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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Senior Student Vs. Teacher Annual Christmas Hockey Game



2016 Grad Skit

General Information

Principal's Corner

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of the WDHS families a very Happy and safe Holiday Season as we get closer to Christmas. There are numerous events happening at the school in the month of December. The Christmas concert is happening on the 20th and then on the last day of school we have the traditional turkey dinner and Teachers vs Grad hockey game. This is a WDHS tradition that dates back into the 1960's. A reminder that the after school program continues to run on Monday and Wednesday from 3:15-4:15 so students can get extra help in any subject. The collection of clothing has been postponed but we will hopefully have something in place for the new year. As always if you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact us at the school. Thanks again and have a great month of December.

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

December 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Rowing challenge 11:30am	15 Band & Choir Tour	16
17 Spirit Week	18 Spirit Day: Pajama Day	19 Spirit Day: Holiday Hat	20 Spirit Day: Tacky Christmas Sweater Christmas Concert 7:30pm	21 Spirit Day: Festive Socks	22 Spirit Day: Formal Friday Turkey Dinner, Grad Skit & Hockey Game	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30
						

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Events & Calendar Information

Million Possibilities Norfolk Rowing Challenge

Norfolk High Schools are competing against one another in a rowing challenge. Waterford's teams will row on December 14th from 11:30-12:15. There will be three teams; one female student team, one male student team, and one teacher team. Participants have the option of collecting pledges and donations can be made by "purchasing" strokes for a team. Students interested should sign up in the main office.

Band & Choir Christmas Productions

Our talented Band & Choir will be making their way around the nearby Elementary schools to spread the cheer with classic Christmas carols on Friday December 15.

Mark your calendar if you want to also hear the Band & Choir, as they will be putting on a special Christmas concert for the community to enjoy. Everyone is welcome to attend the Band and Choir's annual Christmas Concert on **Wednesday December 20 at 7:30pm**. There will be a special performance by this semesters grade 9 class.

The cost to attend is \$7 for adults and \$5 for students.

Come join us for some Christmas carol classics!

Christmas Spirit Week

To kick off the holiday spirit, Student Council has planned a fun, festive spirit week. The final week before the holidays, staff and students are all encouraged to pull out their favourite holiday wear and show off their Christmas spirit.

Spirit Days

Monday:	Christmas Pajama Day
Tuesday:	Holiday Hat Day
Wednesday:	Tacky Christmas Sweater Day
Thursday:	Festive Sock Day
Friday:	Formal Friday

Events & Calendar Information

WDHS' Christmas Traditions

Every year WDHS kicks off the holidays with a special tradition on the last day of school. This year, on Friday December 22, the staff and students of Waterford will once again participate in a fun filled day full of good food, laughter, competition and holiday spirit. Community members are always welcome to come and join us in our festivities.

The school day will be adjusted with shortened periods, with all 4 classes taking place in the morning. This allows for whole school participation in a meal and entertainment.

The day's schedule is as follows:

Time	Activity
9:00 am	Period 1
9:30 am	Period 2
10:00 am	Period 3
10:30 am	Period 4
11:00 am	Assembly & Grad Skit
11:30 am	Turkey Dinner 1st Seating (Hockey players & graduates only)
12:00 pm	Turkey Dinner 2nd Seating (all staff and students)
1:00 pm	Grad vs. Teacher Hockey Game
2:00 pm	Free Skate



**BRING YOUR
OWN PLATE &
CUTLERY**

Grad Skit

Grad students have been busy writing and rehearsing this year's grad skit. Each year the school assembles into the big gym before the turkey dinner to watch as the grad students take the stage and play the parts of their teachers. Traditionally, the grad skit pokes light fun of the current teachers at WDHS, starting the festivities off with a good laugh.

Turkey Dinner Tickets

As tradition has it, the turkey dinner will be prepared, cooked and served by the staff of WDHS in a certified kitchen on site. Starting December 12, turkey dinner tickets will be available for purchase in homerooms and in the main office. The cost for a ticket is \$4 each. There will be 2 separate sittings; the first one for the teachers playing hockey along with all graduating students, the second for all other staff and students. Community members are welcome to come and join us for the meal and may attend either of the 2 sittings.

Grads Vs. Teacher's Hockey Game

Directly following the turkey dinner, graduates and teachers will gear up for a fun, but competitive game of hockey at the Tricentrena. The remaining staff and students will walk over together to watch the unbeatable teachers once again defeat the students;) Community members are invited to attend and cheer everyone on from the stands.

Huge shout out to Mr. Mayo, Mr. Wall, Ms. Dulmage, Mr. Giudice & his hospitality class for organizing, preparing and bringing us all together for the holiday meal.

Student Services

Selecting Courses for 2018/2019

Attention Parents and Students!

WDHS is giving you the opportunity to log into *Career Cruising* over the Christmas break and select the courses that you are interested in taking for the upcoming school year (September 2018).

