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Welcome Back!



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General Information

Principal's Corner

What a great start up to the 2017-18 year!!! The students are excited and so are the staff. Everyone has been busy with the start up of the new sports seasons and all of the extra curricular activities that are happening around the school. We have some new staff members at the school so please mark October the 18th on your calendar to come in and meet the teachers from 5:30 to 7:30. Preparation for commencement is coming along as we prepare to send our Graduates off on October the 6th. The deconstruction of the Library has happened and they are looking to start the reconstruction of our new Learning Commons in November, so fingers crossed we will have a new area to enhance student learning by the start of semester two. Pumpkinfest is fast approaching and that is always a great day for the school and the community. Please come out and support the numerous activities that will be going on around the school. As always, we pride ourselves at providing a safe, inclusive environment for our students to learn so please feel free to contact me if you have suggestions on how we can help improve our school community. Happy Thanksgiving and have a great October!!

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 to receive 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**.

General Information

Student Services

E-learning Students

Students taking E-learning courses are reminded that they are to login daily and complete course content and assignments. When an e-learning student is away, they must call the school to report their attendance AND e-mail their E-learning teacher to notify them of the absence—the school does not have access to your online attendance for these courses.

If students need a computer to work on, there are 4 non-networked computers in the Guidance office (save your work to a memory stick or the cloud when using these devices). There are also designated laptops available in the library for E-learners. These laptops must be signed out. Students can find various work areas to complete their online work. Some spaces available include the guidance office, library and cafeteria.

Guidance Course coming soon

D2L/Brightspace (our eLearning platform) will be offering a guidance and student success course in the near future for all students to access. Here students will have access to a variety of resources to assist with their social, academic and emotional needs.

Guidance Appointments

Students looking to talk with anyone in guidance are asked to make an appointment with our Guidance Secretary Ms. Leger. Appointments can be made with Ms. Dulmage and Mrs. Chanyi daily or directed to specific counselors such as the health nurse, relationship counselor, addictions counselor, etc. For a full list of services provided, please visit Student Services located in the basement on the A floor.

It is important for students to bring their appointment slips with them to each guidance appointment so that they can be admitted back to class upon appointment completion.

Volunteer and Work Opportunities

Check out our student service board outside the main office doors and outside the guidance office for volunteer or work opportunities. Many times the community will contact us when seeking out help from students. Students are reminded that they require 40 documented volunteer hours to be able to graduate. There are always opportunities to be found in and around the school. Listen to announcements, check our board, or simply inquire down in student services for opportunities.

Social Media

Guidance has a variety of social media links to provide information to students. Please check out what is going on:

Twitter: @Guidance_WDHS

Facebook: WDHS Guidance Department

Website: sites.google.com/view/wdhsguidance/home

Important for Parents

Student Fees



Please pay your student fees online at

<https://www.schoolcashionline.com>

It is important to register as soon as possible as there are two payment options available to you. Each option takes a few days to become active for payment.

Option 1: "My Wallet" - which is like a gift card that you transfer money to

Option 2: "Echeck" - which is like writing a cheque

Register by following these 3 easy steps:

Step 1: visit www.schoolcashionline.com

Step 2: Select 'get started now' and follow the steps to register

Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, select the 'click here' option, sign in and add each of your children

A short video tutorial is available at the following link: <http://www.kevsoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish/>

There is a Parent Help Desk specifically from our school board available to support you in using School Cash Online. Call them any time at **1-866-961-1803** or email them at **parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com**

Student Absences



If your son or daughter are missing a class or classes, please make sure to call the school and leave a message **519-443-8657**. If they have an appointment and you will be picking them up, please send them with a note so they can get an excusal slip. This will prevent you from receiving multiple calls throughout the day. Thank you for your kind consideration.

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MATTERS

Wolf Pack Rules

A Wolf Always:

1. Respects and protects each member of the pack (yourself and others).
2. Shows care for the pack's territory (school grounds) and den (school).
3. Takes responsibility and ownership for the learning environment.
4. Communicates appropriately with members of the pack (including with technology).
5. Appreciates learning and attends class on-time with the rest of the pack (punctuality).

