



West Niagara

Secondary School

March 21st, 2023

Wolfpack and Families,

I hope that each of you had a happy and restful break. Staff were very glad to welcome students back to school this week. I have a few information items and updates for you.

1) DSBN Skills Medalists

- a) Each year, students from across the DSBN compete in Tech Skills competitions. These skills are linked to classes students take in our amazing Tech Education Department.
- b) West Niagara students were extremely successful in these competitions - thank you to all the students who participated, and to the teachers who mentored them leading up to the day. Top two finishers will represent the DSBN at regional and provincial level Skills Ontario Competitions in April and May.
- c) West Niagara Tech Skills medalists were:
 - i) Eric H. - GOLD - Automotive Service
 - ii) Mile J. - GOLD - Individual Carpentry
 - iii) Lola W. - GOLD - Coding
 - iv) Vivian S. - BRONZE - Coding
 - v) Jessica J. - SILVER - Culinary Arts
 - vi) Alex L. - BRONZE - Graphic Design Presentation
 - vii) Nathan S. - GOLD - Precision Machining

Congratulations, Wolfpack - we are very proud of your achievements!

2) Yearbooks

- a) Yearbooks for the 2022/2023 school year are now available to be purchased. You can use School Cash online or directly purchase them at the office using debit or credit. The books are 100% student created (Design, Art, Photography, Writing, Journalism, Marketing, etc.) and will be arriving in June. The cost is \$50. They always sell out fast, so don't delay.

3) **WNSS PACK Team Canada**

(The stationary bike team that's going places)

We are recruiting students for a school cycling team in support of SickKids Foundation and the greatcyclechallenge.ca, who will commit to spending time tracking their mileage on stationary and/or conventional bicycles, while raising funds for cancer research. This is done outside of school hours, so it can count towards the 40 hours of community volunteering. No previous experience is necessary. We are inclusive of all ages and abilities! We aim to represent Canada, with the eventual goal of connecting with schools in Australia and the US. Get fit. Raise funds. Have fun! **CONTACT Mr Volcansek for more info: anton.volcansek@dsgn.org**



4) **Literacy Test Results**

- a) All results for the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test - fall session - were sent home in the mail before the break
- b) Congratulations to all students who were successful!
- c) For all students who were not successful yet, please look through the supports section of your letter. It will explain the ways we will support you to pass this spring. We believe you can do it!
- d) If your child wrote the test in the fall, but you have not received results, please reply to this email.

As always, please let me know if we can help.

Mat Miller

Principal, WNSS