



West Niagara

Secondary School

9-January 2023

Happy New Year Wolfpack, and Families!

Welcome back after what was hopefully a restful and happy break. I have some reminders and information updates for you.

1) Upcoming Exam/Final Evaluation Days

- a) Please note the following schedule, and note that students are not required to attend on their MSIP days:
 - i) Tuesday, January 24th - Period 1
 - ii) Wednesday, January 25th - Period 2
 - iii) Thursday, January 26th - Period 3
 - iv) Friday, January 27th - Period 4
 - v) Monday, January 30th - Period 5
 - vi) Tuesday, January 31st - Contingency Day for Weather
 - vii) Wednesday, February 1st - PD Day
 - viii) Thursday, February 2nd - First Day of Semester 2

2) Transportation on Exam Days

- a) Please note that busses will be running on the normal schedule on the exam/final evaluation days, as has always been the case
- b) This may not seem optimal when students finish their exam/final evaluation in the morning - many students make other transportation arrangements to get home earlier than the normal time

3) Emergency Support Worker

- a) Due to periodic staffing shortages in our Specialized School to Community program, we are looking to hire Emergency Support Workers
- b) These workers would be called in when there is a shortage of staff
- c) Please see the attached posting and application
- d) Applications should be sent to Mr. Miller (mat.miller@dsbn.org)

4) Please see the poster below from the Lincoln Rotary Club

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

Mat Miller
Principal, WNSS



The Benefits of Butterfly Gardens

Join us at our drop-in educational series at the Fleming Centre.
Learn about the benefits of native plants and native pollinators

**JAN
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Fleming Centre (Room A)
7 - 8 p.m. | 6:30: doors open
5020 Serena Dr., Beamsville

Garden Design: Behind the scenes of the Val Fleming Butterfly Garden

Learn about the design process used to plant the Val Fleming Butterfly Garden from gardening professional, Sean James. Sean is an award-winning landscaper specializing in sustainable landscapes. Learn about the steps you can take to plant a butterfly garden of your own!

**FEB
8**

Fleming Centre (Room B)
7 - 8 p.m. | 6:30: doors open
5020 Serena Dr., Beamsville

Conservation in Nature: Experiencing Nature in Your Own Backyard

Join us for an interactive presentation on the work of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, focused on special projects, ecology, species at risk, volunteering and partnerships.

**MAR
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Fleming Centre (Room A)
7 - 8 p.m. | 6:30: doors open
5020 Serena Dr., Beamsville

Garden for Diversity: Incorporating Native Plants in Our Garden

Join Liz Bennehan of Ontariogreen to learn tips on garden design and adding features and flora that will turn your yard into a haven for native creatures.

**APR
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Fleming Centre (Room A)
7 - 8 p.m. | 6:30: doors open
5020 Serena Dr., Beamsville

Community Book Discussion: A Garden for the Rusty Patched Bumblebee; Creating Habitats for Native Pollinators; Ontario and Great Lakes Edition by Lorraine Johnson

Lorraine Johnson's book helps gardeners discover crucial connections between native plants and native pollinators. Learn strategies for planting thriving pollinator corridors in your own yard.

