



Welcome to the Wolfpack

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year, we are thrilled to welcome you to West Niagara Secondary School. Here is some important information to help you be ready for the first day of school, Tuesday, September 8th!

Grade 9 Wolfpack Welcome Events

We are so thrilled to welcome our new grade 9 students and there will be a variety of welcome activities throughout the first weeks of school! Mrs. Taylor will send an email to all grade 9 students and families about our Grade 9 welcome on the first day of school and the other events in September, stay tuned!

Find Your Niche at WNSS

There's a place for everyone in our Wolfpack! Whether you're interested in athletics, the arts, the techs, leadership, clubs, volunteering, or discovering something completely new, getting involved is a great way to meet people, explore your interests, and find where you belong.

Be curious, try something new, and find your niche! Listen to the morning announcements and check the announcements link on our website regularly for opportunities and more information.

Registration

This is done ONLINE. All registration items are available on School Cash Online (SCO). This can be found on our website at westniagara.dsbn.org and click the School Cash Online button. SCO will be available September 2nd.



You must complete all the forms (listed below) using the School Cash Online app. You will need to submit all registration forms to participate in school events, access transportation & technology, extracurricular activities, and for some of the specialized classrooms.

STEP 1: Complete the following forms on School Cash Online: Use this checklist to ensure that you have completed all the required forms ONLINE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 7th!

- ☐ [Acceptable Use Agreement for Students Using Information & Communication in Technologies](#)
- ☐ [Consent for Participation in the Sciences](#)
- ☐ [Permission to Participate in Phys Ed & Intramural/Athletic Programs \(complete to participate in all school activities, lunch intramurals, colour grade dates, etc.\)](#)
- ☐ [Consent to Participate in Technology](#)
- ☐ [Consent to Participate in Family Studies](#)
- ☐ [Responsible Use of Personal Electronic/Mobile Devices](#)
- ☐ [Student Activity Fees 2026/2027](#)

STEP 2: Payment of Student Activity Fees using School Cash Online

Student Activity Fees can be completed on-line using the SCHOOL CASH ONLINE feature, a secure and reliable link that is available on our website at westniagara.dsbnschools.org. These fees are used for student council initiatives and student events.

Prevalent Medical Conditions: Plan of Care

A Plan of Care specific to the student needs is required for all students with a prevalent medical condition. Anaphylaxis, asthma, diabetes, or epilepsy require a Plan of Care specific to their prevalent medical health condition. Other life-threatening medical conditions require a Plan of Care – General. A Plan of Care document outlines a student's specific health needs and steps necessary to support their well-being in the school environment. If your child has a prevalent medical condition, please complete the corresponding plan of care by accessing the link below. Once the form is completed or if you need any help with this process please email Jenny Gardner at jenny.gardner@dsbn.org

All forms and supporting documents can be found:

- **[Appendix A: Plan of Care - Anaphylaxis](#)**
- **[Appendix B: Plan of Care - Asthma](#)**
- **[Appendix C: Plan of Care - Diabetes](#)**
- **[Appendix D: Plan of Care - Epilepsy](#)**
- **[Appendix E: Plan of Care - General](#)**

Timetables for the 2026/27 School Year

Timetables will be available in the DSBN student portal in ASPEN **the week of August 31, 2026**. To access your timetable:

Login with your DSBN email or username and password. **Remember to use the AASP button, not the Log On button.**

- 1. Click the My Info button at the top left-hand corner underneath your name.**
- 2. Click on the Current Schedule button along the left-hand side of the screen.**
- 3. Your schedule appears, sorted by course name. Click on the word Term to sort by semester/term.**

Timetable Change Requests for 2026/27 school year

Once school starts on September 8th, students will have to make appointments using our online booking system on the school website. The request link will be found on the WNSS Guidance page, [West Niagara - About Guidance](#)

Students were asked to thoughtfully select both their preferred and alternate courses and had multiple opportunities to meet with Guidance staff throughout the course selection process. The school timetable was developed based on these course selections. In June and July, our Guidance team worked proactively to resolve many timetable conflicts and accommodate summer school completions.

As many classes are currently at or above capacity, timetable changes will be made only when there is a **demonstrated educational need**. Requests based on teacher preference, friend placement, or personal scheduling convenience will not be considered.

Timetable change requests will be addressed according to the following priorities:

- Unresolved timetable conflicts (e.g., a missing course or an unscheduled period).
- Summer school results that impact a student's current timetable (e.g., a course completed during summer school remains on the timetable).
- Post-secondary program requirements.
- Course level changes (e.g., Applied to Academic, College to University, etc.).
- Please note that most classes are currently at or above capacity; therefore, many timetable change requests may not be possible.

