

# Building Belonging

## There is Something for Everyone at WNSS: Course Selections

School Council: February 10th, 2026



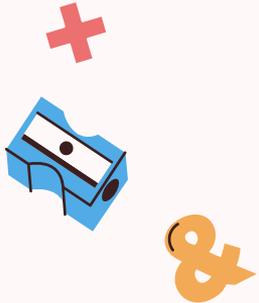


# Student Council Update



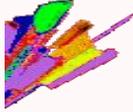
Welcome Amelia & James Student Council President

- Upcoming Events

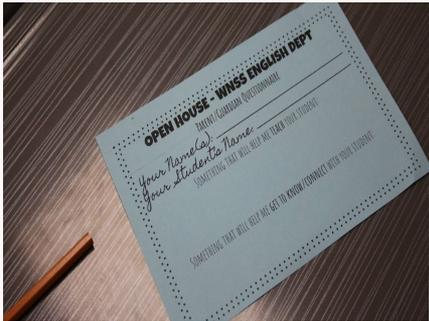




# Wolfpack Wins!



Feb. 3 WNSS hosted the  
Grade 8-9 Open House





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Minister of Education, Paul Calandra visited WNSS to celebrate Women & Girls in STEM Day! He met with 3 of our outstanding young scientist who shared their experiences in STEM

- Sabrina Collins: created the Grow in Science Mural hung in the science wing & is part of our Brain Bee Club
- Mirah Roul: Shared her work inspiring young girls to explore environment science as a Girl Guide leader & is part of our Eco Club
- Narmeen Syed: showed her Bio Medical Prototype she has created for the Niagara Science & Engineer Fair & share her work in Science Club & Health & Wellness Club



# Principal Update

School Focus: Student Achievement

Student population: 1733 (today)

First semester credit accumulation: 98%

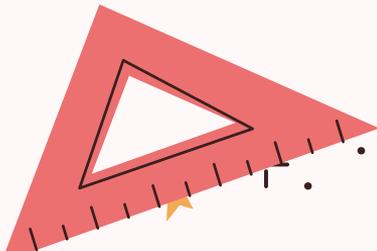
Goals:

Grade 9 95%

Grade 10 95% (+2%)

Grade 11 90% (+3%)

Grade 12 98% (+4%)



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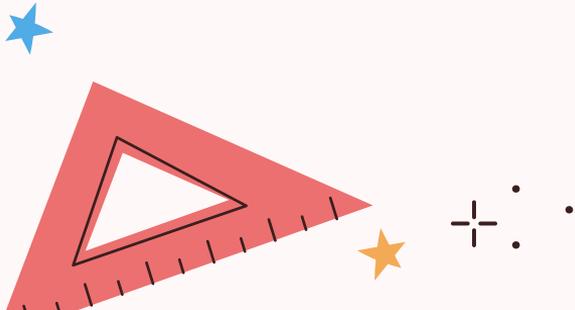
Spring Dates March 23–April 20

2nd attempt

MSIP Cohorts

Focused Literacy Prep Sessions focussed on individual learning needs

February 19th Literacy Planning

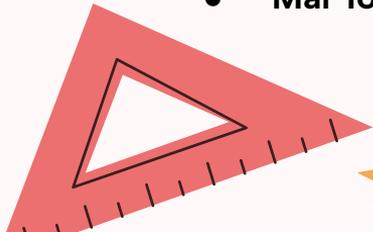


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Upcoming Dates:

## February is Black History Month

- **Feb 11** – Semester 1 Report Card shared in Portal
- **Feb 13** – PD Day
- **Feb 16** – Family Day
- **Feb 18–25** – Kindness week events
- **Feb 18** – Ski & Snowboard Club
- **Feb 24** – **Meet the Teacher 4:30–6:30**
- **Feb 26** – NPH Vaccine Clinic
- **Feb 26, 27, Mar 1** – **Anne of Green Gables**
- **Mar 2 & 3** – SHSM First Aid
- **Mar 3** – Hosting Jr. Boys' Basketball SOSSA
- **Mar 5** – Ski & Snowboard Club
- **Mar 16 – 20** – Spring Break



# Updates from Guidance:



- Application deadlines for Colleges and Universities have now passed
  - Students must accept by May 1st (College) and June 1st (University)
  - Please encourage students to log into their university/college portals to view application status, supplementary applications, residence and more!
- Students are encouraged to continue logging community hours in Hour Republic and checking their grade D2L for volunteer opportunities
- Grade 12s:
  - Submit "What I Have Accomplished" to be considered for awards at Grad (found on D2L)
  - Final Course Check; 30 credits & requirements for post-secondary
- Course selections Assembly February 9th, 2026 for grades 9-11
- Courses Due: February 20th, 2026



# Graduation Updates



## ● Grad Photos:

- February 2nd- 20th, 2026
- [Book Your Grad Photo Here](#)
- \*If you attempt to book an appointment and it shows that appointments are not available please reach out to [creativesupport@cogeco.ca](mailto:creativesupport@cogeco.ca) and they will open more appointment dates/times.

## ● Grad Assemblies:

- April and June- Date TBA

## ● Graduation:

- **Date:** Thursday, June 25th 2026
- **Time:** 5:30- 8:30pm (\*students must arrive at 5:00pm and stay for the entire ceremony).
- **Location:** The Meridian Centre- St. Catharines.
- **Tickets:** No tickets are required. Number of guests is not limited.
- **Directions:** Click on the map for more info.
- **Parking:** Municipal lots nearby ([more information here](#)), there is NO parking at the Meridian Centre.

