

WOLF DEN NEWSLETTER November



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FALL IS IN THE AIR



Norfolk County Fair



Graduating class of 2017!

General Information

Principal's Corner

Hard to believe that we are already moving into November. The time just seems to fly by. The construction on our new Learning Commons is hopefully going to be starting this month so we are really looking forward to it's completion. Parents and Guardians please keep an eye out for the Term 1 Report Cards that will be coming home on Monday, November 20th. The Charity Volleyball Tournament this year is going to include an accessibility component to support the Boards Accessibility Day on November 24th that promotes access and inclusiveness for everyone. Please start collecting clothing again this year because we are going to be donating to the community during the first week of December. The fall sports seasons are winding down as the winter sports are gearing up. If you are looking for information on the activities starting up, please just contact the school. Have a great November and as always if you have questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us here at the school.

Go Wolves Go!!

School and Staff Contact

There are many ways to keep informed about activities and events taking place in the school:

School Website

<http://www.granderie.ca/schools/wdhs>

School Facebook Page

Waterford District High School Community Page (This is a closed group and will require a request before given access)

Twitter

@WDHSwolfie

Student Council Twitter

@WDHS_SC

Newsletter

Provide your email address to the school and you will be put on the mailing list and will receive updates and the school's monthly newsletter

Staff Contact

All staff can be contacted via e-mail or telephone. The format for email accounts are the same for all staff and go by the following format: **teacherfirstname.lastname@granderie.ca**. All teachers can be contacted by telephone as well by calling the school at 519-443-8657.

EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

November 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Take Our Kid to Work Day (Gr. 9) Parent Council @6:30pm	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 End of Term 1	9 Student Trip (Greece) Info Session @5pm Coffee House @7pm	10 Remembrance Day Assembly @9am	11 Musicians at Ceno- taph @10:30a.m.
12	13	14	15	16	17 P.D. Day	18
19	20 Mid-Term Reports Go Home	21	22 Grade 8 Day	23 Charity Volleyball	24 Accessibility Day	25
26	27	28	29	30		

EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

Events & Calendar Information

Take Our Kid to Work

Every year, on the first Wednesday of November, thousands of grade nine students participate in The Learning Partnership's Take Our Kids to Work program. Now in its 23rd year, this program sees approximately 200,000 students take part in a day long job shadowing experience at approximately 75,000 businesses and organizations across Canada.

All grade nine students have been invited to participate in this day and have been provided permission forms and information regarding the day.

Grecian Odyssey Student Trip 2019

Senior Students have an opportunity to Fly to Greece during March break of 2019 for 9 days. While here students will experience classical mythology and ancient history while walking in the footsteps of ancient Greeks all while learning how old beliefs still influence medicine, politics and philosophy.

For more detailed information please join us on

Thursday November 9th @ 5pm in the Dogwood room

Questions and Inquires can be directed to tiffany.chanyi@granderie.ca



Remembrance Day Events

Remembrance Day falls on a Saturday this year so our annual assembly will take place on **Friday, November 10th at 9a.m.**, in the large gymnasium

We will once again be joined by local Royal Canadian Legion Members for an hour assembly honoring those who served for us. All community members are welcome to attend.

Poppies will be available by donation in homerooms and in the main office the entire week before the assembly. All donations go directly back to The Royal Canadian Legion.

A service will be held at the local Cenotaph on Saturday November 11th. WDHS musicians will be present to perform at 10:30 a.m.



Events & Calendar Information

November P.D. Day

There is a scheduled Professional Development (P.D.) Day on Friday November 17. This means no school for the students.

Students can find many P.D. day activities in the county. Check out the Norfolk Community Guide for details: <http://www.norfolkcounty.ca/guides/>

Or they can use this day as a perfect opportunity to get caught up or complete outstanding assignments before midterms;)

Mid-Term Report Cards

Term 1 officially ends on November 8. Teachers will be assessing and grading students in order to report on all student's learning skills (using the letters codes), academic achievement of each class (with a percentage) and providing comments on student strengths and ideas for next steps.

