



May 5th, 2025

Wolfpack and Families,

Please see below for a few updates, reminders, and information items.

**1) Kristen French Scholarship**

- a) Congratulations to Kate B, this year's winner of the Kristen French Scholarship at WNSS
- b) The Kristen French Scholarship is given to a Grade 10 student each year, who best exemplifies school spirit, positivity, and high achievement in their classes

**2) Author's Night at WNSS**

- a) Grimsby Public Library Presents: Behind the Words, featuring Authors Jennifer Hillier and Anuja Varghese
- b) Friday, May 9th, 2025 - Doors at 6:30pm, Event starts at 7:00pm
- c) The authors will share their writing processes and experiences as award winning writers. There will also be a Q&A portion and book signing. Epic Books from Hamilton will be on-site to sell books from both Anuja and Jennifer.
- d) Proceeds to support the WNSS Theatre
- e) Ticket Link:  
[https://westniagara.dsbn.org/images/default-source/default-album/screenshot-2025-04-14-at-9-56-08-am.png?sfvrsn=52337e\\_0](https://westniagara.dsbn.org/images/default-source/default-album/screenshot-2025-04-14-at-9-56-08-am.png?sfvrsn=52337e_0)

**3) Prom Project - A message from the Education Foundation of Niagara:**

- a) The Education Foundation of Niagara is hosting Prom Project Niagara at St.Catharines Collegiate on Saturday, May 10. This year, we are trying out a new sign-up process to see if it improves the attendee experience by reducing the length of outdoor entry wait times! We are also piloting a registration form in an effort to prioritize the needs of our DSBN students who need our services most.
- b) This event is geared towards grade 12 graduates and secondary students attending Prom who would benefit from free formal wear to attend these celebratory events! Like many shopping experiences, we cannot guarantee sizing

or that everyone will find their outfit in the Prom Project closet, but trust that our volunteers will do their best to ensure all students get an outfit for the occasion.

- c) Limited transportation is being provided by Switzer Carty to/from Welland, Niagara Falls and West Niagara! This is available on a "first to sign-up" basis.
- d) This registration form will remain open until May 7th or when capacity is reached. A confirmation email will be sent to the email provided at sign up (i.e. parent/guardian, student or school staff) on May 8th with timeslot and if applicable, transportation details.
- e) Prom Project 2025 Event Registration: <https://forms.gle/Aq9BrPZRevfQyNGZA>
- f) Transportation Registration (requires event registration to be completed too): <https://forms.gle/wBcqFmtu9Nzru6Pv7>
- g) If you are interested in volunteering at the event, please sign-up here: <https://forms.gle/JGar4CCnTDUaAxpZ7> . There are some opportunities available for secondary student volunteers too (outside of the event time).
- h) If you have new or gently used formal wear donations to add to our closet, they can be dropped off at the Pen Centre Guest Services, Pen Financial - Niagara Falls Branch, Pen Financial - St.Catharines Branch, Pen Financial - Fonthill Branch.
- i) If you have any questions, you can direct them to [efn@dsbn.org](mailto:efn@dsbn.org) and we will field them as soon as we are able to.

#### **4) Career Coach Sessions - Guest Speakers in G.10 Civics/Careers Classes**

- a) We are excited to announce that West Niagara Secondary School will be hosting guest speakers through the Ministry of Education's Career Coach Program, which is being led by the non-profit HIEC. This program connects students with career development and industry professionals to explore career pathways and develop skills essential for future success. One example of a guest speaker coming is the Niagara Regional Police.
- b) **Event Details Date: May 22, 2025 Time: Career Studies classes, periods 1 through 5**
- c) Purpose and Curriculum Connections These guest speaker sessions are designed to connect directly to career development-related curriculum expectations, help students explore real-world applications of their skills and interests and provide insight into high-demand career opportunities.
- d) Materials Provided During the sessions, students may receive:
  - Handouts with key information and resources.

- Literature about careers, education pathways, or the guest speaker's organization.
- Resources to reflect, discuss, and identify next steps in their career journey.
- e) We believe these sessions will be a valuable opportunity for students to learn from experts, discuss, and ask questions about future career possibilities.
- f) If you have any questions or would like additional details, please contact Mr. Miller at [mat.miller@dsbn.org](mailto:mat.miller@dsbn.org). Thank you for your continued support in creating meaningful learning experiences for our students!

**5) Watershed Cleanup**

- a) The Rotary Club of Grimsby will be participating the Great Lakes Watershed Cleanup on Saturday May 24th. They would love to have some students sign up and help out at various locations around Grimsby
- b) This work would be eligible as Volunteer Hours towards graduation
- c) Please contact Jeanette Murphy [atmurphykj@cogeco.ca](mailto:atmurphykj@cogeco.ca) if you are interested, or for more information

**6) Volunteers Needed - Hand Made Market at the 13th Stree Winery on 4th Avenue**

- a) The Rotary Club of Lincoln is asking for volunteers to assist with parking at the Hand Made Market at the 13th St. Winery
- b) Student volunteers are needed for 3h and 6h shifts on the following dates: Friday May 30/Saturday May 31, and Friday June 6/Saturday June 7
- c) Lunch will be provided if you are there over the lunch hour
- d) Transportation can be arranged if that is a barrier to volunteering
- e) If there are interested students but transportation is a problem, we will figure something out.
- f) Students will need to be prepared appropriately for elements -- hats (if sunny), umbrella (if rain), jacket (in case it is cooler)
- g) Please reach out to Mr. Miller if you are interested ([mat.miller@dsbn.org](mailto:mat.miller@dsbn.org))

**7) Indigenous Education Club Lunch**

- a) The WNSS Indigenous Education Club is putting on a catered lunch on May 22nd - all are welcome!
- b) See the attached flyer for more information - sign up is on School Cash

Have a good evening

M. Miller  
Principal, WNSS