Student Handbook

Grade 9 students and new students to the school received a student handbook either at registration or on the first day of school. Please refer to this for full procedures and protocols to help our school run smoothly. Additional copies are available at the main office.

Parking

We have various parking spaces reserved for specific purposes. Please respect these and help us to keep important areas clear. **Students have a parking lot in front of the football field on Brown St. All students are to park in this designated student parking ONLY.** We have two labeled "visitor" parking spots reserved for parents/guardians or visitors that are stopping in to the school briefly. The visitor parking is along the main entrance on Brown St. The remainder of the paved parking areas around the school and the small grass plot beside the paved parking areas are designated for GEDSB school board members and WDHS staff members ONLY. The parking lot off of main street is for Edukids pick up and drop off ONLY. Parking along the school building (ie. Gym doors, tech lane, tennis courts and bus loading dock) are not allocated parking spots and are not to be parked in. Please respect these parking spaces, the designation and cleanliness surrounding them.

Classroom Help

As marks start to come in, you may realize you need some extra help to either:

1. Raise your grade to attain your academic goal (ex. 60%-75%)
2. Raise your grade to a passing mark (ex. 40% to at least a 50%)
3. Gain a better understanding of course concepts

HOW WDHS CAN HELP: Homework Help

- ♦ Build math confidence with Homework Help's free grade 7-10 resources at www.tvo.org/homeworkhelp
- ♦ Seek out extra help during lunch or afterschool from teachers
- ♦ Ask senior students or peers that excel in the course for extra help
- ♦ Access lunchtime homework help programs later in the semester
(information regarding this will go out at a later date once this service is available)

Student Success Teacher:

- ♦ Work with **Mrs. Chanyi** one on one, or in a small group setting, to complete assignments and/or relearn course content.
- ♦ Learn some valuable strategies to make you more successful in your course
- ♦ Available **PERIOD 1 & 2** in Student Services or by appointment.

CREDIT BOOST DAY:

- ♦ Contact: Parents can email **Mrs. Chanyi** at tiffany.chanyi@granderie.ca
- ♦ Runs once a month (usually third Wednesday)
- ♦ Students work with **Mrs. Chanyi** to get additional support to complete assignments that are overdue.

Parent Involvement

Join our School and Community Advisory Committee (SCAC)

Research shows that when parents and caregivers are engaged in a student's learning and school life, students do better. That is the goal of Waterford's School and Community Advisory Committee (SCAC) – to find opportunities to build parent and caregiver engagement in the school community, and to support the WDHS community. Below are highlights from our September meeting.

SCAC September Meeting Highlights

Fundraising: We are working closely with WDHS tech, green industries, art and foods programs and our community to host a “WDHS MakerSpace” craft show and sale in spring 2018. We are looking for people interested in helping with this event!

Supporting Mental Wellness: We are working on an initiative to help parents engage and support their children about stress, anxiety and other mental health issues. Want to help? Come to the next SCAC meeting to learn more!

Volunteering at School: Want to volunteer at school? There are many places where parents and guardians can provide support to our school – in class, in resource, or helping with events. If you are working directly with students you will need a Vulnerable Sector Police Check! Contact Mr. Malcolm to share how you can help!

Meet the Teacher Night BBQ: Come out, meet your student's teacher, and enjoy a BBQ – and a night off from cooking! All proceeds support the WDHS Breakfast Program! (Psst: There are typically line ups for many grade 9 teachers... make sure to get a nice BBQ sausage or hot dog to keep your strength up!)

Keep Informed! SCAC maintains a WDHS Community Facebook Page to help keep parents and guardians informed about issues important to parents. This is a closed group only for WDHS parents / guardians. Search for “Waterford District High School Community”, and request to join!

Next Meeting: Our next meeting is **Wednesday November 1st at 6:30p.m.**

All are welcome!

EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

October 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Pep-rally 2pm	3 PD Day Norfolk County Fair	4	5 Band & Choir Fair Performance	6 Evening of Recognition 6pm Commencement 8pm	7
8	9 Thanksgiving Holiday	10	11	12	13 Pumpkinfest Weekend Progress Reports	14 Pumpkin Bowl Fudge Booth
15 Fudge Booth	16	17	18 Enviro Class Trip Parent/Teacher night 5:30-7:30 College Fair @ Fanshawe	19	20	21
22 Spirit Week	23 Pumpkin carving	24 Spooky socks & sandals	25 Halloween hat	26 Jersey day	27 Orange & Black day	28
29	30	31 Costume Contest				

EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

Events & Calendar Information

Norfolk County Fair

Norfolk County Fair's Young Canada Day is scheduled for Tuesday October 3. All students have free admission. Security procedures will be followed and all students will go through an entrance check, meaning all bags will be inspected. Activities and judging begin at 8:00 a.m.

Events this year include elementary and secondary road race, girls and boys tug of war, cheer-leading and special effects.

Come out, put on your red, and cheer loud from the grand stands!

Go W-O-L-V-E-S!

Award Assemblies

Evening of Recognition @ 6 p.m.

Last year's grade 9, 10, 11 along with past grads are invited to attend and receive recognition for their academic achievement and involvement.

Commencement @ 8 p.m.

All first time graduates are invited to celebrate their academic success while making graduation official as they walk across the stage to obtain their diploma and other achievement awards. Graduates are asked to meet in the cafeteria to be fitted in a gown at 7:30 a.m. where they will follow a procession of teachers and award donors into the gymnasium. A small social will be held immediately following the graduation ceremony in the cafeteria.

Parent/Teacher Night

Parents and Guardians should expect to see an interm report card come home on October 13. These reports will not have grades, but will rather provide an overall idea of student skills and success so far in the term.

To further discuss each student's achievement and skill development, please join us on **parent/teacher night** on **October 18th** in the **cafeteria from 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

Events & Calendar Information

Band & Choir Fudge Sales

Band and Choir members are selling Fresh Fudge, Hot chocolate and Popcorn on Saturday Oct.14 and Sunday Oct.15 at Pumpkinfest!

Look for us in the hallway by the gym.

Fudge can also be pre-ordered and will be delivered at Thanksgiving.

12 flavours are available including chocolate mint, chocolate peanut butter, turtle, pralines and cream, skornado, cookies and cream, and more.

\$6.00 each or 3 for \$17.00

Thank you for supporting Band and Choir !



IEP Pick Up

Individual Education Plans will be available for pick up at the Parent-Teacher Interview night from Mrs. Mackenzie (Learning Resource Teacher). Please drop by and pick up your child's IEP.

Also - check out our GEDSB website for more information on Special Education Supports within our Board.

<http://www.granderie.ca/board/secondary/special-education-1>

College Information

Parent Teacher Interview Booth

Fanshawe college will be present at Parent Teacher Interview night (Oct. 18). They will have a booth and will be discussing post-secondary pathways.

College Fair—London

Students will have the opportunity to go to Fanshawe College London campus on Oct. 18 to talk with recruiters from every Ontario College and learn about potential programs. Sign up sheets are in the main office. There is no cost to students but there is a limited number of spaces so, first come first serve. Forms are due by October 5th.

Events & Calendar Information

Pumpkinbowl

This year Waterford Wolves will be playing football on home ground Saturday October 14th at 2pm against McKinnon Park Blue Devils. Come out to support and cheer on our team.

There is no cost of admission but donations will be accepted and put towards athletic equipment, fees, tournaments and transportation. This enables all to participate and benefit from the many opportunities and skills developed through our many athletic programs.

Spirit Week

During the second last week of October (October 23-27), Student Council is hosting another fun spirit week. Each day there will be a different theme or activity planned for all. Daily themes are listed in the monthly calendar.

On October 31 there will be a costume contest for all staff and students.

Appropriate costumes may be worn all day, but the judging will take place during lunch in the Cafeteria.

Fall Sports

The fall sports season is underway! We are currently running tennis, golf, cross country, football, girls basketball, and boys volleyball. Check the calendar for game dates for each sporting event.

Students are reminded that they can not participate on a school team if they do not pay their school fee and athletic fee. Students are also expected to be attending all enrolled classes and submitting assessments on time in order to maintain their position on an extra curricular team.