Report cards will go home with students on **Monday November 20th**. Please take the time to go over the reports with your child. Don't forget to complete, detach and return the bottom portion to the school.

Understanding the Ontario Reporting System

Learning Skills

The Ontario report card learning skills section is designed to outline the 6 main learning skills that students need to achieve in school, and later in life. The learning skills follow under the following headings: Responsibility, Independent Work, Collaboration, Organization, and Self-Regulation. Letter codes are assigned to each: E –Excellent, G – Good, S—Satisfactory, N—Needs Improvement.

Percentage Grade

Each student will be given a grade as a percentage to reflect their academic progress in each class.

Other Categories

Some other parts of the report card to examine include the number of absences and lates on record for your child per class, and whether or not the classroom teacher has requested an interview with you. To further discuss the report cards, please contact the classroom teacher.



Events & Calendar Information

Grade 8 Day

WDHS will once again be welcoming all Grade 8 students from our many feeder schools to explore what Waterford has to offer. On November 22, grade 8 students and teachers will be provided with a short presentation highlighting our school activities and programs, a walking tour of the school, and visits to certain classes for an immersive experience. Some students will be helping guide the schools, while all other students are expected to attend and remain in class as per usual.

Charity Volleyball

Our Annual Charity V-Ball tournament will be held on Thursday, November 23rd. Forms and money are due on Friday, November 15th by 3pm. Teams must be between 6-10 people and the cost is \$10 per person. Prizes will be awarded for the winning team, as well as, best overall theme.

Accessibility Day

"Our government is committed to building an inclusive education system. The development of an education accessibility standard will further support the ability of students with disabilities to reach their potential, and participate in our society and in the job market."

- Bruce Rodrigues, Deputy Minister of Education



We will be holding a Best Buddies/Accessibility tournament concurrently with the charity volleyball tournament. The students in Mrs. Pilling's class, as well as, 10-15 student volunteers are required to create 3 best buddies teams that will complete in a round robin of beach ball volleyball and then have a championship round to claim the trophy. Registration for the accessibility tournament will be free of charge, and anyone who would like to participate can see Mrs. Pilling or Mrs. Johnson.

Student Services

Student Conference Opportunities

An opportunity for students to gain valuable leadership experience is available. Two different conferences are being offered. Interested students or student referrals can be directed to Jessica.dulmage@granderie.ca

1. Global Young Leaders Conference

- a. **Gain a Global Perspective**: Spend ten amazing days in Washington, DC and New York City where you will adopt in-demand leadership skills, gain diverse perspectives from peers from around the world, and connect with global issues leaders. Join other students from around the country and world for this extraordinary opportunity to step into the role of a global leader, learn from and interact with subject matter experts, study the art of cross-cultural communication, and be empowered to fully realize the power of your potential.
- b. **World Experiences for 21st Century Leaders** : At the Global Young Leaders Conference (GYLC), you will be inspired to expand your horizons by fully exploring cultural differences, gaining firsthand exposure to the challenges of international diplomacy, developing your passion for international affairs while exploring a future career, and gaining a fresh, new global perspective. At GYLC, you will develop into a true global citizen, acquire in-demand leadership skills, and get the travel experience of a lifetime — all in just 10 days. You will have the opportunity to visit international embassies, participate in Global Issues Workshops in which leading authorities present various 21st century challenges impacting our world, and hone the communication, decision-making, and negotiation skills you need to be a 21st century world leader. By completing this program, you are eligible to receive college credit from George Mason University. This summer program is for you if you are a high-achieving student between the ages of 15-19 who has demonstrated academic achievement and leadership potential. The Global Young Leaders Conference is your springboard to investigating exciting career possibilities and leadership roles on a global scale. To attend GYLC, you must be between the ages of 15–19. Many of our students are nominated by educators, leaders from youth organizations, Envision alumni, and participating institutions, but open enrollments are welcome from qualified students who want to make the most of this opportunity.
- c. **APPLICATION FORMS ARE IN GUIDANCE**

