

## ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

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### A REVIEW OF EVENTS IN THE ACADEMIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2010

- During the month of February, the Academic Services Department will work with students to select courses for the 2010-2011 academic year. Students will have access to an updated course syllabus to assist them in the process. We look forward to using the Career Cruising Course Planner, in electronic format, to select courses. All students will receive proper in-servicing. The electronic process is web based and can be accessed from home by students and parents.

With the Career Pathway Planner, students select courses projecting into their future secondary school years. Numerous tools and sites are provided to assist the student in the career(s) planning process.

**Student will, by February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010, submit the courses from one of the completed career pathway plans.**

- St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School continues to welcome students from our community interested in joining us in September 2010. Please advise them to contact the school. We will be pleased to set up a shadow day for them with one of our student ambassadors. Please encourage them to attend our Open House and Information Evening on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
- Students are required to complete a minimum of forty hours of community involvement activities. Parents and guardians are reminded that it is the student's responsibility to organize and document the community involvement hours and submit them to the school. Community involvement forms are available in the main office and on the school website. All activities must comply with the Ministry of Education and the Sudbury Catholic District School Board's Community Involvement Policy guidelines. Students are provided with the guidelines in grade nine.
- Students interested in international universities may be required to write the SAT Test. PREPSKILLS, a Toronto based educational institute, is providing online SAT preparation courses. For more information or to register go to [www.PREPSKILLS.com](http://www.PREPSKILLS.com).
- Online tutoring for grades 9 to 12 is available through the Independent Learning Centre. Get free homework help, Sunday to Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. from certified teachers, in real time. Visit [www.ilc.org](http://www.ilc.org).
- Our after school tutoring program continues Monday to Thursday from 2:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the middle seminar room.
- Laurentian University offers career counselling to any high school student who may be interested in receiving this service.
  1. \$30.00 for the Strong Interest Inventory.
  2. Students who eventually enroll at Laurentian University are reimbursed 50% of the cost.
  3. On the day of the first visit the counsellor presents information on the Strong Interest Inventory and the student completes the inventory. The completed assessment is sent to the Canadian office in Edmonton for the interpretive results.
  4. A second visit is scheduled to review the results.The Strong Interest Inventory assists students to find careers that are consistent with their likes and dislikes. This tool may also confirm a person's leisure interests, general interest patterns, risk taking, likes and dislikes, preferences about leadership style, and work/learning environments.
- Grade 12 students who applied to College or University are reminded to verify that they have submitted all required material to colleges and universities such as profiles and or letters of reference. Please check your online application weekly to verify that marks are properly posted.
- Potential graduates check your e-mail in box for information about scholarships and bursaries. Information forwarded to the school will be e-mailed through Career Cruising to your in box. Be certain you are signed up with Career Cruising.
- Congratulations are extended to Kayla Jacob who has been accepted to attend the Forum for Young Canadians, in Ottawa. The Forum for Young Canadians brings students from all parts of Canada to Ottawa to develop their leadership skills, to learn about democracy, how government works and how they can make a difference. Kayla will be one of 450 students participating.