



Wolfpack Updates

As we begin the second semester, we're excited to continue fostering a school community where meaningful learning, connection, and safety come first. This newsletter highlights key updates to support students; updated attendance procedures, timetable information, upcoming events, course selections, and daily supports that help every learner stay engaged and on track. Thank you for partnering with us as we work together to ensure all students thrive in the months ahead.

Safe Arrival & Attendance Updates

At WNSS, student safety and uninterrupted learning time remain top priorities. To help us ensure all students are accounted for and engaged in their scheduled classes **including MSIP**, please review our updated attendance procedures & expectations.



Attendance Reporting

- **Safe Arrival System:** Use Safe Arrival to report full-day absences and late arrivals.
- **Early Departures:** If your child needs to leave early, please call the attendance line at **905-945-6525**.
- **Morning Reporting:** Even if your child will leave later in the day, reporting early in the morning helps us notify teachers promptly.

Signing Students Out of Class

To maintain a safe and supervised environment:

- Students **must be picked up** when signed out and may not remain on school property.
- Students **cannot** be signed out to spend time in the library or cafeteria when they have a scheduled class including MSIP.
- Students may **not** be signed out to attend school events unless they are official participants.

These procedures help us maximize instructional time and maintain a secure school environment. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping students safe, engaged, and learning.

Check Your Timetable in ASPEN before Friday!



Several class, staff, and room changes have taken place since August. Students are encouraged to log in to ASPEN after 2:00pm today to review their current 2nd semester timetable to avoid confusion on Friday.

How to Access Your 2025–26 Timetable

1. Log in to the DSBN Student Portal using your DSBN email or username and password.
2. Select the **AASP** button.
3. Click **My Info** (top left).
4. Choose **Current Schedule** from the menu.
5. Click **Term** to sort by semester/term.

Timetable Change Requests

Requests will be reviewed in the following order:

1. Course results from Semester 1 affecting this year's timetable
2. Post-secondary program requirements
3. New student registrations
4. Level changes

Please note:

- MSIP and teacher change requests cannot be accommodated.
- Many classes are full, so not all requests may be possible.
- Additional appointments may be considered once priority items are addressed.

Thank you for your patience as we support student pathways and scheduling needs. If you have any other questions visit: <https://westniagara.dsbn.org/guidance/about-guidance>

Meet the Teacher Night: Building Connections

Tuesday, February 24, 2026 4:30–6:30 PM



We're excited to welcome families to **Meet the Teacher Night**, a special evening focused on building strong partnerships between home and school. Instead of holding traditional mid-term Parent-Teacher Interviews, we now focus on connecting with families earlier through Meet the Teacher Night. This approach helps us build relationships sooner and sets students up for a positive, successful semester.

Why Attend?

- Connect early with your child's teachers in a casual setting
- Learn about their classroom cultures, expectations, routines, and curriculum
- Share insights and discuss how to support your child's success

Keeping the Connection Going!

Families are encouraged to reach out to teachers anytime throughout the semester to:

- Ask questions & check on progress
- Share concerns or successes
- Collaborate on strategies for growth

Staff contact information is available at: <https://westniagara.dsbn.org/home/staff-contacts>

Course Selections for 2026–2027

Course selection season is approaching! Thoughtful choices help ensure students are on track with their goals, interests, and post-secondary plans.



What Students & Families Should Know

- Course selections determine staffing and programming for next year. So, choose wisely - your choices determine our course offerings!
- **Limited course changes** will be available in August 2026.
- Guidance & classroom teachers are available to support students.\

Student Grade Assemblies - Monday, February 9 (WNSS Theatre)

- **Period 2:** Grade 11
- **Period 3:** Grade 10
- **Period 4:** Grade 9

Our Guidance teachers will share informative grade specific presentations about course choices & then students will begin making course selections following these assemblies.

Making Course Selections

- Students will submit selections through **Xello**.
- **Deadline: Friday, February 20**
- Xello will lock after this date.
- Students may use MSIP to book guidance appointments for additional support.

How Families Can Support

- Review course options together and discuss goals.
- Encourage students to speak with teachers or guidance staff.
- Ensure selections are submitted by **February 20**.

More information: <https://westniagara.dsbn.org/guidance/xello---course-selection>

WNSS Café: Updated Hours

To support punctuality and value instructional time, the WNSS Café will operate during the following times:

Café Hours

- 7:30–8:00 AM
- 8:30–9:00 AM
- 9:35–10:00 AM
- 10:35–11:10 AM

Only students on 'spare' will be allowed to access the cafe once classes have started.

Free Nutrition Program

A grab-and-go breakfast is available **every morning** in the front foyer before the Period 1 bell, free of charge. Additional nutrition snacks are available in the office throughout the day.

Staying Connected is Easy!

Remember there are lots of ways to connect! You can visit the WNSS website, where you can access the Daily Announcements, Events Calendar, Newsletters, Guidance Updates and Digital Grade Classrooms, the Family Portal, Absence Reporting links & so much more!

Visit us at <https://westniagara.dsbn.org/>

The school also has an official instagram account: westniagarasecondary 

Semester 2 begins on Friday, January 30th!

Period	Time
Period 1	8:05 am - 9:10 am
Period 2	9:15 am - 10:15 am
Period 3	10:20 am - 11:20 am
Lunch	11:20 am - 12:05 pm
Period 4	12:05 pm - 1:05 pm
Period 5	1:10 pm - 2:10 pm