2. HOBY Leadership:

- a. **The Community Leadership Workshop (CLEW)**: is HOBY's introductory one-day leadership program for high school freshmen. A typical CLeW is six to ten hours long, with 50-100 freshmen participants, and focuses on leadership as a discipline to be explored and learned. HOBY CLeW students interact with local community leaders, participate in group activities, and conduct community service projects. CLeWs are organized, developed, and implemented by local business leaders, civic groups, volunteers, and HOBY alumni. There are no fees associated with attending a CLeW.
- b. **Leadership Seminars (LS)**: Each spring, 10,000 high school sophomores from across the country join one of HOBY's 70 State Leadership Seminars to recognize their leadership talents and apply them to become effective, ethical leaders in their home, school, workplace and community. HOBY's flagship program, the State Leadership Seminar, empowers high school sophomores to develop their leadership talents to become the leaders of their community. The seminar curriculum is based on the Social Change Model of Leadership and develops leadership from three perspectives: Personal Leadership, Group Leadership, and Leadership for Society.
- c. **APPLICATION FORMS ARE IN GUIDANCE**

Student Services

Student Sessions For Graduates and Returning Students

Student services will soon be providing the following sessions to assist graduating and re-turning grade 12 students with their graduation plan:

- ✓ Post-secondary applications
- ✓ Community hours
- ✓ Scholarships

University & College Visits

Post-secondary schools continue to present to our College and University bound students. Students are reminded to sign up for the desired schools prior to the day of the visit. The schedule and sign up can be found in Student Services.

Volunteer Opportunities

On November 17 and 18 the Norfolk General Hospital is holding its annual 'Treasure Mart' at the Simcoe AUD. The NGH is looking for student volunteers to help set up and take down the event. This is an excellent way to earn volunteer hours and help out in your community. The NGH also has a Jr Volunteer program within the hospital, where it has 50 openings for students to volunteer within various areas of the hospital. This is another excellent way to earn your volunteer hours, leave a positive impact in your community and see how a hospital and various health professionals spend their day at work!

For more information please contact: Hetty Meijaard- Junior Volunteer Convener 519-426-6945 or by email at meijaard@kwic.com or swing by the guidance office!

Homework Help

The afterschool homework help program will be starting up again! Students can gain access to one on one help, catch up on missing/late assignments, and have difficult concepts re-taught to them. It is a drop in service, so students can come as often as they need.

Days: Monday & Wednesday

Time: 3:15-4:15pm

Where: Room B2

Student Council

Upcoming Events: Coffee House Fundraiser

As the weather turns cool, there is no better way to spend an evening then listening to local talent while sipping on some hot beverages and enjoying some delicatessens with friends, family and overall good company! Come join us for an evening of local talent, as students come together to sing, act, recite, and more!



WDHS PRESENTS

COFFEE HOUSE

**Open to all
Waterford
students.
Show them what
you've got!**

7.00PM-10.00PM

Nov. 9

**Sign up in Main
Office**

Admission by Donation

PosterMyWall.com

In and Around the School

Norfolk County Fair—Canada 150!

To celebrate Canada's 150th Birthday, Schools across Norfolk County, once again banded together to demonstrate their talents, strengths and overall school spirit during Young Canada Day



WATERFORD FANS IN THE STANDS, IF YOU'RE WITH US CLAP YOUR HANDS!



