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February, 2023

Dear Cardinal Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Semester 2! I've included some updates for you as we begin our new semester.

SEMESTER 2 SCHEDULE

Your child's Semester 2 timetable will be emailed to their mytools2go account on Tuesday, January 31. If they cannot access their schedule, they can report to the main office on Thursday.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be emailed to your child's mytools2go account during the week of February 13, 2023.

COURSE SELECTION

Students will soon begin the process of selecting courses for next year. Courses will be chosen online, as has been past precedent, from the week after Family Day (February 21) to the first week of March (March 3). More information will be made available on your child's Grade-level Google Classroom. The Google Classroom codes are listed on the first page.

SPORTS ACADEMIES OPEN HOUSE

If you're interested in learning more about our extremely popular WECDSB Sports Academy programs, you won't want to miss the Open House events we're holding at Central Park Athletics on February 8 and February 15.

The WECDSB now offers a wide variety of academy programs including soccer, basketball, dance, gymnastics, hockey and baseball. If you're not familiar with these programs, they are part of our academic strategy to improve student success through a common love of sport.

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OPEN HOUSE
W.E.C.D.S.B. SPORTS ACADEMIES

Want to know more about our sports academies?
Drop in and ask questions

Central Park Athletics
F.J Brennan School of Excellence & Innovation
Fitness Room

Wednesday, February 8, 2023
Wednesday, February 15, 2023
Anytime between 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

For more information call 519-946-0830
Ex. 2348 Mrs. Laporte (Principal)
or
Visit: wecdsb.on.ca/programs/sports_academies

Students enrolled in these programs don't need to be elite athletes; they just need to have a passion for their sport or activity. They earn a physical education credit while improving their abilities in the sport they love most through learning from highly qualified skills experts. Evidence has shown that academic achievement improves when students are more engaged with school through participating in these programs.

We hope you will mark your calendar and plan to attend. Please contact Ms. Teresa Laporte, Principal - Sports Academies at (519) 946-0830 Ext.2348 or email at teresa_laporte@wecdsb.on.ca for more information.

GRADE 12 STUDENTS - NOTES FROM GUIDANCE

Here is some information that has been recently shared with our Grade 12 students:

- **COLLEGE APPLICATIONS ARE DUE FEB 1.** Please see [THIS FORM](#) for the step by step guide. If you cannot access the link, the form will be attached to the newsletter, entitled *Online College Application Instructions.pdf*
- **GRAD PHOTOS** - Lifetouch will be at FJ Brennan from February 8 to February 14 for a second (and final) round of Grad Photos. Appointments are booked online. LINK: https://prestigeportraits.ca/?_sm_au=iVVV0HD11NJ5RHZH
- **COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS** – The vast majority of our grade 12 students have not yet submitted any community service hours. Student require 40 hours to graduate. We are

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asking that this be made a priority. More information can be found on the Grade 12 Google Classroom, or stop the guidance office with any questions or to pick up the necessary forms.

LEAP – LEARN, EMPOWER AND PREPARE

The University of Windsor, in collaboration with LDAWE (Learning Disabilities Association of Windsor) is hosting a half-day event to prepare students for post-secondary education.

February 23rd
9:00am to 12:00pm (EST)

2023 LEAP
LEARN, EMPOWER, AND PREPARE
EVENT

Hosted in the Toledo Health Education Centre

TO JOIN PLEASE ANSWER THE QUICK SURVEY!
Link available at the QR code above!
All grade 10, 11, and 12 students and parents/guardians are welcome!

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Keep an eye on your email! An updates will be sent closer to the event date!

Event Topics Include:

- Disability Documentation in University
- Funding Supports
- An Overview of the Accommodation Process
- Useful Technology
- Student Panel Discussion

Have question?
Student Accessibility Services Office at 519-253-3000 ext. 3485

Brought to you by the University of Windsor in partnership with the LDAWE.

Students and parents can connect with many services and support on the university campus and in the community. Activities include a discussion panel of current students with LD and/or ADHD, speakers from Awards, and Campus Accessibility Services that will empower students and parents to navigate the challenging transition from high school to post-secondary education. LDAWE will also be present to talk about community support for transitioning students. While the University of Windsor is our host and sponsor, the information applies to both colleges and universities in Ontario.

Please email our Special Education Department Head, Mr. Alex Meyer at alex_meyer@wecdsb.on.ca to inform him of your intention to register.

You can reserve a seat by filling out the registration form linked below:

https://uwindsor.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cYI6HVEhpiDLEah.

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ANNUAL BUDGET SURVEY

The Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board believes it is essential to involve all stakeholders in providing input into the development of our annual budget.

In preparation for the upcoming 2023-2024 budget, it is important that we gather as much information as possible. As a stakeholder of the WECDSB, your feedback will provide a valuable contribution in our decision-making process.

