



WestNiagara

Secondary School

September 13th, 2024

Wolfpack and Families,

I have a few updates and reminders for you as we head into the weekend.

1) **Photo Days**

a) A retake date will be scheduled and communicated out later in the year.

2) **Student Senator** - Short Turnaround Required - **Application due at 9:00am on Monday, September 16th - if you are interested, but the short turnaround is not enough time to complete the application - let Mr. Miller know and he will schedule a conversation with you on Monday morning.**

a) Dear WNSS students,

Are you interested in representing your school's student body? Are you someone who works well with others, communicates effectively, and wants to develop their leadership skills? If your answers are yes, keep reading to learn more about how you could become a member of DSBN's Student Senate Committee.

What is a Student Senator?

Student Senate is a committee of the Board that meets once a month throughout the school year. These meetings give an opportunity for the Senators to act as an advisory body to the three DSBN Student Trustees who chair the meetings. The Senators (two per secondary school) provide a perspective on student issues and communicate with their school's student body about the decisions made by DSBN. Being involved in the Student Senate Committee also provides leadership opportunities for Senators as they advocate and learn the purpose and work of DSBN.

Visit this link to learn more from past Senators.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yILkpMfpBaY>

You can also visit @dsbnstudentsenate on Instagram to check out meeting recaps, words from our past Senators, and receive frequent updates from your fellow Student Trustees.

Do I have to be in Student Council to be in Student Senate?

No. Student Senate offers the opportunity for all students from Grades 10-12 to be a member to diversify our student voice and provide leadership opportunities to all students.

Ideally, the senator(s) are included as members of Student Council. In Student Council, senators should be reporting back to a leadership committee or group at your secondary school.

How do I apply?

Download the attachment to this email titled "DSBN Student Senator Application 2024-2025"

If you are submitting the application in writing or video format, email it to Mr. Miller (mat.miller@dsbn.org)

If you prefer answering these questions verbally, in-person, email Mr. Miller and he will schedule you for an interview on Monday Morning, September 16th

3) Upcoming Guest Speaker - Grades 9 and 10

- a) On September 23rd, Paul Davis will be speaking to grade 9 and 10 students in the auditorium
- b) Paul will be speaking to our students about Online and Social Networking Safety and Security
- c) Paul's website is: <https://socialnetworkingsafety.net/>

4) Student Information Verification Forms

Student Information verification forms are being carried home by students today. Please review the information and submit any changes on those forms to the main office.

5) Town of West Lincoln Holiday Card Contest

- a) Please see the attachment regarding this fun activity for students living in West Lincoln

Have a great weekend.

Mat Miller
Principal, WNSS