**GIVE THAT
ROPE A
PULL!**



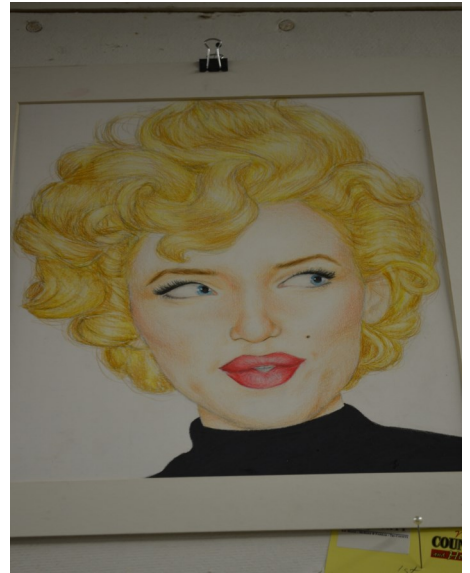
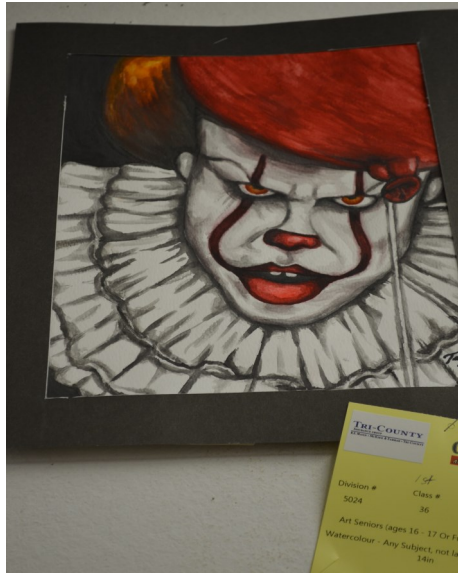
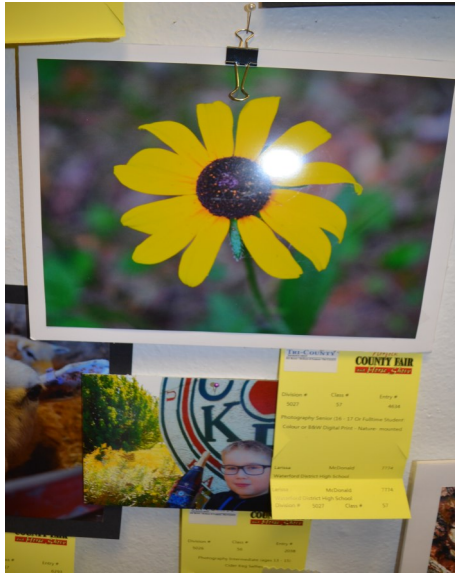
RUN!



CHEER!

In and Around the School

Norfolk County Fair—The Arts!



Many beautiful art pieces were submitted for judging as part of Norfolk County Fair's Young Canada Day



Choir Members accompanied by Mrs. Dickson performed at the Fair

In and Around the School

Evening of Recognition

Many students were awarded for their school involvement and academic achievement with plaques and certificates on October 6th. Awards were given out to students in grade 10, 11, 12 and in their 13th year for having the highest grade in classes, community involvement, school involvement, based on a point system, and for character attributes. Congratulations to all award winners!



Special recognition was given to a student with the highest average in their year — Mia Werner (gr. 9), McKenna Campbell (gr. 10), and Rebecca Goodrum (gr. 11). As well, Rachel Fekete was awarded Most Improved Student in the Self Contained Class.



GR. 9



GR. 10



GR. 11

Commencement

Graduates of 2017 were welcomed back with open arms to walk the stage and obtain their diplomas, certificates of achievement, school letters, and special awards; many of which have been generously donated by community members, alumni and staff. It was a particularly special night for some of our Special Education students. Erin Schunk and Raymond Gosden both proudly took their place on stage to receive their Certificate of Accomplishment. Special recognition was given to Mackenzie Buchwald, the Valedictorian, Madeline Woodley the recipient of the Principal's Award, Myah Speers who won the Sprit of the Wolf award, Kodi Peekstock who is the first winner of the new award created in memory of former student Adam Nigh, Emmeline Rittau for successfully maintaining the highest grade point average, and Bryce Matthews, who provided a thank you speech over face time from Australia, for receiving the Outstanding Student award. Waterford is so proud of all the outstanding accomplishments of our diverse graduates.



