



# **Building Belonging**

## **There is Something for Everyone at WNSS: OYAP & Co-op**

School Council: November 19th, 2025





# Student Council Update



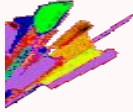
Welcome Amelia & James Student Council President

- Upcoming Events
- WNSS Fantasy of Trees (Nov 27-Dec 7)
- Dec 4th is winter formal, theme is snow ball
- Gingerbread buy-in
- Wolfpack winter thrift market





# Wolfpack Wins!



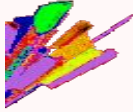
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Ms. Judson's grade 11 English class is reading ***Braiding Sweetgrass*** a collection of stories that explores the themes of gratitude & our interconnectedness with all living things. For their makerspace project the class created strawberry rocks. When placed in the garden these painted rocks act as protector for the berries. Ms. Judson then placed the students work in the Thorold Indigenous Unity Garden to help the plants thrive.





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Our Varsity Girls Field Hockey team advanced to OFSAA where they competed against the best teams in Ontario. For their sportsmanship, character, and positive attitude they were awarded the OFSAA Sportsman Award, as voted by all competitors.



# Principal Update

School Focus: Student Achievement

Student population: 1726

Teacher Learning Teams

Instructional Practices and Learning to support our goals:

- 1W Math Team Nov 13, Dec 5
- Program Leader Nov 14
- SSTW Team Nov 21, Dec TBD

Grade 9 95%

Grade 10 95% (+2%)

Grade 11 90% (+3%)

Grade 12 98% (+4%)

Bump it up: Moving to students to their best achievement level



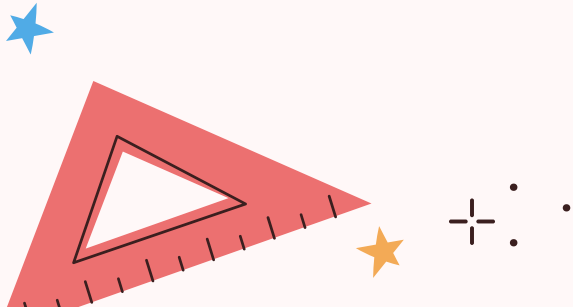
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OSSLT

We did it – the Fall dates are completed!

409 students completed the test

- Grade 11/12 PE & Grade 10 FTE wrote
- Spring Dates March 23–April 20



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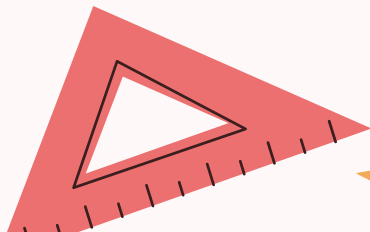
Student Achievement

Grade 9 Math EQAO

- Occurs in the semester of your math class
- For semester 1 math students: **EQAO Snapshot – Wednesday, November 26**
  - All Grade 9 students in math P1–3 will start at 8:05
  - All Grade 9 students in math P4–5 will start at 12:05
  - We use the snapshot data to guide our instruction and provided intentional support

During MSIPs, students will participate in focused sessions that strengthen the math skills assessed on the EQAO snapshot. These sessions are designed to build confidence and reinforce concepts, providing students with meaningful practice leading up to the assessment. (Dates: Nov 21, Dec 8, & Jan 8 during MSIP)

Contact: Ms. V Leng-Marini & Ms. Corbett



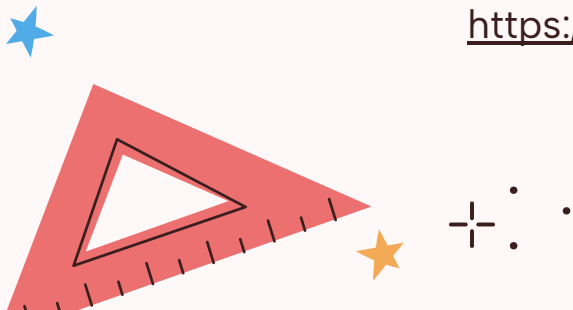
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## Upcoming Dates:

- Nov 29 – Smithville Parade
- Dec 1 – Locked Doors Procedures begin
- Dec 6 – Grimsby Parade
- Dec 11 – Holiday Concert
- Dec 22–Jan 2 Winter Break
- Jan 21–28 Finals (FCA days & Exams)
- Feb 25–28 Anne of Green Gables Production

Stay up to date by visiting the West Niagara Calendar:

<https://westniagara.dsbns.org/>





# Updates from Guidance:



- Applications for Colleges and Universities are now open
  - Students **MUST** use a personal email when applying
  - Some students have heard back in non-competitive programs- they do not have to accept until May 1st (College) and June 1st (University)
  - Ontario College website has changed- don't be alarmed- all accounts made are still there



- Students are encouraged to continue logging community hours in Hour Republic and checking their grade D2L for volunteer opportunities

- Visits to Gr.10 Careers classes happened on November 13th
  - Topics included volunteer hours, importance of choosing appropriate math/science courses based on pathway
  - Link to presentation [HERE](#)



# Co-Op



- 2 Credit (am/pm) or 4 Credit (all day)
- Summer Co-Op has become more popular recently...especially with those SHSM students that have difficulties working around compulsory credits. (July)

## Student Responsibilities



- Consent to Participate
- Workplace Education Agreement
- Co-Op Student Safety Plan
- Expected Behaviour and attire
- Injury Reporting and WSIB
- Hour Submission – google form
- Coursework is monthly

**ATTENDANCE** – our most important requirement






# Co-Op

## Co-Op and OYAP Opportunities

Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program: Participant to Registrant

## OYAP Brochure

## Live the Skilled Life

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- *In order to be eligible for OYAP, students must be sixteen years of age or older, have completed 16 credits towards the OSSD, and be enrolled as a full-time student in a secondary school.*
  - *Students, and their parents, if required, must also complete an OYAP Participant Application Form. Once that form is completed, students are considered “OYAP participants”.*

[Zack.Silverthorne@dsbn.org](mailto:Zack.Silverthorne@dsbn.org) – Any future questions never hesitate to ask



# Helpful WNSS Links for Caregivers

## School Website

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





# Next school Council meeting



**Tentative Date: February 10, 2026**  
**6–7 pm in the Library**  
**Topic: TBA**





**Thank you**