Link Crew

Another school year has kicked off and with that comes our newest members of the Wolf Pack, the Class of 2021! On Wednesday August 30th, our Link Crew welcomed our Grade 9s to WDHS with an Orientation, including an assembly and crew activities. Grade 11 and 12 Link Leaders received training in August to be able to welcome and organize activities intended to make the transition to high school a little easier for our newest wolves.

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Class of 2021

Grade 9 Orientation

This year's link crew leaders



Jessica MacDonald

Larissa McDonald

Delaney Thomas

Eliza Thomas

Emma Kraker

Eli Winward

Jake Carlton

Tyler Lamb

Kaitlyn Shepherdson

Savanna Peterson

Taylor Sharpe

Gavin Geerts

Willow Riley-Cook

Kyle Dawdy

Nicole Villemaire

Vikki Lefler

Matt Lepp



Grade 9 Fun Day



Soccer Baseball



Water Balloon Dodge ball

On Thursday September 21st, the fun continued with our Grade 9 Day crew challenges and Welcome Back Dance. Throughout the afternoon, Link Leaders ran team challenges, including tug of war, an obstacle course, soccer baseball, and water balloon dodgeball. Later that evening, all students were invited to attend our first dance of the year, which took place in the cafeteria.

Congrats to our winning crew – the tacky tourists – who received a lunch party for their team spirit

As we move through this year, Link Crew will be continuing their support of the Class of 2021 by having regular check-ins, and providing help and encouragement as students enter their first exam period.

Pool Tug of War



Water Balloon Dodge ball



Student Council

Meet our Team!

Meet our 2017-2018 Student Council Members:

President	McKenna Campbell
Vice President	Bailey Donaldson
Secretary	Maddy Graham
Treasurer	Maddy Baskin
Social Convener	Gavin Perez
Publicity Director	Hope Horner
Athletic Directors	Lindsay Vinnai Mercedes Noel
Grade 9 Reps	Emily Brown Maddie Bard
Grade 10 Reps	Mia Werner Olivia Detmar Lilly Hurren
Grade 11 Reps	Emma Scott Abbey Anderson Tyler Lane
Grade 12 Reps	Delaney Thomas Jordan Milne Jaren Martin
Other Members	Ben Hoerd (12) Chance Weaver (12) Sara Maginnis(9) Larissa McDonald (12)



Student Council

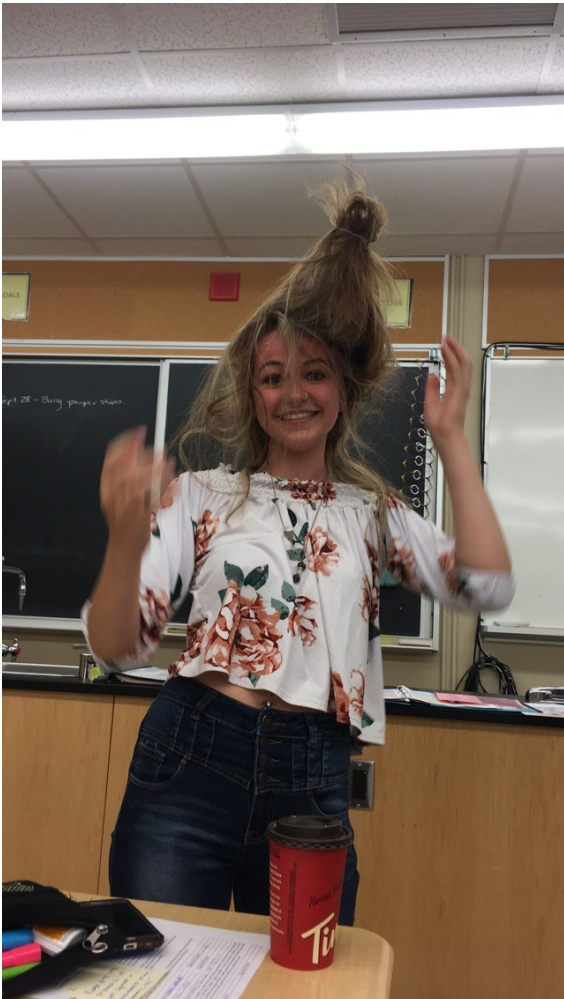
Team Spirit

We strive to boost the overall school spirit and involvement. In order to do so, we not only dress up and participate ourselves, but encourage full school involvement. So far we have hosted a variety of full school events including the Terry Fox Run and the September Spirit week.