More information: [WNSS Graduation Info](#)

# Course Selections Gr.9-11 (XELLO)

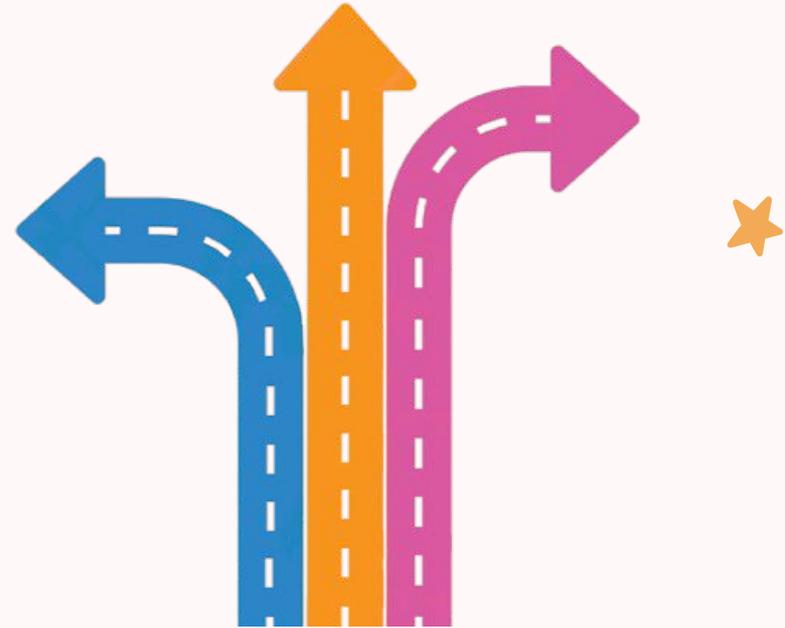
- Assembly: February 9th, 2026
  - Current Grade 9s: [Slideshow LINK](#)
  - Current Grade 10s: [Slideshow LINK](#)
  - Current Grade 11s: [Slideshow LINK](#)



# Pathways

- **Academic (leads to University)**
- **Applied (leads to College/Trades)**
- **SSTW (leads to workforce)**

**\*it is important to start thinking about your future so you know the best pathway for you!**

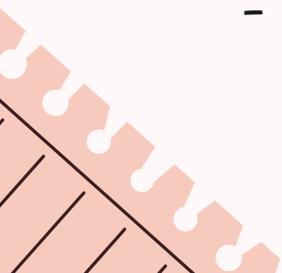




# Reaching Ahead

Although you are allowed to reach ahead, it is important to remember:

- Priority will be given to those in the current grade
  - For example, if you are in Grade 10 wanting to take a Grade 11 course, priority will be given to current Grade 11s
- Don't reach too far ahead
  - There is no need to take 3 Grade 11 courses in Grade 10





# Summer School

- DSBN will post when summer school registration is open (usually May)
- You will pick courses using the link posted in May
- On XELLO, plan for no summer school



# Xello- Picking Courses- Grade 10



**Grade 10**  
0 credits

- + Add English 10  
1 cr.
- + Add Math 10  
1 cr.
- + Add Science 10  
1 cr.
- + Add History 10  
1 cr.
- + Add Career Studies 10  
0.5 cr.
- + Add Civics 10  
0.5 cr.
- + Add Elective 10  
11 credits remaining

Year-independent requirements ⓘ

- + Add STEM-related course group  
1 cr.
- + Add Tech Credit (grade 9 or 10)  
1 cr.
- + Add Arts  
1 cr.
- + Add Health & Phys Ed  
1 cr.

Alternate courses ⓘ

- + Add Alternate 10  
1 cr.

## REMINDER

5 Compulsories  
3 Electives

\*must have a tech credit by the end of grade 10!

\*only **submit** your courses when you are ready



# Xello- Picking Courses- Grade 11

**Grade 11**  
0 credits

- + Add English 11  
1 cr.
- + Add Math 11  
1 cr.
- + Add Elective 11  
7 credits remaining

Available period

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Year-independent requirements 1

- + Add STEM-related course group  
1 cr.
- + Add Tech Credit (grade 9 or 10)  
1 cr.
- + Add Arts  
1 cr.
- + Add Health & Phys Ed  
1 cr.

Alternate courses 1

- + Add Alternate 11  
1 cr.

\*only **submit** your courses when  
you are ready

## REMINDER

2 Compulsories  
6 Electives

\*choosing classes  
based on future  
pathway

For example; Do  
you need a senior  
science or math for  
admission to your  
program of choice?

# Xello- Picking Courses- Grade 12

## REMiNDER

1 Compulsory  
7 Electives

\*make sure you are taking courses needed for your post-secondary pathway

Example: Do you need to take MCT4C (Manufacturing Engineering Technician, Powerline Technician, etc)

**Grade 12**  
0 credits

+ Add English 12  
1 cr.

+ Add Elective 12  
7 credits remaining

Available period

Year-independent requirements ⓘ

+ Group 1  
1 cr.

+ Group 2  
1 cr.

+ Group 3  
1 cr.

+ Arts  
1 cr.

+ Add Health & Phys Ed  
1 cr.

Alternate courses ⓘ

+ Add Alternate 12  
1 cr.

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# Helpful WNSS Links for Caregivers

## School Website

- School Cash Online
- Aspen Family Portal
- Daily Announcements
- Staff Contacts



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**Thank you**

