



ABOUT US

Guidance Newsletter

Dear WNSS Students and Families,

This newsletter is designed to provide students and families with important information and upcoming deadlines from the Guidance department. This may include logging community service hours, picking courses, information regarding graduation and more.

Splitting up student tasks over four years helps to alleviate some of the stresses that may come in grade twelve. This is simply a guide of tasks students should complete in each year to ensure all requirements for graduation are met.

This newsletter will be emailed to all students and families twice yearly. Once in September and again in February.

Please also see the [Guidance 2025/2026 Calendar](#) for more important dates. This will be updated throughout the year with other guidance related important dates. Please bookmark this link to refer back to it throughout the school year. As well, students will have access to this calendar on their grade D2L pages.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to a member of our team.

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Booking an appointment with Guidance:

- Students can use the following [LINK](#) to book an appointment with one of our Guidance counsellor.
 - There is a QR code available in our office (rm.109) to book as well
- Once students have booked an appointment they will be contacted by a counsellor via their school email, or will be paged out of their MSIP class.



GRADE 9

Guidance Newsletter

SEMESTER 1

Dear Grade 9 Students and Families,

Please read below some important information from the guidance department. The following chart outlines dates and tasks that are crucial to the success of semester 1 in your grade 9 year.

Timeframe	Task	Student Expectations	How can parents/ guardians get involved?
September	Course Changes	Book an appointment with guidance if you wish to change your courses for first semester.	
October	Hour Republic/ Researching Volunteer Opportunities	Create an Hour Republic Account to log your community hours. D2L > > External Tools > Hour Republic > Create An Account *remember, you must use your dsbn student email Use the following guide to start researching volunteer opportunities.	Review Hour Republic and opportunities with your student at home and encourage them to create an account.



GRADE 10

Guidance Newsletter

SEMESTER 1

Dear Grade 10 Students and Families,

Please read below some important information from the guidance department. The following chart outlines dates and tasks that are crucial to the success of semester 1 in your grade 10 year.

Timeframe	Task	Student Expectations	How can parents/ guardians get involved?
September	Course Changes	Book an appointment with guidance if you wish to change your courses for first semester.	
October	Hour Republic/ Log Volunteer Hours	Log your community hours in your Hour Republic Account. D2L > > External Tools > Hour Republic *If you have not made an account yet remember, you must use your dsbn student email Use the following guide to research volunteer opportunities.	Review Hour Republic with your student at home and encourage them to create an account.



GRADE 11

Guidance Newsletter

SEMESTER 1

Dear Grade 11 Students and Families,

Please read below some important information from the guidance department. The following chart outlines dates and tasks that are crucial to the success of semester 1 in your grade 11 year.

Timeframe	Task	Student Expectations	How can parents/ guardians get involved?
September	Course Changes	Book an appointment with guidance if you wish to change your courses for first semester.	
	SHSM	Consider taking SHSM in one of the eleven sectors available at WNSS. Read the requirements on our school website, or book a guidance appointment to ask questions and sign up. WNSS SHSM	Review SHSM requirements with your student.
October	Log Volunteer Hours	Log your community hours in your Hour Republic Account D2L > > External Tools > Hour Republic *If you have not made an account yet remember, you must use your dsbn student email Use the following guide to research volunteer opportunities.	Review Hour Republic with your student at home and encourage them to create an account.



GRADE 12

Guidance Newsletter

SEMESTER 1

Dear Grade 12 Students and Families,

Please read below some important information from the guidance department. The following chart outlines dates and tasks that are crucial to the success of semester 1 in your grade 12 year.

Timeframe	Task	Student Expectations	How can parents/ guardians get involved?
September	Course Changes	Book an appointment with guidance if you wish to change your courses for first semester.	
	Grade 12 Assembly	Date: September 16th, 2025 (period 2)	Remind your student to attend.
October	Log Volunteer Hours	Log your community hours in your Hour Republic Account D2L > External Tools > Hour Republic *If you have not made an account yet remember, you must use your dsbn student email	Review Hour Republic with your student at home and encourage them to submit their hours as early as possible.
	Fill out “Apply to Graduate”	Fill out the “Apply to Graduate” form on D2L. This form provides guidance with important details about you for graduation, and offers you the opportunity to have a grad appointment with a counsellor. D2L> Grade 12 Only> Apply to Graduate on Main Page	Remind your student to fill out this form, and check the box for a grad interview if they have questions.
	Scholarships	Begin researching Scholarships to help financially support your post-secondary goals. Use this WNSS Scholarship Guide to begin your research.	Help your student research and track Scholarship opportunities.



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Timeframe	Task	Student Expectations	How can parents/ guardians get involved?
January/ February	Deadline to Apply to College/ University	<p>College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Apply by February 1st, 2026- \$150 for 5 choices [*as of 2024] <p>Apply HERE</p> <p>University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Apply by January 15th, 2026- \$156 for 3 choices (\$50 for every additional) [*as of 2024]- Apply HERE <p>*you should use a personal email to create an account NOT your DSBN email.</p>	Apply with your student and encourage them to book a guidance appointment if they have any questions.