In and Around the School

Hallowe'en Festivities



In the spirit of Hallowe'en, Student Council organized some goolish spirit days. Homerooms competed in a pumpkin carving contest, dressed in Hallowe'en décor, tested their knowledge with spooky trivia, danced in costume, and ended the month in a school wide costume contest!



Pumpkin carving contest: Homeroom Entries

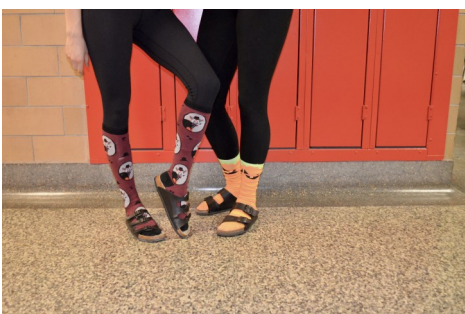


Many homeroom classes competed in the pumpkin carving contest



And the winner's are....

Pumpkin Carving Contest	Overall Spirit Week
1st: Mr. Wall's class	1st: Mrs. Dickson's class
2nd: Mrs. Johnson's class	2nd: Mrs. Johnson's class
3rd: Mr. Mayo's class	3rd: Mr. McMillan's class



Spooky socks
& sandals



In and Around the School

Pumpkinfest

The fall festivities carried on all month for WDHS! Waterford's Annual Pumpkinfest was well attended and had another successful year. Staff and students worked together to be a part of the tradition. Mr. Mayo used his talents to create an award winning float for staff and students to ride in the parade. Mr. Wall utilized student help to prepare, sell and serve a hot breakfast and beef on the bun. Mrs. Dickson along with the Band and Choir once again sold Canadian made fudge, and Mr. Osborne and Mr. Rowntree lead the wolves as they played hard during the annual pumpkinbowl football game.



Spring Musical

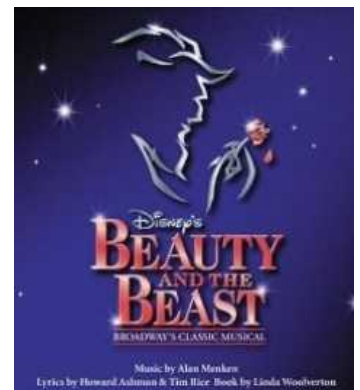
It is with great excitement that we introduce this year's spring musical selection:

WDHS will present "Beauty and the Beast" April 19-21st, 2018

Auditions will be in mid- November. Rehearsals are Monday and Wednesday nights beginning in February.

Students are needed for acting, singing, stage crew, set painting, prop making, lights and sound.

See Mrs. Dickson or Mrs. Fess for more details.



