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I hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter weekend! April is a very busy month at WDHS. We have the Grade 10 Literacy Test happening on April 10th, numerous field trips are starting as the weather changes and the Spring sports seasons are practising. The musical is now in full swing and we are all looking forward to a riveting performance from the players starting on April 19th. The staffing process for next year is also starting so we are once again looking forward to offering numerous programs to support the students. Look for exciting new things at WDHS as our new Library/Learning Commons is almost complete and we are really looking forward to having a great space to support students. As always if you have any questions or concerns please let me know.

Go Wolves Go!!

Contacting Staff

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

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: **teacherfirst-name.lastname@granderie.ca**. All teachers can be contacted by telephone as well by calling the school at 519-443-8657.

EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Clothing Drive	4 Clothing Drive	5 Credit Boost A.M.	6 Eco-Club @ lunch	7
8	9 Good News Assembly 2pm	10 OSSLT A.M.	11 Eco Symposium Jr. Badminton	12 Greece Meeting @ lunch Managing anxiety community event Sr. Badminton	13 PD Day	14
15	16	17	18 SCAC @ 6:30pm CWOSSA Bad- minton	19 Spring Musical Performance 7:30pm CWOSSA Bad- minton	20 Community Clean up period 4 Spring Musical Performance 7:30 pm	21 Spring Musical 1:30pm & 7:30 pm
22	23	24 MADD Assembly 9:15 am	25 Guelph University Trip GPIC community event @ 6pm	26 Ping Pong Tourna- ment	27 Report Cards Go Home	28
29	30					

EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

Events & Calendar Information

Ontario Secondary Schools Literacy Test (OSSLT) Information for WDHS 2018

At WDHS, we have a commitment to ensuring our students are successful on the OSSLT. The OSSLT is a province-wide literacy test, written by Grade 10 students, that contains a variety of written tasks similar to those completed in many of their classes. Success on the test or in the Literacy course (which can only be taken if a student has written the test and failed) is a requirement for graduating High School.

This year, **the test will take place on April 10, 2018**. We ask that you mark this day on your calendar and ensure your student attends on that day in order to write the test. Students who do not write the test that day are not given any make-up days to write, meaning it puts them a year behind on meeting this graduation requirement.

The test consists of 2 booklets, each booklet having a 75 minute time period to complete. Extra time is only given to students who are identified and make use of extra time for assignment or test completion in their classes on a regular basis.

Help sessions have been given throughout first semester. Additional help materials are also available online at www.eqao.com under the OSSLT tab in case you want to look at these at home.

Grade 9 students will not be affected by the test and will have regular classes running during the day. All grade 10, 11 & 12 students will be invited to attend tutorial classes in the afternoon. Grade 11 & 12 students will not have regular classes in the morning and will be required to stay in a designated area if they come to school in the morning.

Grade 10 students are asked to check the test writing room allocation chart, located outside of the main office. All writers will have been assigned a room to write in, along with a seating plan once they arrive.

No electronic devices are permitted to enter a test writing room, so please ensure all devices are safely stowed during this time.

Thank you in advance for helping us in this process and we are confident that we will have a very successful and stress-free Literacy year.

Link Crew Applications Coming in April!

Starting on Monday April 23rd, students in Grade 10 and 11 can apply to be a Link Crew Leader for the 2018-2019 school year.

Link Crew leaders need to be energetic and positive students, excited to work with the incoming Grade 9 class. Link Crew leaders run activities, conduct tours, and plan events throughout the school year, including the Grade 9 Fun Day, Cookies and Cram, and others.

In August, selected leaders will receive leadership training and organize the events for Grade 9 Orientation Day.

Interested students should pick up an application form from the main office or from Ms. Mercey or Mrs. Chanyi. You must currently be in Grade 10 or 11 and be available to attend the August Training Days and Orientation Day. This year the dates for the training are Wednesday August 22 and Thursday August 23, and Orientation Day is Wednesday August 29.

Listen for announcements and watch for posters in the school. Applications are due by Friday May 11th. See Ms. Mercey, Mrs. Chanyi or Mrs. Mackenzie if you have any questions!

Eco Club/Eco-school certification

Earth Day Community Clean-up - During period 4 on April 20th, students will participate with their classes in a community wide clean up. This is our second year running this initiative and we had great participation and results last year. Please ensure that all students have a permission form returned to the school to participate.

We are coming up on the deadline for the 2017-18 Eco School certification. Things are looking good this year for another gold level certification. A big thank you to all the staff, students, and parents that have participated in various initiatives to help us reach this goal

Clothing Swap Shop

We are collecting gently used, clean clothing once again. The collection will continue to take place on the first Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of every month. Donations can be taken to the main office. All students can browse, select and take any items displayed in the cafeteria during the swap shop period. All items left over will be taken to the Waterford United Church where they will be available to the public during their free dinner on the first Wednesday of every month from 5:30pm-6:30pm

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School Trips

Environmental Symposium –April 11 2018

Grade 9 geography students and eco club members have the opportunity to attend an environmental symposium at camp Trillium. There is no cost and transportation is provided for the day. Students are asked to dress appropriate for the weather as some activities will be outdoors. As well, each student needs to pack a litterless lunch. Permission forms have been sent home and need to be returned to Mr. Zin ASAP.

