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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are introducing a schedule update for the 2026–2027 school year designed to provide students with more meaningful time with their subject teachers. This change will support rich learning experiences, foster a strong sense of belonging in classrooms, and enhance overall student success. We have carefully considered the diverse learning needs of our students and will continue to plan and program in ways that reflect and respond to those needs.

Please take a moment to learn more about the 2026–2027 WNSS schedule below.

What is Changing:

- Removal of the MSIP period
- Transition to a 4-period day with 75-minute class periods
- Additional classroom portables

What Will Remain the Same:

- Full range of course offerings
- Single lunch block (lunch will fall between period 2&3 in the day schedule)
- Similar bell schedule with adjustments to bell times throughout the day.

Why We Are Making This Change:

- Adds approximately 75 minutes of instructional time per week with the classroom subject teacher (e.g., an additional 22.5 hours per semester)
- Supports deeper learning, meaningful classroom conversations, and stronger relationships
- Provides more time for feedback, practice of skill development, & assessment with classroom subject teachers
- Creates more focused learning periods with fewer daily transitions between classes

What This Means for Students:

- Greater opportunity to deepen learning within each class with their subject teachers
- More time for practice, feedback, and consolidation of skills
- Strong connections through sustained classroom learning time
- Opportunity for building a strong sense of belonging through consistent, & shared classroom learning experiences
- Continued access to the same great compulsory and elective courses

We are excited about the positive impact this will have on learning, building belonging, and overall student success. We will share further details, including the finalized bell schedule before the end of the year. Our staff will be here to support students through this transition and ensure they are given all the supports they need to be successful. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support,

West Niagara Secondary School