Our September Spirit Week Classroom Winners were the Grade 11 Chemistry Room 115

September Spirit Week Runners Up were Mrs. Pilling's class Room 204

Upcoming October Events: Pep Rally, Spirit week, Halloween Dance, and Costume Contest



Crazy Hair Day!

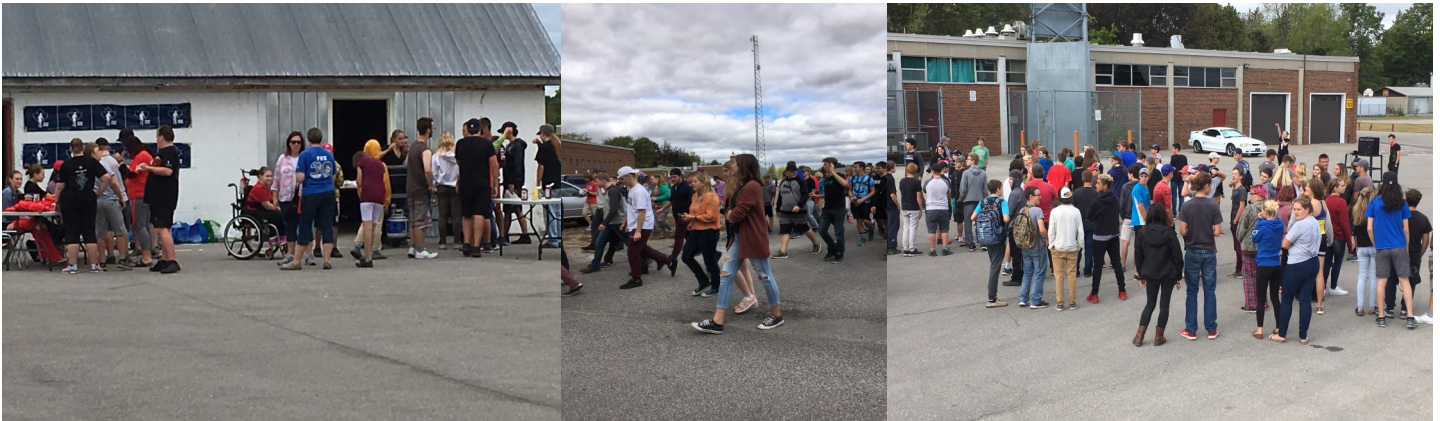


Pajama Day!

In and Around the School

Terry Fox Run

This was our first year having the entire school participate in the Terry Fox Run Day. (Thursday September 28). Our school goal was \$500 but we collected over \$800 in pledges, homeroom collections, BBQ profit and T-shirt sales!



Eco-club

The eco-club meets on the first Friday of every month. Many exciting activities and initiatives are planned for this year, such as ban the bottle/coffee cup, waste elimination, in school recycling programs, guest speaker and outdoor adventures. We are excited to announce our newest waste elimination initiatives. We are now collected recyclable items from home and around the school. The following can be sent in for proper disposal:

- ♦ Florescent light bulbs
- ♦ Batteries
- ♦ Markers, pens, etc. hard plastic cased writing utensils
- ♦ White paper

Coming soon: Reusable wolf water bottles and coffee mugs!

In and Around the School

Environmental Science Field Trip—Apps Mill

Then Environmental Science class recently completed animal tracking and species identification for the Environment SHSM (Specialist High Skills Major) program at App's Mills Nature Centre. Upcoming trips include map and compass training, habitat restoration and GPS tracking.



Geography Field Trip—Botanical Gardens

On Monday October 23, the grade 9 Geography classes will be spending the day at the Botanical Gardens where the physical geography unit will come to life as they study the unique flora and fauna of Ontario. Permission forms will be distributed in Geography classes and must be signed and returned for students to participate

Sears 2017-2018

Sear's Drama Festival is a yearly competition where schools compete within their districts to see who are the best aspiring actors in the province. This year, WDHS is fortunate to be hosting the competition for our district and is excited to see what talent is in our area!