* New registrations to WNSS will be completed through the student registration process using <https://www.dsbn.org/register>

School Office Opens

The school main office will open **Monday August 31st** if you have any questions about registrations, schedules, or School Cash Online please call the office at 905-945-5416 on this date so we can help you and connect you with the appropriate support.

Transportation Inquires



If you have any transportation questions or concerns, please visit nsts.ca or call 905-357-6787.

Change in Contact Information

If your contact information (email, phone, address) changes over the summer please email attendance secretary, Cristalle Miller, Cristalle.Miller@dsbn.org immediately so we can be sure we have your current details. *If we do not have your current address updated by Monday August 31st, students may not have a bus until the second week of school.*

NEW Bell Times and Start Date



The 2026/27 School year will start on **September 8th, 2026**. School will begin at 8:05 am and end at 2:05 pm. It is important to arrive by 7:55 am to ensure that you are in class on time.

WNSS Daily Schedule				
Period 1	Period 2	Lunch	Period 3	Period 4
8:05-9:25	9:30-10:45	10:45-11:25	11:30-12:45	12:50-2:05

Arrival & Dismissal Safety

Helping our students arrive at and leave school safely is something we all play a part in. School grounds and surrounding roadways can be especially busy during arrival and dismissal, particularly between **7:40 and 8:00 a.m.** as multiple buses arrive, and again at the end of the day during student departures.

Whenever possible, students who are eligible for transportation are encouraged to use the school bus, while those who live closer to school can bike or walk. Choosing these options can help reduce traffic congestion and create a safer environment for everyone.

If drop-off or pick-up by car is necessary, please allow a little extra time for traffic delays and help ensure students can arrive and depart safely. At the end of the day, families may find it helpful to wait until bus traffic has eased before picking up students. Another option is to arrange an alternate drop-off or pick-up location nearby and have students walk the remaining distance to or from school.

We also appreciate the patience, respect, and courtesy of our school community toward the staff supervising these busy times. Their work helps keep traffic moving and, most importantly, supports a safe and positive arrival and dismissal experience for all students.

How to Stay Informed?

- Additional information regarding the 2026/27 school year will be available on the DSBN website www.dsbns.org
- Check your email for communications from the school
- Follow our school on social media: IG@westniagarasecondary
- Stay up to date with announcements and school events by visiting westniagara.dsbns.org

Introducing Your Principal & Vice Principals

Mrs. Sargeant, Principal



I am so excited to welcome you to a new school year filled with possibilities! Whether you're returning or joining us for the first time, I hope you're ready to discover new opportunities, build friendships, try new experiences, and find your place in our Wolfpack community.

As my guy Ted Lasso reminds us, *"Be curious, not judgmental."* This year, I invite you to bring that curiosity to your learning, to the people around you, and to the possibilities ahead. Get involved, try something new, take on challenges, and discover what you're capable of.

We can't wait to see our halls filled with your energy, enthusiasm, ideas, and school spirit. Each of you brings something unique to our community, and together, we have the opportunity to make this an incredible year.

I BELIEVE this is going to be an incredible year for all of us!

Mr. Daniels, Vice Principal

I'm looking forward to another year with the West Niagara Wolfpack! I was a Vice Principal here last year, so I already know that the Wolfpack has plenty of personality, energy, and the occasional interesting plot twist.

I think school should be a place where you can be curious, ask strange questions, try things you've never tried before, and occasionally get something spectacularly wrong. Some of the best learning happens when things don't go exactly according to plan.

I'm looking forward to seeing familiar faces, meeting new ones, and getting another year of Wolfpack adventures underway. And if you see Reggie and me around the school, come say hello. We'll probably be up to something.



Mrs. Taylor, Vice Principal



I'm beyond excited to join the West Niagara Wolfpack this year! Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out." — Robert Collier. Every day is an opportunity to learn, grow, and become the best version of yourself. Success isn't about being perfect, it's about making steady progress through consistent effort and perseverance. Each class you attend, every challenge you face, and every goal you work toward brings you one step closer to achieving your dreams. Believe in yourself, support one another, and remember that even the smallest efforts can lead to extraordinary accomplishments.

Wishing you a successful and rewarding school year!

Mr. Kresnik, Vice Principal

I'm excited to be joining West Niagara Secondary School this year! I'm passionate about creating a school community where every student feels supported, challenged, and inspired to reach their full potential. I believe strong relationships, collaboration, and a positive school culture are at the heart of great learning, and I can't wait to get to know the incredible students, staff, and families that make up the Wolfpack!



If you need support or have any questions the school office opens Monday, August 31st.

Remember the first day of school is Tuesday, September 8th.