Message from COO - International Education Services

International education, global classrooms, mobility - these are strategies being explored and implemented by schools, governments and parents around the world to better prepare their students for the challenges and opportunities in the 21st Century. International students and new Canadians from over 50 countries attending Waterloo Catholic Schools, are exploring pathways to achieve an outstanding English-language education and preparing for a wide range of possible Post-Secondary opportunities. Waterloo Catholic Schools are actively developing programs to create global classroom experiences for our students; including experiences through travel and interactive connections to students around the world through technology.

In January/February 2018, I am visiting many corners of the world - Vietnam, China, Czech Republic, Ukraine - meeting with governments, agencies and students; eager to establish cooperative agreements and pathways. In this same period, delegations from Japan, Colombia, China and Spain are visiting our schools and communities to better know our world and to establish mutually beneficial co-operations with our schools.

“Roads were made for journeys not destinations”… Confucius

Social Media - Stay Connected!

The International Education Services Department is expanding on Social Media! Messaging will include day-to-day information from the schools and other information pertinent to home stays. This will include important dates, fun photos and other relevant information relating to our students! Click on the links to follow us on Twitter and Facebook!

Facebook: @WCDSBInternational Twitter: @WCDSBIntl

International Student Highlight - Joey & Annie

New this year, St. Benedict High School is proud to have two international students from China join our student council team. We welcomed Joey (Zhaoying) Pan and Annie (Ruohan) Zhao. They are a part of the “Synergy” branch of Executive Council, which is a part of Student Council that is responsible for promoting events and celebrating cultural diversity in our school community.

These ladies have already done a fantastic job; visiting our ESL classes to promote school events, as well as include them in the conversation to brainstorm about upcoming events in our school. One of the amazing events we celebrated was the Chinese New Year. This event took place on February 16 at lunch, and will included a variety of games and activities to celebrate Chinese culture. Joey and Annie joined our school community in September 2015 and have been thriving ever since. Part of their success and positive experience comes from getting actively involved in our school community. Way to go girls!

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Important Dates

March 12-16: March Break
March 30: Good Friday
April 2: Easter (School’s Closed)
April 18: PD Day (School’s Closed)

May 1: Tuition Payments Due
May 21: Victoria Day (School’s Closed)
June 1: PD Day (School’s Closed)
June 25: Final Exams Commence
Are You Graduating?

If you are a secondary student that is planning on graduating this year, please contact margo.jones@wcdsb.ca. Make sure you have completed your Community Service Hours (10 hours per year) in order to graduate and receive your Diploma! Margo will be visiting with graduating international students at each high school to instruct them on how to apply for their Post-Secondary Study Permits and Visa’s.

Easter

Easter marks the end of the 40 days of Lent and traditionally commemorates Jesus’ resurrection from the dead. People simply rely on their calendar to know what day it will fall on each year. Many people will attend a church service on Easter Sunday even if they do not attend church at any other time of the year.

The Easter Holiday incorporates such traditions as the Easter Bunny who brings baskets of goodies to children and decorating and hiding Easter eggs to be discovered on Easter morning. The Easter festivities tie in with many elements that celebrate the coming of spring so decorations and accessories include baby chicks, bunnies, chocolate eggs and elaborate Easter baskets lined with imitation grass and colorful plastic eggs filled with jelly beans, chocolates and treats of all kinds.

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Click here to view “The Class” created by Olivia Ingle from St. David!