As one of last year's winners, we are hoping to put in strong performances this year with either of our two plays: "The Door" and "Don't U Luv Me?"

If any students are interested in being a part of Sears, whether on-stage or behind-the-scenes, then please see Mr. Mayo in room 214. Scripts are available for reading and auditions will be held in late October.

In and Around the School

Breakfast Program

The WDHS Breakfast Program is up and running. Healthy breakfast options are available every morning in Room 206.

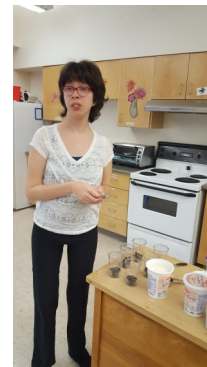


Donations

Mrs. Pilling's Special Education class is coordinating the program again this year but we need your help to make it a success! We are seeking donations to help supply nutritious snacks to support student learning and well being. Monetary donations can be directed to the Breakfast Program through the office. Food donations can be discussed with Mrs. Pilling.

Volunteers

We are also in search of 2-3 students who are willing to volunteer in the mornings to help prepare and distribute the breakfast. Earn your required volunteer hours!



Fundraisers

There will be a BBQ Fundraiser for the Breakfast Program at our October Parent/Teacher Night on October 16. Come on out to meet your child's teacher's and enjoy BBQ's sausages and hot dogs. All proceeds from the event will go to support the WDHS Breakfast Program.

WDHS' Breakfast Program is fundraising! The program is led by Mrs. Pilling's Special Education Life Skills Class and her excellent team of EAs! ALL WDHS students can (and do!) eat a healthy breakfast every day (hot options Wednesday and Friday!) at no cost to students... BUT the program DOES need funds to operate! Please consider buying a "Big Box of Cards" - 33 cards for \$33 to support the program. Contact Julie Pilling @ 519-443-8657 or julie.pilling@granderie.ca. Boxes available for pickup at the office or in Room 204. Cheques can be made payable to WDHS.

If you don't need cards, please contact Julie!



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Laura Mackenzie by email at: laura.Mackenzie@granderie.ca

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SPORTS

We have three main seasons of sport events at WDHS; Fall, Winter and Spring. Listed below is a broad schedule of when each athletic takes place and the coaches responsible for running each team. Remember, all coaches and supervisors are volunteers and their time and efforts are to be respected. All fair play rules are in effect when playing at home or away from our school.

Fall Season

Fall Season begins in September

Football—Derek Rowntree & James Osborne

Jr. & Sr. Girls basketball—Jessica Dulmage & Jason Mayo

Jr. Boys volleyball—Jeff Samborski

Sr. Boys Volleyball—Paul Winward

Golf—Mike Grimes

Tennis—Rob Logan

Cross Country—Tiffany Chanyi

Winter Season

Winter Season generally begins in November (with the exception of Badminton which begins in February)

Jr. & Sr. Boys basketball—Derek Rowntree

Girls Volleyball—TBD

Boys Hockey—Mike Grimes & James Osborne

Girls Hockey—Tim Sullivan & Michelle Mannen

Badminton—Maryann Townsend & James Osborne

Spring Season

Summer Season typically begins in March

Boys soccer—Rob Logan

Girls Soccer—Jason Mayo

Boys Rugby—Paul Davidson

Girls Rugby—Peter Wall

Track and Field—James Osborne and Tiffany Chanyi

Jr. Football—Derek Rowntree

Sports Schedule

October 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5 Boys VB Girls BB	6 Football	7
8	9	10 Boys VB @DDSS	11	12 Boys VB vs. HT Girls BB @ HT	13	14 Pumpkinbowl (football) @2pm
15 Fud	16	17 Boys VB @ SCS Girls BB vs. SCS	18 NSSAA Xcountry @ VHS	19 Boys VB vs. VHS Girls BB @ VHS	20 Football Vs. DSS	21
22	23	24 Boys VB	25	26 CWOSSA XCountry Boys VB @DSS Girls BB vs. DSS	27 Football Playoffs 1pm	28
29	30	31 Boys VB @ HT Girls BB vs. HT				

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