



WestNiagara

Secondary School

WNSS School Council Meeting
28 September, 2022

Agenda

1. **Welcome, Overview - Get to know the group.**
2. **Current Enrollment: 1469**
3. **Bell Times:**
 - i. P.1 8:05am-9:10am
 - ii. P.2 9:15am-10:15am
 - iii. P.3 10:20am-11:20am
 - iv. Lunch 11:20am-12:05pm
 - v. P.4 12:05pm-1:05pm
 - vi. P.5 1:10pm - 2:10pm
4. **Beamsville Campus - programs and operations**
 - a. SSTC, Welding, Horticulture, Hospitality, Cosmetology, some construction
 - b. Shuttle times - 11:25am-11:40am
 - c. Lunch supports provided at Beamsville Campus
 - d. Approximately 100-150 students there at a time
5. **EQAO**
 - Last year's school and board results are still embargoed
 - new scheduling of OSSLT - 2 windows (2-Nov to 7-Dec, 1-Mar to 26-Apr)
 - math test at the end of each semester for grade 9 classes
 - supports - LRST, tutoring service, lunchtime literacy, in class math, additional math help as per parent letter
6. **Math and Science Help**
 - Lunchtime Math Help: Every Wednesday at lunch in room 205

- MSIP Math Support: Students who have an MSIP in the morning are able to access extra support from a math teacher. Students should talk to their math teacher or MSIP teacher to sign up to access this help
- Grade 11-12 Evening Math Help from a DSBN Math Teacher: www.dsbn.org/mathhelp
- Grade 9-10 Evening Math Help from an Ontario Math Teacher: www.tvomathify.com/students
- Peer Tutoring: Senior peer tutors may be available to support junior students in accessing available supports. Students interested in volunteering or interesting in having a peer tutor should talk to Mrs. Zombolas
- Math Teacher: Our math teachers are all happy to help. If a student is struggling they should talk to their math teacher as soon as possible.

Science

Tues and Thurs at lunch All grades and levels. Room 222

7. Sports and Activities Currently Running or Starting Soon

- Student Council
- Equity Team
- Take Action Club
- Math Club - starting soon
- Music Council
- Musical Trip - Mean Girls
- Student Mediators
- Breakfast Club
- Dance Team
- Music Production Club
- Skittle Squad (LGBTQ+ and allies)
- Chess
- Scorekeeping crew
- Intramural sports organizers - basketball, dodge ball, spike ball
- Cross Country
- Boys volleyball - Jr., Sr.
- Girls basketball - Jr., Sr.
- Golf
- Field Hockey
- Rowing - starting soon
- Tennis (Jr./Sr.)
- Varsity Football, Junior Football
- Badminton Club - starting soon
- Wrestling - in progress
- NYC Trip (spring)
- Scotland Trip (summer - small group)

- Basketball Retreat
- Winter Camping - Camp Pathfinder
- Art Club - Thursdays at lunch, room 10
- Camp Wolfpack (campers and leaders)
- Guitar Club
- Drumline
- Percussion Ensemble
- Jazz Band (Sr/Jr Repertoire Classes)
- Vocal Ensemble - West Niagara Singers
- Jazz Combo
- Open Mic
- Esports - starting soon
- SHSM programs offered in 8 Technology sectors (10 sectors total)
- Technology Related Conferences and Events
- Skills Events, Mentorship, and Competitions
- WNSS Comm Tech Crew (student-driven based on interests; perhaps producing a school-based podcast, social media graphics, or videos)
- Film Competitions (historically these have included DSBN Frames, NRPS, DSBN Skills, Skills Ontario, Skills Ontario Cardboard Boat Race)

8. Ignite

- a. To support the DSBN's strategic planning process, please complete the survey at dsbn.org/ignite

9. New/Notable Courses

- a. Italian
- b. Phys-Ed focus - court sports
- c. Phys-Ed focus - football
- d. Yoga/Pilates/HIIT
- e. Environmental Science
- f. Earth and Space Science
- g. World Cultures
- h. Food and Culture
- i. Grade 11 English - focus on Indigenous texts and authors
- j. Grade 9 Computer Engineering
- k. Gender Studies
- l. Expressions of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Cultures (Art)
- m. First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Peoples in Canada (History)
- n. Custom Woodworking
- o. Electrical Networking/Cabling
- p. Repertoire Music (Jr.)
- q. Adventures in World History
- r. Raising Healthy Children
- s. Challenge and Change in Society

- t. Equity and Social Justice: From Theory to Practice
- u. Working with Infants and Young Children
- v. Dynamics of Human Relationships
- w. American Sign Language
- x. Law - grade 12 University
 - + Courses offered at BDSS but not offered at GSS
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10. Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) Programs

- a. Welding and Manufacturing
- b. Hospitality and Tourism
- c. Food Processing
- d. Information and Communications Technology
- e. Construction
- f. Agriculture
- g. Arts and Culture
- h. Horticulture and Landscaping
- i. Health and Wellness
- j. Sport

11. Preliminary Reports

- a. Reports will go out electronically to student email addresses on Friday, 7-October
- b. Parents will have the option of requesting a paper copy

12. Parent/Teacher Communication

- a. We encourage ongoing communication between parents and the school
- b. All teacher emails can be found on the WNSS web page
- c. Meetings and conferences can be set up at any mutually agreeable time (phone, Microsoft Teams etc.)

13. Student Trustee Senate

- a. Junior and Senior Senators have been selected
- b. Capri Nose and Tiana Sherback
- c. Advisory group for the Board's student trustees

14. Election of a Chair, Secretary

15. AOB - Q and A