



# WestNiagara

## Secondary School

February 3rd, 2023

Wolfpack and Families,

I hope the first two days of semester two have been positive for each of you. A reminder that, even if you have requested a course change appointment in guidance, students need to follow their current timetables. Guidance is working through a significant number of requests as quickly as they can.

A few information updates for you as we head into the weekend.

### 1) **Black Heritage Month**

- a) Thank you to our amazing student group who are leading our school's celebration of Black Heritage Month
- b) Students have begun sharing historical facts over the announcements, playing music over the PA, and are planning to share art and poetry with the school community
- c) Our students are looking to compile a WNSS Family Recipe Book for Black Heritage Month, and need your help. We would be honoured for families to share significant recipes with our group. These recipes will be compiled into a digital book and shared on our school website. Including a note on the significance of the recipe to your family would be a welcomed addition as well. Please email any recipes to Mr. Miller, or send them to the main office with your students.

### 2) **SafeArrival Text Messages**

- a) A new feature allows the DSBN to send you text messages on School Messenger.

Starting on February 1, 2023 you will receive a text message from number 978338 requesting that you "opt-in" to receive texts from the DSBN. Although you won't recognize this number, I can confirm it is not spam.

The text from 978338 will say:

*"District School Board of Niagara messages. Reply Y to confirm, HELP for info. Msg & data rates may apply. Msg freq varies. Visit [schoolmessenger.com/smsca](http://schoolmessenger.com/smsca) for info"*

If you would like to receive texts from our school, reply with "Y" or "Yes". If you do not reply, you will not receive any further text messages from our school.

To opt out of all text messages from SchoolMessenger, visit <http://www.schoolmessenger.com/txtmsg/> or reply with "STOP" to the opt-in message that you receive.

**3) School Council**

- a) Upcoming School Council (formerly known as parent council) meeting -  
Wednesday, February 15th - 7:00pm - cafeteria Grimsby Campus

Have a great weekend and, as always, please let me know if we can help.

Mat Miller  
Principal, WNSS