

# Staying Connected at WNSS

School Council: September 29th, 2025





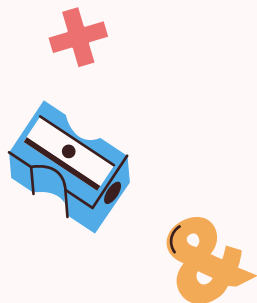
# Student Council Update

Welcome Amelia & James

- September & October Events

Student Senators: Partick & Julia

- DSBN Student Senate: Sharing our Student Voice



# Video from DSBN



# Principal Update

The Parent Involvement Committee will be hosting an evening for School Council Chairs on Wednesday, October 29th entitled, "Chairing with Confidence." All School Council chairs are invited to attend and are invited to bring a second member of Council. A full registration process will be emailed to them through the council emails. Please take the time to encourage attendance at the event. A full dinner will be provided. Sessions for Council Chairs include: "Fundraising and Finances", "Building Inclusive and Engaging Councils" and "Conducting Effective and Meaningful Meetings".

- If you are interested in becoming the WNSS School Council Chair, please contact:  
[Janice.Sargeant@dsbn.org](mailto:Janice.Sargeant@dsbn.org) by the end of day Sept

30th.



# Principal Update

School Focus: Building a Sense of Belonging

Student population: 1736

Co-creating school Community:

- Classroom Agreements/Belief Statements
- Getting to Know our Learners
- Meet the Teacher
- Valuing instructional time & MSIP
- School Events: Grade 9 Welcome Events & Camp Wolfpack (SR mentorship opportunities)



# Principal Update

## OSSLT: Fall OSSLT Dates:

- Wednesday, November 12
  - Grade 11/12 previously eligible students
- Tuesday, November 18 and Wednesday, November 19
  - Grade 10s
  - Late October: Grade 10 OSSLT assembly

Contact: Mr. B. Daniels & Mrs. L. Smithson

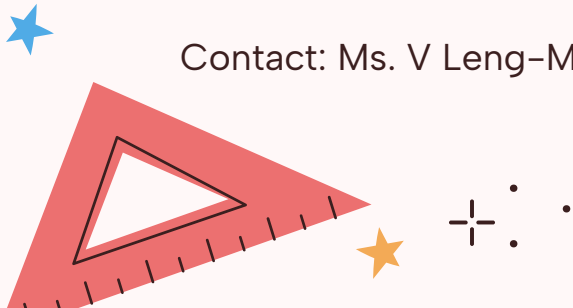


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## Grade 9 Math EQAO

- 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

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



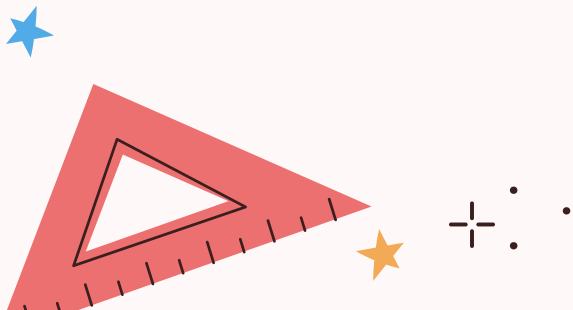
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## Upcoming Dates:

- Oct 9 – Progress Reports to go home
- Oct 10 – PD Day
- Oct 13 – Thanksgiving
- Oct 14–16 – Parent Teacher Contact Week
- Nov 4– Term 1 Ends
- Nov 11– Mid-term Reports Issued

Stay up to date by visiting the West Niagara Calendar:

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



# Updates from Guidance:



- Course Changes for Semester 1 are now complete, students can still change classes for Semester 2
- Students are encouraged to create an Hour Republic account to log hours
- Grade 12s should complete the Mandatory Graduate Form and request an appointment with a counsellor regarding graduation and planning if needed
- Encourage students to check their DSBN emails

## Helpful Links

[Guidance Section on School Website](#)

[Guidance Newsletter- Semester 1](#)

# Guidance Calendar



| OCTOBER 2025                                      |                                                            |                                                      |                                                        |                           |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| MONDAY                                            | TUESDAY                                                    | WEDNESDAY                                            | THURSDAY                                               |                           |
|                                                   |                                                            | 1                                                    | 2                                                      | 3                         |
| 6<br>Trent University visit @<br>lunch in the caf | 7                                                          | 8<br>McMaster University visit @<br>lunch in the caf | 9                                                      | 10<br>PD DAY<br>NO SCHOOL |
| 13<br>THANKSGIVING<br>NO SCHOOL                   | 14<br>King's College (Halifax) visit<br>@ lunch in the caf | 15<br>Western University visit @<br>lunch in the caf | 16<br>University of Guelph visit @<br>lunch in the caf | 17                        |
| 20                                                | 21<br>Brock University visit @<br>lunch in the caf         | 22                                                   | 23                                                     | 24                        |
| 27                                                | 28                                                         | 29                                                   | 30                                                     | 31                        |

# Grade D2L Shells



**Grade 12**

West Niagara Secondary  
School-Grade 12 Only  
Ends June 26, 2026 at 12:00 AM



**Grade 11**

West Niagara Secondary  
School-Grade 11 Only  
Ends June 26, 2026 at 12:00 AM



**Grade 10**

West Niagara Secondary  
School-Grade 10 Only  
Ends June 26, 2026 at 12:00 AM



**Grade 9**

West Niagara Secondary  
School-Grade 9 Only  
Ends June 26, 2026 at 12:00 AM

\*Available to WNSS students ONLY



# Helpful WNSS Links for Caregivers

## School Website

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





# Specialist High Skills Major

Our next School Council Meeting,  
October 28th 6-7 pm

## Available SHSMs...

**Agriculture:** Mr. Klingbile

**Arts & Culture:** Ms. Henderson

**Construction:** Mr. West

**Food Processing:** Ms. Primeau

**Health & Wellness:** Ms. Sueter

**Horticulture & Landscaping:** Mr. Klingbile

**Hospitality & Tourism:** Mr. Marchese

**Information/ Communication Technology:** Ms. Thwaites

**Manufacturing:** Mr. Klaric

**Education Non-Profit:** Mr. Aloian & Mr. Volcansek

**Sports:** Mr. Chiarello



## What is a SHSM?

SHSM stands for Specialist High Skills Major which is an Ontario Ministry of Education sponsored program that allows students to focus their learning on a specific economic sector.

## What does a SHSM do?

A SHSM enables students to gain sector-specific skills and knowledge in the context of engaging, career-related learning environments and helps them focus on graduation and on pursuing their postsecondary goals.





**Thank you**

