



# West Niagara

## Secondary School

September 1st, 2023

Wolfpack and Families,

A final few reminders and updates before we return to school, at our new building, on Tuesday.

1) **What to bring for your classes**

- a) Students are recommended to bring a binder with paper and a writing utensil for the first day. Your teachers will let you know what else you might need for each individual class.

2) **Lockers**

- a) Lockers will not be assigned on the first day
- b) Homeroom teachers will assign lockers soon after the semester begins

3) **Transportation**

- a) Student bus pickup/drop off times and locations can be found on the parent portal at [NSTS.ca](http://NSTS.ca)
- b) You need your child's OEN (Ontario Education Number -found on any report card) to log in and create an account
- c) Each bus will drop off and pick up from the same approximate location at the school at the beginning and end of the day - remember and/or record where you were let off the bus in the morning, and that's where you will catch your bus in the afternoon
- d) Students are recommended to have their bus route number handy for the first part of the semester. Each bus will display this number on their second side window - this is how you can identify your bus.
- e) The entry to parking lot is on the west side of the property - closest to the car dealership and the exit is on the east side of the property - closest to the garden centre
- f) Parent drop offs and pick ups should happen on the driveway directly in front of the school
- g) Bike racks will be arriving soon, but are not yet available
- h) Student parking is available in the back lot - a process will come out for students to obtain a parking pass. I will email this out shortly after the year begins.

- i) No parking on the paved area directly behind the school where the basketball court is - parking only in the part of the lot painted with parking spots
- j) The end of the day at any high school is always busy. All drivers are asked to be very aware of pedestrians and bus lanes and drive with the utmost caution.

#### **4) Timetables**

- a) Thank you to our amazing guidance department who have worked diligently to change student timetables and register new students
- b) If you need a timetable change, please request it by filling out the "Student Help" form on the WNSS webpage. A counselor will reach out by calling you out of class, by email or by phone. You must follow your timetable until a change is made.
- c) Guidance will continue to work through student requests next week
- d) Students are recommended to check their timetable on Aspen again before the first day - there have been a few minor room changes.

#### **5) Lunch**

- a) All students are recommended to bring a lunch
- b) There are other options available at school next week - 4 food trucks will be on the back campus during lunch hour (Kool Jim's Ice Cream, Angels Wings Devils Poutine, Dirty South, Runaway Greek)

#### **6) Tours**

- a) MSIP classes will be touring the school throughout the day. Please make good use of the maps sent out earlier this week, and ask for help whenever needed. Staff will be more than happy to assist.

#### **7) Theatre**

- a) Construction continues on the Theatre. It is separated from the rest of the school. Students are reminded not to enter that area at any time.

Our staff is very excited to welcome you all to our amazing new school on Tuesday!

Please let me know if I can help.

Mat Miller

Principal, WNSS