

November 27th, 2024
West Niagara Secondary School
7:00pm- WNSS Library

Agenda/ Notes

EQAO Results

- OSSLT 90% Success (same as last year)
 - Having two writings a year, allows WNSS to narrow the focus for those who many not be successful in the fall in order to write again in the Spring
 - 70-80% pass first time writing, then specialized supports for the rest
- Grade 9 Math- 60% achieved at L3/L4- 10% increase
 - One change this year is the test is now worth 10% of the students final grade 9 math grade
 - This has been communicated to parents and students by each teacher
 - Goal this year is 65% to achieve L3/L4
 - The approach is to identify students who are close to achieving the next level, and working with students in “bump-up” groups to help students go from level 2 to 3 for example

Current EQAO support/ status

- OSSLT- currently being written
 - Literacy focused MSIPs
 - After literacy results come in and those who are not successful are identified, school will ensure there is a literacy fluent teacher teaching a literacy focused MSIP to assist
 - Literacy practice embedded into all grade 9 courses
- Grade 9 Math- at semester’s end
 - Math department will review the midterm snapshot to see what expectations need more attention and focus on before EQAO is written at the end of the semester. “Bump-up” groups available as well.
 - Snapshot available to parents?
 - Grade 9 math teachers connect throughout the year to ensure consistency amongst classes

Feedback Opportunity: Late/Missed Assignment Policy

- Late/missed assignment policy is not punitive by nature, it is about building time management skills and responsibility

- Feedback was gathered

February Guest Speaker for School Council

- Dr. Carolyn Pietrangeli surviving first year at University (students welcome)

Upcoming Events

- PD Day (Nov 29th)
- Music Night (Dec 5th)
- Winter Formal (Dec 12th)
 - Approx. 650
- Holiday Spirit Week (Dec 16-20th)

Other Questions

- Ski club
 - Transportation is a challenge, so limited spots are available
 - School will be looking into adding extra spots, more details to follow
- Vaping
 - Hall monitor and 3 VPs monitor washrooms throughout the day and move students along
 - School encourages families to speak with their children about not bringing them to school
 - When students are caught, they are suspended for 3 days, it is a progressive discipline approach. Students are then referred to the by-law officer who meets with them and may issue a ticket
 - The school has 2 single use washrooms on each floor, students are allowed to use at any time
 - If students notice other students vaping routinely, they can discreetly let the office know
- Suspensions
 - When a student is suspended, a letter is written and given to the parent and put into the students Ontario Student Record (OSR)
 - Suspensions do not follow students outside of high school
- U2 Tribute Band (Nov 9th)
 - Well received amongst the community and those who attended