



West Niagara

Secondary School

November 20th, 2023

Wolfpack and Families,

I have a few messages for you:

1) **Formal Tickets**

- a) Junior Tickets are sold out and very few Senior Tickets are left
- b) If your child would like to attend, but no tickets are available, please email kelly.bolibruck@dsbn.org with the subject "Ticket Waitlist" and your child's name
- c) It is not possible to transfer tickets from student to student - please add your name to the waitlist and encourage the person who does not want a ticket to request a refund
- d) We will work with the venue to accommodate as many students as we can.
- e) We will look at the waitlist once ticket sales close on Tuesday (meaning we will begin looking at it on Wednesday)

2) **Community Building Week at WNSS**

This week, I will be taking the opportunity to share important information - either for the first time, or as a reminder, around the many factors that make our school a community.

True feelings of community come through a variety of positive factors and supports, and the absence of negative behaviours like bullying and conflict. We work every day to equip our students with the skills, courage and conviction to deal with negative behaviours appropriately when they occur; and on the importance of positive actions and leadership to strengthen our school community. Our school motto "Leadership, Excellence, Expression: Together" exemplifies this work.

Today, I would like to focus on our Student Supports staff who work every day to build the feeling of community here at WNSS. If a student or family is considering reaching out around an issue, whether it be learning or social/emotional, I would encourage them to do so. If you are not sure who your contact should be, start with the Principal or VP, and they can help guide you. Support staff can also be accessed through a phone call, or email, or by filling out the Student

Support Request Form on the WNSS website. It is found in a column on the right hand side of the page, and looks like this:



Admin Team

Mr. Miller - Principal (mat.miller@dsbn.org)

Mr. Ezrin - Vice Principal (Grade 9 and SSTC) (matthew.ezrin@dsbn.org)

Ms. Bell - Vice Principal (Grade 10 and 11) (jessica.bell@dsbn.org)

Ms. Folino - Vice Principal (Grade 12) (jessica.folino@dsbn.org)

Guidance Team - academic pathways, course scheduling, post secondary planning

Ms. Walton - Program Leader (jackie.walton@dsbn.org)

Ms. Ebert - (joedy.ebert@dsbn.org)

Ms. Mokryzynski - (stephanie.mokryzynski@dsbn.org)

Mr. Weber - (darrel.weber@dsbn.org)

Learning Resource Team - Supporting students working with IEPs

Ms. McNeil - Program Leader (kathaleen.mcneil@dsbn.org)

Ms. Badawey (kerry.badawey@dsbn.org)

Ms. Berg - (kelly.berg@dsbn.org)

Mr. Gemella (jon.gemella@dsbn.org)

Student Success Team - Supporting students not working with IEPs

Ms. Zombolas - Program Leader (erica.zombolas@dsbn.org)

Ms. McCready (julie.mccready@dsbn.org)

Youth Counsellor

Yvonne Horton (yvonne.horton@dsbn.org)

Social Worker

Sarah Nepon (sarah.nepon@dsbn.org)

Public Health Nurse

Megan Ardiel (megan.ardiel@niagararegion.ca)

CASON - Addiction services counseling

Request through Student Help form mentioned above

Through the week, I will continue to highlight how we build community at WNSS and provide resources for students and families around this critical process. .

3) PD Day

a) This Friday - November 24th is a PD Day. Students are not at school that day.

Have a great evening.

Mat Miller
Principal, WNSS