Please complete the online short budget survey to help us identify which priorities are important for you as a member of our WECDSB community. LINK:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSduTjxZo-6Ku6aL0yZDvPOYzKE8IClzSIPj5IQju2qunJVp-A/viewform>

PARENTS CLUB FUNDRAISER

Our Parents Club has also made FJB swag (hoodies, T-shirts, toques, etc.) available for parents, alumni, students, and staff for purchase. **These items are not uniform items. They are considered to be Spirit Wear, and can be worn on our regular Spirit Days on Wednesdays.**

Items can be found at the following links (although divided into staff, alumni, and student sections, people can order from any page):

STUDENTS: <https://www.wearitproud.ca/collections/f-j-brennan>

STAFF: <https://www.wearitproud.ca/collections/f-j-brennan-staff>

ALUMNI: <https://www.wearitproud.ca/collections/brennan-alumni>

Our next Parent Club meeting is Monday, March 27 at 6:00 PM in-person in the Learning Hub.

REMINDERS

HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework Club is available for any student looking for a quiet space to work or some extra support. This service is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2:20 in the Learning Hub.

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MATHIFY

Mathify is a free tutoring service from TV Ontario. Tutors are available online Monday to Friday from 9 AM to 9 PM, and Saturdays and Sundays from 3 PM to 9 PM. Teachers are available for students in Grade 4 to Grade 12.

Visit <https://www.tvomathify.com/students> for more information.

COMMUNICATION

As information can change quickly, please ensure that we have your most current phone numbers and email addresses on file, as School Messenger voicemails and emails will be sent at regular intervals. Additional information will be sent through your son's or daughter's mytools2go email address.

Information will also be shared using the school's and board's social media accounts.

FJB Morning Announcements Blog: <http://fjbdaily.blogspot.com/>

FJB on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/bhswecdsb>

FJB on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/F-J-Brennan-Catholic-High-School-101027148952993/>

FJB on Instagram:

Yearbook account: @fjb_yearbook (https://www.instagram.com/fjb_yearbook/)

Student Council account: @fjbcardinals2023 (<https://www.instagram.com/fjbcardinals2023>)

GOOGLE CLASSROOMS

Please encourage your child to accept their invitation into the following Google Classrooms for additional classroom-specific information.

Grade 9: [yagybge](#)

Grade 10: [egu3b4n](#)

Grade 11: [4mv52ov](#)

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Grade 12: [qdxfbfh](#)

PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR

Most of our bigger events are made public on the calendar shared on our website. To see it, use the following link:

https://www.wecdsb.on.ca/schools/fjbhs/calendar_news

COVID SCREENING

Families should continue to use the [Ministry of Health COVID Screening Tool](#) as a guide as to whether or not to send your child to school. The Screening Tool is updated regularly.

ILLNESS

Inasmuch as we appreciate students making an effort to attend classes when they are ill, it is imperative that they not be sent to school due to the increased risk at which they put other students. Please make sure to call the Attendance Office at 519-945-2811.

MEDICAL ISSUES

Please ensure that we have on file all pertinent medical issues that could impact your child at school, including EpiPens, inhalers, concussion, etc.

MASKS

As per current provincial and local Public Health guidelines, students and staff reporting to school are not required to wear masks, however, they should feel comfortable in wearing them should they so choose. The office has a supply of reusable cloth masks should your child require one.

ACTIVITY FEE

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We are continually striving to enhance our students' secondary school experience both in and out of the classroom. To do this to the best of our abilities, we have traditionally requested the payment of an activity fee each year. The \$50.00 is usually due upon completion of the enrollment packages each year. This fee has not increased in over 20 years.

Our goal at FJ Brennan is to educate the entire person, giving them the opportunity to be well-rounded citizens through their participation in many character-building experiences both inside and outside of the classroom. In order to do this, we rely on the activity fee to pay for or defray the costs of retreats (on- and off-site), sports teams (equipment, uniforms, tournaments, etc.), referees, post-season play including transportation and accommodations, WECSSAA fees, our yearbook, the Dance Team, Muskoka leadership, Ontario Drama Festival, Best Buddies through Life Skills, Student Parliament, publication of student work, robotics, Science Olympiad, guest speakers, and special excursions, technology, learning enrichment materials, among many other things. In all, we support or subsidize over 20 major teams, over a dozen clubs, as well as events such as our Grade 8 Open House, and our Cardinals Soar breakfast. These are not supported through our school board-allocated budgets.

Although it is certainly true that not every student has the desire, ability or opportunity to participate in extra-curricular activities, the activity fee is used to support all school programming, and as such, should be considered to benefit all students. These positive experiences enhance the learning of the entire student population. FJ Brennan is the vibrant and desirable destination that it is because of the active participation of our entire student body in all of the many opportunities we have to offer.

I hope that we will be able to count on your financial support. Payment can be accepted by cash, money order or through School Cash online. If financial difficulties are an issue, payment plans can be made available.

I thank you for your time and appreciate your support. Please call me at the school (519.945.2351) should you have any questions.

VISITORS

Visitors to the building are asked to sign in at the main office. Parents/guardians will be allowed to enter schools at this time, however, appointments are encouraged if at all possible.

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Communication between parents/guardians and teaching staff and/or administration are also possible through phone calls, email or video conferencing.

IN CONCLUSION

Thank you! Looking forward to a great start!

Sincerely,

David LaBute,
Principal, FJ Brennan Catholic High School

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