



# WestNiagara

## Secondary School

10 October, 2024

Wolfpack and Families,

A few updates/reminders/information items for you below:

**1) Preliminary Report Cards**

- a) Prelim reports have been sent to student email addresses
- b) The reason they are not sent to parent emails is because student emails are internal to the DSBN, and thus more secure than parent emails which would be largely external to the board

**2) Parent/Guardian - Teacher Night**

- a) Meet with your child's teachers on Wednesday, October 16th between 4pm and 5:30pm and between 6pm and 7:30pm
- b) Appointments are bookable here: <https://wnss.schoolappointments.com/>
- c) Teacher email addresses can be found here, if you would prefer to reach out that way: <https://westniagara.dsbn.org/home/teaching-staff>

**3) PD Day and Thanksgiving**

- a) Students are not at school tomorrow (October 11th - PD Day) or Monday (October 14th - Thanksgiving)

**4) Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) Programs**

- a) WNSS has 11 SHSM Programs currently available to our students (Agriculture, Arts and Culture, Construction, Food Processing, Health and Wellness, Horticulture and Landscaping, Hospitality and Tourism, Information and Communication Technology, Manufacturing, Education - Non-Profit, Sport
- b) Students can use the attached form to enroll in an SHSM program - submit to the Guidance office when completed
- c) These programs require students to take a specific group of courses, a coop work experience (summer coops are available), and provide specialized training, trips, and learning experiences
- d) Students who complete program requirements earn a red seal on their Ontario Secondary School Diploma, as well

- e) Click here to learn more about each SHSM program, and to reach out to the lead teacher for each program to ask questions:

<https://westniagara.dsb.org/academics/shsm>

**5) Fundraiser Concert - November 9th**

- a) A reminder of our upcoming Fundraiser Concert on Saturday, November 9th at 6:00pm in the West Niagara Theatre - "DESIRE - International U2 Tribute, featuring Elektrik"
- b) Tickets Available here: <https://wnsg.na.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/17783>

**6) "The Spirit of Harriet Tubman"**

- a) In collaboration with the Jordan Station United Church, the WNSS Theatre will be hosting "The Spirit of Harriet Tubman" - a one-woman show featuring Leslie McCurdy
- b) Show is on Friday, October 25th at 6:30pm
- c) Find out more about the show here:  
<https://lesliemccurdy.ca/the-spirit-of-harriet-tubman/>
- d) Ticket information available here: <https://www.jordanstationunitedchurch.org/>

Have a great weekend.

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