



West Niagara Secondary School

Wolfpack Update

SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

Grade Assemblies: Community, Connections, & Success

This week, each grade participated in a welcome-back assembly focused on:

- ✓ Building safe and respectful learning environments
- ✓ Encouraging involvement in clubs, teams, and leadership opportunities
- ✓ Meeting our Education & Student Support Team – including school counsellors, guidance & student success teachers, and special education staff who are here to help all students succeed.

MSIP: Developing Strong Learning Habits

Students began learning how to use MSIP (Multi-Subject Instructional Period) to support their academic success by:

- 📁 Staying organized
- 📖 Completing daily class work & getting ahead on assignments
- 🙋 Seeking help when needed
- 👯 Collaborating with classmates

These routines are essential for developing strong learning skills and work habits.



FIRST DAY FUN!

Save the Dates

We are excited to share these upcoming opportunities for students and families to connect, build community, and strengthen our Wolfpack spirit!

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September 10th & 11th

Picture Days:

Grades 9 & 10: Wednesday, September 10th
Grade 11, 12, & SSTC: Thursday, September 11th

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September 17th – During the School Day

Welcome Wolfpack Day: Formerly known as Camp Wolfpack, this full day of fun activities will be led by senior student mentors and staff. Through games, challenges, and team-building, Grade 9 students will strengthen their sense of belonging, make new connections, and experience the pride of being part of the Wolfpack. Please note: lunch will be provided and a wolfpack t-shirt will be given to every Grade 9. Activities will end before the end of the day to ensure students can access their regular transportation at 2:10pm.

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September 19th

PD Day!

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September 23rd at 4:30–6:00 pm – Meet the Teacher

This is a wonderful chance to meet the educators who have the privilege of teaching your student(s), ask questions about their courses and classroom routines, and supports available. Most importantly, it's an opportunity to continue building the partnership between home and school that supports every student's success and strengthens our Wolfpack community.

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September 24th at 6:00–8:00 pm – Nines Night

Our Grade 9 students are invited back in the evening for Nines Night! Hosted by the student council, this is a fun, supervised social event with music, games, and activities for everyone. This will be the first after-school gathering just for Grade 9s, giving them a chance to build friendships and celebrate their start at WNSS. Every Grade 9 will receive a WNSS hoodie, and together we'll kick off a new Wolfpack tradition to build community, created in response to student feedback last year.

A Few Reminders!

✓ Complete the School Cash Online Items

IMPORTANT: If you haven't already done so, please complete the outstanding permission forms on SCO.

This form is required for students to:

- Participate in curriculum-based learning tasks
- Use school equipment and technology
- Be involved in hands-on courses (e.g. science labs, tech, phys ed, arts)

📌 **You can find the form by visiting our school website:**

<https://westniagara.dsbnschools.org/>

✓ Also on the Website:

- Daily Announcements: Stay in the know & check out the growing list of opportunities to get involved! Announcements are found under the "Events" tab
- Staff Contacts: Find teachers, & other WNSD support staff email addresses under the "Home" tab
- School Calendar: Stay up to date on holidays, events, PD days, and special dates

✓ Days of Significance:

The District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) is committed to creating equitable and inclusive learning environments where everyone feels valued and respected. One of the ways we live this commitment is by honouring the diversity of creed and/or religious beliefs and practices within our school communities. As we begin the school year, **we invite families to share with us your creed-based holidays or celebrations** that are most significant to you. This helps us not only make the necessary accommodations so students and families can fully participate, but also allows our school to learn more about the rich diversity of traditions represent in our community. To support this process, the DSBN has developed a Family Guide: Recognizing and Respecting Creed Diversity. The guide walks families through how to make accommodation requests and has been translated into Arabic, French, Hungarian, Korean, Mandarin, Spanish, Urdu, and Vietnamese. You can find the guide, along with the Days of Significance calendar, on the DSBN Equity webpage.