In and Around the School

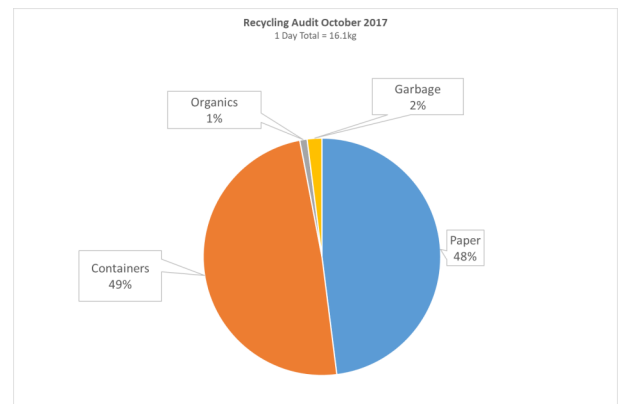
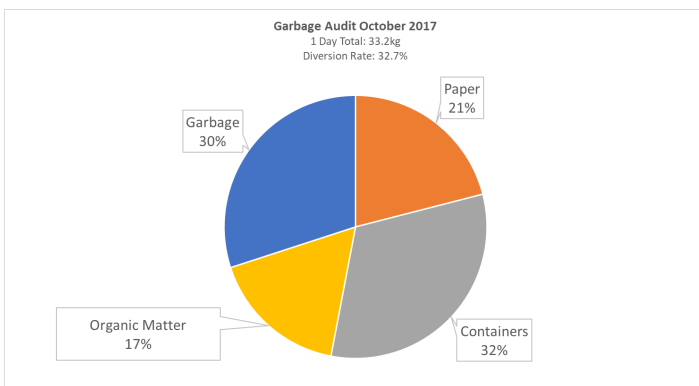
EcoClub

October's focus was waste reduction and we definitely did a great job finding out what the majority of our waste consists of (paper and food). We have since established a school wide composting program for food and brown paper.



Our first waste audit was done using clear garbage bags for an entire day. The eco club weighed each bag and examined the contents of each, recording the data for comparative review later in the year.

To further reduce our waste, we have now started composting.



WDHS COMPOSTING

WHAT CAN GO IN?

- vegetables
- fruit
- apple cores
- banana peels
- bread
- crackers
- egg shells
- brown paper towels

WHAT DOES NOT GO IN?

- meat
- protein
- fats
- butter
- eggs

In and Around the School

Field Trips

Environmental Science in Waterford

The Environmental Science class has been biking around town testing water samples, identifying different species, and exploring the environment in Waterford.



Geography Field Trip to the Royal Botanical Gardens

Grade 9 Geography classes took a bus to the Royal Botanical Gardens where students learned about the local ecosystem, endangered and protected species, preservation, environmental threats of human development, Global Positioning Systems and methods of sustainability through research, investigation and planning.



In the Classroom

The grade 10 French class finished their ethnic food unit and celebrated with crêpe making à la française .



SPORTS

Many school sports have and are wrapping up for the Fall Season. Which means, the Winter Season will soon begin! There have been many great wins and lessons learned during this fall season. A huge thank you to all the coaches that have put their time and heart into coaching, parents for supporting and cheering along the way, and students for dedicating their time and energy into playing.

Winter Season

Tryouts for Boys & Girls Hockey, Boys Basketball and Girls Volleyball begin in November.

This Years Coaches

Boys Hockey—Mike Grimes & James Osborne

Girls Hockey—Tim Sullivan & Michelle Mannen

Boys Basketball—Derek Rowntree

Girls Volleyball—TBD

Lacrosse—Mme. Black

Our Athletes

Our Cross country team ran at the fair, NSSAA at Valley Heights, CWOSSA in Waterloo and are now representing at OFSSA in Petawawa. What an amazing season!

CROSS COUNTRY



2017 Team: Gavin Mastervick, Greg Strachan, Brayden Turcotte, Makinley Boudreault (NSSAA)



CWOSSA Championship in Waterloo



Makinley is off to OFSSA!

SPORTS

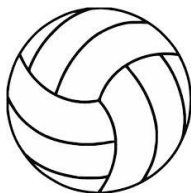
FOOTBALL



BASKETBALL



VOLLEYBALL



Sports Schedule

November 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Boys VB & Girls BB Makeup date	3 FB Championship	4 Cross Country OFSSA
5	6 NSSAA Boys VB Semi-Finals	7 NSSAA Girls BB Semi-Finals	8 NSSAA Boys VB Finals	9 NSSAA Girls BB Finals	10	11
12	13	14	15 CWOSSA Boys VB	16 CWOSSA Boys VB	17 CWOSSA Girls BB	18 CWOSSA Girls BB
19	20	21	22	23 Charity Volleyball	24	25
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