Before you get started, there are a few things to keep in mind:

1. You **MUST** watch the instructional video before you begin.
 - a. It can be accessed at: <https://www.facebook.com/waterfordguidance/>
 - b. Please note that there are other helpful videos here for students applying to college, university or an apprenticeship!!!!
2. The easiest way to complete the process is to have a few 'tabs' open in your web browser:
 - a. The first tab should contain the instructional video: <https://www.facebook.com/waterfordguidance/>
 - b. The second tab should contain the school course calendar: https://www.careercruising.com/Individual/CP_CourseCalendar.aspx?SID=5230
 - i. This contains information on what courses are running in each of the subject areas, and any prerequisites that are needed.
 - c. Senior students should have Electronic Info (University Programs) or Ontario Colleges (College Programs) open so that they can make sure they are taking the necessary high school courses to qualify for any after-high school programs
 - i. <http://www.electronicinfo.ca/>
 - ii. <http://www.ontariocolleges.ca/home>
 - d. The last tab should be the actual Career Cruising program!

*Be sure to select the courses that are important to **you**.*

We can only run specific courses if our students select them – so choose wisely!

Student Services

When you log into Career Cruising there are many awesome features that can help students learn about potential career areas:

ASSESSMENTS

The Assessments section includes tools to help you identify your work interests, skills, and learning preferences:

- Career Matchmaker is an internationally respected interest assessment tool
- Answer as few as 39 questions for quick results, or as many as 116 for more refined results
- The resulting career suggestions list includes 40 occupations ranked in order of suitability
- Click on an occupation to receive clear feedback on why the occupation is a good match for you
- Tailor your list of career suggestions by recommended cluster area or level of education you plan to complete
- See how other occupations that don't appear on your suggestion list match up with your answers
- Complete the My Skills component to see if you have the skills necessary for the occupations that match your interests
- Discover how you learn and retain information with the Learning Styles Inventory

EXPLORE EDUCATION

This section of ccSpringboard provides comprehensive college, university, and vocational school information to help you plan your education and training. You can:

- Search for schools by name or province/territory
- Search for programs by name or program cluster
- View detailed information on colleges and universities
- Find information on apprenticeship programs across Canada
- Explore education opportunities in the United States

EMPLOYMENT

The Employment section includes information and tools to help you prepare to search for work:

- The Employment Guide contains advice for developing a job search plan, writing cover letters and resumes, preparing for job interviews, and more
- Use the Job Search tool to find jobs related to careers that interest you

EXPLORE CAREERS

The Explore Careers section gives you several different ways to search for careers:

- Search for occupations by keyword, school subject, or career cluster
- Use Career Selector to find suitable occupations using a variety of criteria

Each occupation profile includes the following information:

- A brief summary of the occupation
- Job Description
- Working Conditions
- Earnings
- Education and training
- Direct links to related college and university programs, and apprenticeship programs where applicable
- Sample Career Path
- A list of related occupations
- Links to other sources of information
- PhotoFile series
- Two multimedia interviews with people in the occupation

MY PLAN

The My Plan tool allows you to keep track of all of your career exploration and planning activities. You can:

- Bookmark careers, schools, and career clusters of interest
- Store multiple Career Matchmaker results and your results from other assessments
- Create a personalized high school education plan and develop your post-secondary plan
- Document your work and volunteer experiences, skills, abilities, extracurricular activities, career planning activities, and hobbies
- Share your Plan with your parents, potential employers, organizations offering scholarships, and others
- Track assignments and activities, and advisement sessions with your career advisor
- Maintain a diary of your thoughts on your career and life goals
- Build a customized resume

Career Cruising

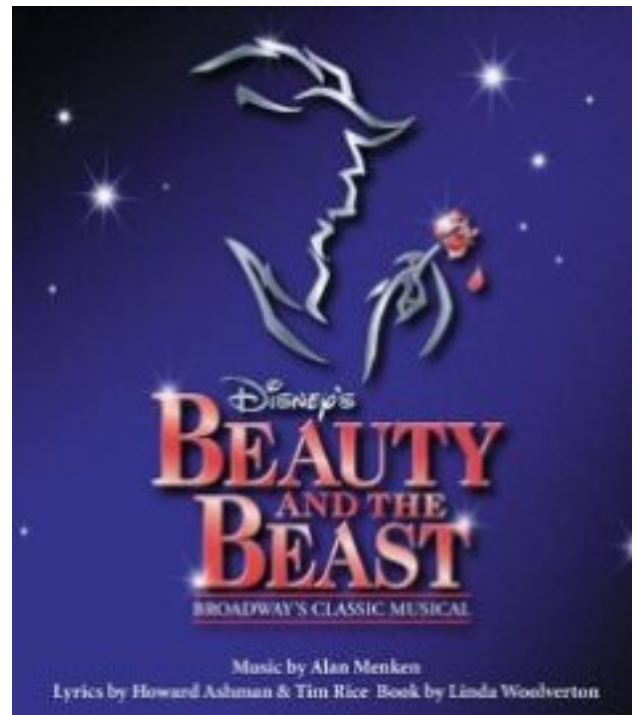
careercruising.com | 800.965.8541

Spring Musical

Auditions are complete and the cast for "Beauty and the Beast" has been selected ! Rehearsals will begin in January.

