



WestNiagara

Secondary School

Welcome, Wolfpack!

On behalf of the entire WNSS staff, I would like to welcome students and families to the Wolfpack. We are incredibly excited to welcome you to our new school community, its diverse programming, and our amazing co-curricular activities.

We value each student and know that you will each contribute to making our school great. Work hard, learn every day, and get involved with student activities and leadership. Our programming - in and out of the classroom - will offer something interesting and engaging for every student.

Website and Social media

Keep an eye on our website (<https://westniagara.dsbns.org>) and our social media for information and updates.

Twitter: @westniagara2022

Instagram: @westniagarasecondaryschool

Student Supports link

WNSS offers many different supports for students, and they can all be accessed easily through our school website. For guidance, student success, youth counselor, social worker, administration, learning resource, or any other kind of appointment, click on this icon on our webpage.



Spirit Wear

A wide variety of Wolfpack wear can be purchased through this link, and the Spirit Wear icon on our website.

<https://lastingimages.ca/westniagara.htm>

Parking

Student parking at the Grimsby campus is very limited, and on a first come-first served basis. Student parking is permitted ONLY in the far section of the parking lot in the rear of the school. The angled parking spots, and the section of the back lot nearest the school is for staff only, as is the front lot. Students are not permitted to park in the staff parking areas at any time. We recognize this is inconvenient, but please plan accordingly.



What to bring

Start out with a binder or two, paper, and writing utensils. If you would like to use a locker at school, also bring a combination lock. Any other materials needed would depend on the needs of the class and would be conveyed to you by teachers.

Beamsville Campus Shuttle

Students traveling from Grimsby (AM) to Beamsville Campus for PM classes:

Shuttle arrives at Grimsby Campus: 11:25am

Shuttle departs Grimsby Campus: 11:30am

Shuttle arrives at Beamsville Campus: 11:50am

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Shuttle departs Beamsville Campus: 11:30am

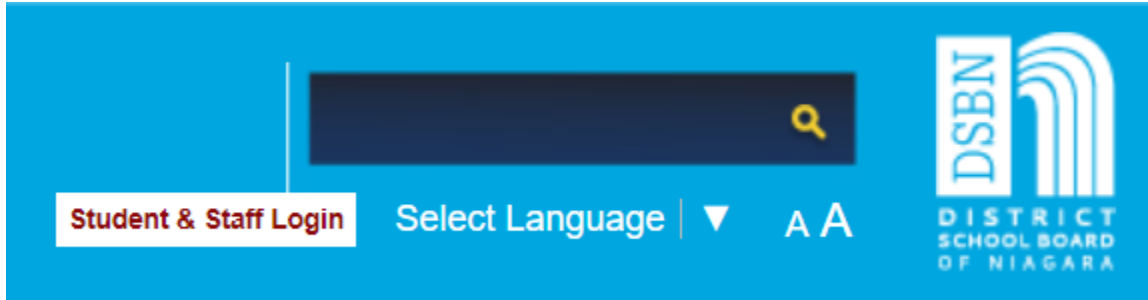
Shuttle arrives at Grimsby Campus: 11:50am

Appointments

We strongly encourage parents to call or email ahead of time and book an appointment if they are looking to meet with school staff. This allows us to plan our day accordingly so we can make sure we are free to meet with you.

Aspen - MyApps page

Want to check your timetable? Log in to the student portal in the top right corner of the WNSS website, by clicking on Student and Staff Login:



Click on Aspen, under MyApps:



Student Transportation - NSTS

For information on bus times and pickup/drop off locations, go to NSTS.ca, and log in to the Parent Portal. You will need our child's OEN, which can be found on any report card or in Aspen.

Lockers

Lockers will be distributed in home rooms early in the semester. Locker numbers listed on student timetables mailed out over the summer should be disregarded.

Online forms

Please keep your eye on SchoolCash Online for forms that must be completed if your child is taking Phys Ed, Science, Technology or Family Studies. They need to be signed in order for them to participate in the class

Creed and Religious Beliefs/Practices

The Niagara Region is growing more diverse in creed and/or religious beliefs and practices. The District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) is committed to fostering diverse, equitable, and inclusive learning and working environments that promote acceptance and protect individuals from discrimination and harassment based on the protected grounds under the Ontario Human Rights Code. Creed and/or religion is one of the grounds that is both an individual right and a collective responsibility. The DSBN recognizes and embraces the creed diversity represented in its students, staff, and community members.

As we start our school year, I invite you to share with me your family's most significant creed-based holiday(s). We will work together through the accommodation request process as West Niagara Secondary School recognizes the importance of families celebrating their creed and/or religious beliefs and practices.

The DSBN has created a [Family Guide: Recognizing and Respecting Creed Diversity](#) to support families in requesting accommodations. This guide has also been translated into the following languages; Arabic, French, Hungarian, Korean, Mandarin, Spanish, Urdu and Vietnamese, which can be viewed on the [DSBN Equity webpage](#). For a list of Days of Significance, please refer to the [Days of Significance Calendar](#).

Community Information:

Grimsby Art Walk

Saturday September 24, 2022

Time: 10 am to 4 pm

Free and open to public

Locations:

Grimsby Art Walk venues include:

Grimsby Art Gallery

Carnegie Hall (adjacent to art gallery) (Historical Society will announce writing contest winners; topic is best of 100 years of Grimsby)

Main St (between Ontario and Christie including Coronation Park) closed with interactive Mural(s) and other art activities

Includes evening festival with stage and live music and giant birthday cake to mark 100 th Anniversary of incorporation of Town of Grimsby

Woolverton Hall – artist exhibit

Nelles Manor – Pumphouse artists and plein air artists on the lawn

Museum (not sure what is planned).

One of the two above will be the juried art show

Art vendors will be at Art Gallery and at least one other venue

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

Mat Miller
Principal, West Niagara Secondary School