



West Niagara

Secondary School

September 11th, 2023

Wolfpack and Families,

I have a few reminders and information items for you.

- 1) I wanted to clarify some details around our **cafeteria**, based on some parent questions
 - a) Although we do have the ability to seat more students than at either of our previous schools, the cafeteria does not seat all students
 - b) The cafeteria has three sections - surrounding the cafeteria kitchen
 - c) Secondary school cafeterias are not designed to seat all students - this includes schools with a variety of restaurants in walkable distance (e.g. Grimsby SS, Beamsville SS), and schools that do not have many nearby restaurants (e.g. E.L. Crossley, Greater Fort Erie)
 - d) Secondary students often choose to eat in other locations such as the library, classrooms, or in other seating areas through the building - some also leave campus at lunch time for a variety of reasons
 - e) Soon, there will be a variety of activities, intramurals, meetings etc. that students will be participating in at lunch
 - f) The cafeteria is open for students to sit and eat in, and has been since our first day
 - g) The student run cafeteria servery has not opened yet due to some reasons related to commissioning the kitchen, and training our students to run lunch service - this does take some time
 - h) Students are encouraged to bring their own lunch - we have also provided some other food for purchase through the food trucks and school cafe (starting tomorrow)
 - i) If your child is struggling with lunch hour - where to eat, getting lunch etc., please reach out and we can help. The building is new and we are all learning.

- 2) **Student Trustee Senate**
 - a) Applications are due tomorrow, September 12th
 - b) Application form is attached

3) Photo Day

- a) Please see the attached flyer re:photo day
- b) Photo Days are September 19th and 20th - more details to follow
- c) Any questions around the specifics of photo packages, prices etc. should be directed to the vendor, please.

4) Lockers

- a) We are in the process of locker assignments
- b) Thank you for your patience as we start from scratch in assigning lockers to classes and working through the assignment process
- c) Don't worry - lockers are coming

5) School Council

- a) Our first school council meeting will be on Wednesday, September 27th at 7pm in the WNSS cafeteria
- b) School council (formerly known as parent council) is for parents and staff to talk about school events, processes and to learn more about our school
- c) Please RSVP to Mr. Miller if you plan to attend, and feel free to forward any agenda items as well

6) Peer Tutoring

- a) Any students interested in being a peer tutor:
 - i) Please reach out to Ms. Zombolas (Student Success Program Leader) at erica.zombolas@dsbn.org or visit the student services office next to Guidance
 - ii) Peer tutors can use this experience on their resumes and may be able to earn community service hours.
 - iii) Peer tutoring happens at lunch or before/after school.

Have a great evening.

Mat Miller
Principal, WNSS