Show dates are April 19, 20, 21st, 2018.

Beast : Ben Hoerd
Belle: Kindrey Krol
Maurice: Jamie Hall
Lumiere: Gavin Geerts
Cogsworth: Ashley Richards
Mrs. Potts: Maddie Burnett
Chip: Rycki Parker
Gaston: Eli Winward
Le Fou: Gavin Perez
Babette: McKenna Campbell
Wardrobe: Jeri Wickenden
Monsieur D'Arque: Casey Craddock
Silly Girls: Amy Zandstra, Eliza Thomas, Megan Lefler
and many more as Villagers and/or Enchanted objects.



Congratulations to all that auditioned !

A huge thank you to Mrs. Dickson and Mrs. Fess for their ongoing support and dedication towards the spring musical each year.

In and Around the School

EcoClub

Waste Reduction

The Ecoclub has made huge headway with our waste reduction program. To further reduce unnecessary waste, the EcoClub is asking all students and teachers to **bring their own plates and cutlery to the Turkey Dinner on December 22nd.**

Plastic cutlery fills our landfills every year (especially during holiday seasons) and these items are not only harmful to our environment, but pose a huge risk to wildlife. Please help us to keep our planet safe and our landfills clear of unnecessary waste!

Reusable Coffee cups and Water bottles

We are no longer able to recycle Tim Horton coffee cups and have noticed a large amount of our waste consists of these, along with plastic water bottles. Our solution is to offer up Wolf cups at an affordable price. Not only will these make an excellent Christmas gift or stocking stuffer, they will help us in our initiative to eliminate waste. Both items can be purchased from the school during lunch. Speak to Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Chanyi or any of our EcoClub members if you are interested in purchasing them (you'll save the planet and your wallet).

Reusable coffee mug \$5

Reusable water bottle \$2



Band & Choir

Thank you to everyone that supported the Band and Choir MacMillan's fundraiser.

Band & Choir Spring Trip

Band and Choir members are planning a performance trip overnight to Toronto in May. **The first deposit of \$150 is due Dec 12th or sooner.**

The trip includes:

- > a performance at Canada's Wonderland music festival
- > a concert by the Toronto symphony Orchestra playing the music from Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban
- > Accommodation at a University of Toronto Student residence
- > a walking tour of Toronto - including graffiti and city artwork
- > a visit to the artistic shops in the distillery district
- > Blue Jays baseball afternoon game vs Oakland A's
- > all you can eat buffet at Mother Tucker's Restaurant.



In and Around the School

Charity Volleyball Tournament

We have had another successful charity volleyball season with many groups participating including our spec ed class and a team of teachers. It was a fun day for all. Congratulations to our champion team 'Save our Serves'. All proceeds raised (\$800) went to Haldimand Norfolk Women's Services. All non-perishable food donations were sent to the Waterford Food cupboard. Thanks to all that helped support these causes.



In and Around the School

Grade 8 Day

WDHS welcomed all grade 8 students from Waterford Public, Bloomsburg, Boston, Teeterville and Oakland Scotland Elementary Schools. It was a great day, filled with exciting activities from various classrooms. Students enjoyed a lunch provided by our hospitality class, a school tour led by our Link Crew leaders, and hands on activities and demonstrations within various classrooms. In January, our guidance team will be visiting these schools to discuss pathway decisions and the course selection process. Our wolf pack is growing every year and filling up with fantastic students all the time.



SPORTS

Basketball

The boys basketball season is set to tip off with our first game vs. Valley Heights on Tuesday December 5th. Both the junior and senior teams are looking to build off last seasons success with a deep playoff run this year. This season should be exciting as there are going to be a lot of new faces playing important roles on this years teams. With 5 seniors graduated from last years team and a lot of strong JR players new to our school, it is an exciting time for Wolves basketball!!!

Volleyball

Senior and Junior girls volleyball is in full swing! They have been working hard to build on their skills and have been coming together nicely as a team. There are going to be many exciting games coming up in the new year. Come out and support our girls!

Hockey

Boys and girls hockey has started up as well for the season. Playing over at the Waterford Tricenterena, there are some experienced students along with many new recruits. It will be an exciting season with many wins in store.

Lacrosse

New this year, WDHS has started a Lacrosse team. Driven by the students, Madame Black has taken on the task of organizing and supervising this ambitious sport. The Lacrosse team meets every Thursday at lunch in the small gym to practice and scrimmage.

Coaches

A huge thank you to all our coaches who continue to rise to the challenge of organizing, supervising and guiding our school teams. We have a nice mix of outside community volunteers and staff within the school that help make our athletics possible. Thank you for all your dedication and hard work!

Sports Schedule

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3	4	5 Boys BB Girls VB	6	7 Boys BB @ DDSS Girls VB vs. DDSS	8	9
10	11	12 Boys BB vs. SCS Girls VB @ SCS	13 NSSAA Boys Hockey Tournament	14 Boys BB @ SCS Girls VB vs. SCS	15	16
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