff was at 6:30 p.m. and will feature both the senior and junior football teams together. At halftime, there was a performance from our National Champion Cheer team! Elementary schools, community members, and local businesses were invited to be a part of this inaugural event. It is a new tradition in the making! See you next season!

INTRODUCING THIS YEAR'S 2017-2018 STUDENT COUNCIL



All members of the Student Council joined over 2200 students Nov 5-7 to participate in a dynamic 3 day Ontario Student Leadership Conference in Niagara Falls entitled **"Red White Ignite The Next 150"**.

CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club is off to a good start this year with tournaments held monthly at various DSBN High Schools. Each of our participants so far have moved up in ranking and we hope to continue this throughout the year. New members are always welcome to join us when we meet every Wednesday at lunch.



Owen Waskawich

WATER SPORTS MAKING A SPLASH WITH COUGARS

Our swim and rowing teams are becoming increasingly popular with Cougar Athletes. This year we have 27 students on the swim team and 47 have signed up for the rowing team. Good luck to the teams in the coming season.



2017 WCSS Rowing Team

Prime Minister: Brian Marr

Deputy Prime Minister: Vani Sharma

Executive Officers: Marcie Akershoek &

Shelby Laing, Caitlyn MacInnis, Amelie Marais

Grade 9 Reps: Rachel Bubanko, Taylor Korten & Eric Marr

Grade 10 Reps: Keylee Smith & Cooper McJanet

Grade 11 Reps: Addie Hambly & Sarah Cann

Grade 12 Reps: Teagan Clark & Riley Brown

Arts Reps: Maxine Barber, Richard Saint-Laurent

Athletic Reps: Destiny Paquin & Camryn Wade

International Rep: Jae Yoo

Tech Reps: Emily Hemauer, Ian Beauchamps, Gavin Cauwenbergs & Holly Brown

Staff Advisors: Mrs. Visocchi, Mrs. Mellikov-Delong & Mrs. Reid



BLUE, ORANGE, WHITE...action!

RECOGNIZING OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Welland Centennial would like to thank the following businesses and groups for supporting our Co-Operative Education program this term.

Bada Bing Roadhouses	Overbeeke Landscaping	Staples
Blue Star Restaurant	Pleasantview Funeral Home	Taris on the Water
CC's Dugout	PAC Heating & Air Conditioning	Vincent's Red Hot Pizza
Fonthill Lifemark	Prince Charles Pharmacy	Welland Dental Care
Giant Tiger	Royal Rose Place	Welland Antiques & Collectibles Co.
Hope Centre	Shake Shack	White Oaks Resort & Spa
Mommaz Boyz	Sobeys	Wintronic Computers
Niagara Centre YMCA Welland	Soggy Doggy	



Karoline Presse-White @
Welland Dental Care



Amanda Whitfield - Soggy Doggy



Noah Hodgkins - Sobeys



Kaileah Goulden
Prince Charles Pharmacy

Get to know your School Nurse! Get one-on-one counselling on sexuality, relationships and any health concerns. Let's Chat! Text Nurse Wendy @ 905-933-4970 to make an appointment. She is in the school most Wednesdays. Everything you say is private.

MATH TUTORING PROGRAM

No student is left behind here with Centennial's Math Department. This year we are running a volunteer tutoring program where students can earn community service hours for tutoring their peers. The program has been a great success so far, with over 20 students paired up with tutors. In the upcoming weeks, we will be launching our after-hours numeracy program. This program will run at lunch once a week and is open to all students. The program will be taught by one of our department members and will focus on improved skills and mastery learning. Lunch is provided.



OSSLT

On October 17th, Grade 9 students wrote a practice version of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test. Becoming familiar with the test helps students prepare to fulfil this graduation requirement in their Grade 10 year. Students receive personalized feedback to help develop their skills. Well done, Grade 9 students!

FRENCH @ OTTAWA UNIVERSITY

A representative from University of Ottawa French Immersion program visited with senior Extended French and Core French students on November 2. They provided useful information to students about how they could study their particular program all while continuing in immersion. Check out their program at <https://immersion.uottawa.ca/en>.



ATTENTION GRADS

Students and parents of the 2018 graduating class are encouraged to stay informed of important information throughout the year by following Student Services via:

Web: <http://centennialguidance.weebly.com>
Twitter: @wcssguidance
Remind: text WCSSGrads to (289)812-0214
Facebook: Centennial Student Services

EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

Do you like to travel, to meet new people and to experience other cultures? If yes, then you should try an exchange! The Canadian Education Exchange Foundation offers summer exchanges to France and Spain and 2 or 3 month exchanges to France, Spain, Germany and Italy. Interested students should see Mme Brennand in Student Services for more information.

BOOK LOVE PROGRAM

On Thursday, October 24th, students from Mrs. Bootsma and Mrs. Code's Grade 9 and 10 English classes travelled to Chapters and the Book Outlet to select novels for our class libraries. As part of the Book Love program, students work on building reading fluency through self-selected literature.



JJ Alvaro,
Bryce Frechette &
Jacob Nichols

TRIP TO SPAIN - SPOTS AVAILABLE

A group of students will be heading to Spain and Portugal for 10 days over the March Break in 2018. Some of the stops for the students will be Madrid, Salamanca, Porto and Lisbon. There is still some space available for interested students. See Mme Brennand or Mr. Seebach for further information.

FUN IN THE FALLS

Friday, October 13 was a lucky day for the Semester One Grade 9 Geography students. Our largest group yet enjoyed the attractions at Table Rock and traveled to the base of the Falls on one of Hornblower's newer boats. In the spring, Semester Two Grade Nine Geography students will get their chance to participate.

CAFÉ DU MONDE



This semester's Gr. 10 Core French students worked in groups to research and explore International Cuisine. Each group chose a cuisine or theme to showcase and then prepared some popular/typical dishes to share with the class. Each student presented the origins and description of their dish, the main ingredients, cultural notes and brief instructions on how to prepare it. Of course, everyone's favourite part of the presentation was sampling the various hors d'œuvres, main dishes and desserts!