



# WestNiagara

## Secondary School

September 16th, 2024

Wolfpack and Families,

I have a few information items for you below.

### **1) Beginning and End of Day Transportation**

- a) The time around the morning and afternoon bells can be very busy. Please drive slowly, be patient, and stay calm - safety is the most important thing.
- b) Picking up your child at 2:25pm or later is a great way to avoid the rush at the bell.
- c) School buses must be given the right of way, and priority, when entering or exiting the school driveways. They have a schedule to keep, and are doing their best to do that. Please treat them with kindness and respect. Hostile behaviour and dangerous driving will be reported to police.
- d) School buses leave at 2:20pm (wave 1) and 2:30pm (wave 2) - they generally leave all at once - please anticipate slowdowns at that time
- e) Observations from today are that things were working well - thank you to all the drivers taking turns and exercising patience
- f) One other note - please give buses space as they try to leave the parking lot - both from the side and rear - they cannot proceed if vehicles are within the range of their tail swing

### **2) Football games at AN Myer**

- a) Please see the details below from AN Myer, if you are interested in attending the game on Thursday
- b) The Junior game is at 3:00 pm, followed by the Seniors at 5:00 pm.
- c) There will be a gate fee for both games. Students can enter for \$3.00, adults for \$5.00 and children under 10 are admitted free of charge. To assist school staff with supervision, once you enter the gates, you must stay inside. Portable toilets and a concession stand will be inside the gates. If spectators leave, they will not be re-admitted.

- d) Access to the AN Myer Parking Lot will be through the Huggins entrance only. Finally, just a reminder that there is no smoking or vaping allowed on any DSBN premises.

**3) Guest Speaker for Grade 11 students on September 23rd**

- a) Jason Shawana will be at WNSS Monday September 23, 2024 for Period 4 to talk to Grade 11 students. Jason is Anishinaabe, Eagle Clan from Wiikwemkoong, as well as a long time resident of the Niagara Region. He is currently the Executive Director at NPAAMB Indigenous Youth Employment & Training in Southern Ontario.
- b) As part of the Grade 11 curriculum, students at WNSS are enrolled in the Grade 11 English: Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Voices Course. Jason is a dynamic and engaging speaker and will support students make connections to the themes of the course which include identity, relationship, and self- determination, sovereignty, or self-governance.

**4) Terry Fox Run - September 27th at WNSS**

- a) The Terry Fox Run has become a classic Canadian tradition every fall with diverse communities across the country coming together to fundraise for cancer research. On Friday, September 27th, West Niagara students will participate in the Terry Fox Run with their MSIP class. Classes will compete to raise the most money and win a group prize.
- b) We know that the Terry Fox run has a meaningful impact on our students and the broader community, and we are proud to support the work that this foundation is doing. To support our students and this great cause, please consider donating online HERE ( <https://schools.terryfox.ca/71275>) to help us reach our goal of \$2500. You can directly select your student's MSIP class. The direct link to donate is also available on our website and social media platforms. Tax receipts are issued directly on the site for any donations.
- c) Thank you very much for considering making a donation.

**5) Next Week is “Welcome Week”**

Student Council Grade 9 Welcome Week

- a) A special week dedicated to our incoming Grade 9 Class  
Sept. 23-27
- b) Events:
  - i) Nines Night – Sept. 23 (6PM-8PM) - for grade 9 students  
(1) Where?: West Niagara Secondary School Turf Field

- (2) Cost?: No cost but please bring a canned or dry food item for entry in support of our Community Care Food Drive
  - (3) Students can bring own water, other drinks or snacks
  - (4) We will have a food truck vendor at the event so bring some money if you would like to partake
  - (5) Bags will be searched upon entry
  - (6) **Permission and Code of Conduct forms must be filled out in School Cash before 3pm on Sept. 23 to attend.**
- (7) Grade 9 students will kick off the year with a special FREE welcome event. Students will receive their FREE WNSS hoodies and have the opportunity to partake in a variety of fun lawn games, face painting, photo ops, food trucks, henna, movie, etc. run by the senior students of student council. Student Council's goal is to allow Grade 9 students to socialize, have fun, and meet others in their grade while meeting some of our Senior Leaders. This welcome event will kick off our first spirit week of the year.

ii) **Camp Wolf Pack – Sept. 24-Sept. 26**

- (1) Where: Cave Springs Camp
- (2) Cost: \$50.00
- (3) Sign up in School Cash Online (this is a reminder - deadline is today at midnight)
- (4) IT'S BAAAAACK!! We are super excited to be able to offer Camp Wolf Pack for all our Grade 9's again this year. This will be a fun filled, team building day of group activities designed to foster collaboration and teamwork.
- (5) Grade 9 students are able to take part in this ONE DAY field trip and will go to Cave Springs on September 24th or 25th or 26th (the specifics of which classes go on each day are still a work in progress). This trip will take place RAIN or SHINE - please remember to dress appropriately for camp activities according to the weather (including proper footwear, hats, sunscreen, bug spray, water bottle, rain gear etc). NOTE: Health card should be input as numbers only without any letters.
- (6) The camp runs from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm - students will meet at the school for period 1, buses will arrive at 9:00 am and will not return

to West Niagara until 7:00 pm. Lunch and dinner will be provided during the day your student is at Camp. T-shirts are unisex adult sizing.

- (7) This item will expire from School Cash Online at midnight on September 16, 2024 so that we can confirm our numbers to the facility and our food providers. We look forward to seeing all of our Grade 9's there!

iii) **Freshie Games – Sept. 24-Sept. 26**

- (1) Where: Yellow Gym
- (2) When: Lunchtime
- (3) Cost: Free

- (4) Each day from Sept. 24 – Sept. 26, Grade 9 students (on their off days from Camp Wolf Pack) are invited to the yellow gym during lunch to participate in some fun minute to win it games!! Grade 9's are invited to participate and also come and watch their fellow classmates compete. Games will be run by student council members and are open to any grade 9's who would like to participate.

iv) **Wolf Pack Spirit Day – Sept. 27 (All Students)**

- (1) Dress in your blue tops, bottoms, accessories & bling to show your Wolf Pack Spirit.

6) **Food Drive in Support of Community Care**

- (1) In coordination with the Beamsville Lions Club, West Niagara Secondary Student Council will be running a food & necessities drive in support of West Niagara Community Care. Our initiative will run from September 12 until September 24. In traditional Wolf Pack fashion we have challenged home room classes to make this a fun competition. First place goes to the period 1 class that brings in the most items and there will be a 2nd prize draw for period 1 classes that complete a bingo card of most needed items. Donuts will be delivered to each winning home room class. Students/Staff who do not have period 1 classes are invited to bring donations to the yellow bins at the front and back entrances

of the school!! Every little bit helps. Thanks in advance to our awesome school community for your support!!

**7) Attachments**

- a) HFA Women's Football Skills Camp

Have a great night.

M. Miller  
Principal, WNSS