



# WestNiagara

## Secondary School

September 7th, 2022

Wolfpack,

I have a few information items for you - see below. I hope you had a great first day of classes, and that your second day is even better.

### 1) **Creed-based Absence Days**

“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.

In recognition of this commitment, we have now added “Creed Based Day” as an option to the School Messenger. Families reporting student absence(s) may select this option for religious and/or creed-based days, which does not generate an absence on their report card.

For more information on Creed and accommodation requests based on Creed, please see The [Family Guide: Recognizing and Respecting Creed Diversity](#). 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](#).”

### 2) **Volunteer Opportunities - Rotary Club of Grimsby**

- a) Please see the attached poster

### 3) **Late Activity Bus**

- a) Students may take the late activity bus after sports or extracurricular activities starting today.
- b) Students wanting to take late bus - please send Mr. Miller an email the day you would like to take it. The school needs to keep a list of who is riding the bus. This process may change over time.

c) The stops and times are noted below:

West Niagara Secondary School		
Route #	Stop Location	Stop Time
3904	West Niagara Secondary (WNSS) Grimsby Site	4:30 PM
	Smithville Public School	4:46 PM
	Caistor Centre Public School	4:57 PM
	Gainsborough Public School	5:09 PM
Route #	Stop Location	Stop Time
3905	West Niagara Secondary (WNSS) Grimsby Site	4:30 PM
	Senator Gibson Public School	4:41 PM
	Jacob Beam Public School	4:43 PM
	Twenty Valley Public School	4:53 PM

#### **4) Photo Day**

- a) Photo days are coming up quickly. Print information will be distributed to all home rooms soon.
- b) September 13th - Grimsby Campus Grades 9-10, September 14th - Grimsby Campus Grades 11-12, September 15th, Beamsville Campus

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

Mat Miller  
Principal - West Niagara Secondary School