Guelph University—April 25 2018

Students can attend workshops at Guelph University to see what university will be like. Our SHSM students will be attending as a reach ahead opportunity. Anyone in Grade 10 or 11 interested in attending, please see Ms. Dulmage.

Fanshawe College, Simcoe Campus - May 1 2018

This is a SHSM reach ahead opportunity with students participating in training for certifications and having a campus tour. Any students interested in attending, please see Mrs. Johnson.

Skills Ontario Competition - May 8 2018

Students will be offered the chance to attend the Skills Ontario competition in Toronto. It is an all day event featuring a skills competition, career exhibition, a Secondary Young Women's Conference, and FNMI Student Conference and a robotics competition. Anyone interested in attending, please see Mrs. Johnson.

Student Council

Ping Pong Tournament on April 26th. Student Council will be running our first ping pong tournament on April 26th in the large gym. It will be \$10 per person and students will be in teams of 4 players each. We have 4 tables for the tournament, but would really appreciate if anyone had a table they could bring in for the event.

Spring Dance - On May 31st, we will be hosting our first Grade 8-10 dance. We are inviting the grade 8 students from our feeder schools to attend the dance, meet some school leaders, and have some fun.

Track and Field/Funday will be on Monday, May 7th (Raindate: May 9th). We are looking for grade 12 volunteers to help run the Funday events and be team leaders.

Managing Students' Anxiety at Home Community Event

On April 12 2018 WDHS's School Council has partnered with other Norfolk area School Councils to host a community event with Dr. David Templeman, a noted child and youth psychiatrist, called Managing Students' Anxiety at Home. This event will help parents and families understand anxious behaviour in teens, and provide strategies to help manage anxiety in the home environment.

This is a free event open to everyone. **Thursday, April 12 at 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM at Simcoe Composite School.** RSVPs appreciated but not required. For more information, check out the Event on Facebook or contact Simcoe Composite School at 519-426-4664.

School and Community Advisory Council

The next School Council meeting is Wednesday, April 18 at 6:30 pm in the Dogwood room

Remember! Join the Waterford District High School Community Page on Facebook to keep up-to-date on school and School Council activities! (This is a closed group. You need to click on the link above or search the group's name to find it, and ask to join the page. The page is restricted to parents / caregivers of current students and staff.

Spring 2018 GEPIC Event: The Impact of the Legalization of Marijuana on Families

The Spring 2018 Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee Event will be an Information Panel on the Impact of the Legalization of Marijuana on Families.

The event will take place on **Wednesday, April 25 at Waterford District High School (227 Main Street South, Waterford, Ontario).** It will begin at 6 p.m. with a light dinner. Greetings will take place at 6:30 p.m. The Information Panel will begin at 6:45 p.m. and will be followed by Q&A's from the audience. The event will conclude around 8 p.m. Child care for those 12 and under will be provided, if required.

Event information and the RSVP details are also posted on the board website (www.granderie.ca<<http://www.granderie.ca>>).

We encourage all School Council members to consider joining us for this important event.

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SHSM, SWAC, Co-Op, e-Learning, Peer Tutoring Form Bundles

Students were given forms in their homeroom classes. These are the application forms that were generated from their course choices for next year. Please return these (signed) as soon as possible. We are beginning to plan for next year and don't want any students to miss out!

Community Volunteer Hours – Attention GRADUATES

All potential graduates are REMINDED THAT THEY MUST HAVE THEIR COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS IN BEFORE JUNE 1ST. This is so that they can have their Grad Photo on the Composite. Any students who send in their hours AFTER JUNE 1st are at risk of NOT HAVING THEIR PHOTO IN THE COMPOSITE.

Scholarships

Just a reminder to those students who are heading off to an apprenticeship, college or university – there is TONS of \$\$\$ available to you!!! All you have to do is apply!! For help locating some ideas, check out: <https://sites.google.com/view/wdhsguidance/awards-scholarships-bursaries>

Mid-term Marks

Just a reminder to all of the students that applied to college and/or university: Your MIDTERM marks are very important! They may be what the schools are waiting for before they send you a conditional offer of acceptance. Make sure that midterm mark is the best representation of your ABILITIES rather than of your CHOICES. Be sure to CONTINUE to work your hardest – some programs have minimal averages that you must obtain in order to KEEP any offers of ACCEPTANCE.

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Make sure that you are logging in and checking your accounts! Some offers of acceptance have an expiry date – these are non-negotiable and must be followed!

Apprenticeship Bound Students

Those of you who will be leaving WDHS and beginning an apprenticeship in September of 2018, please swing by and let Dulmage know. There are a variety of awards that the school gives out to students entering into an apprenticeship, but this is the HARDEST program to track, as you do not register through the school. We would LOVE to give our apprenticeship bound students award money, we just need help identifying who they are!

Prom

WDHS is hosting prom for senior students on Saturday June 2nd from 7pm-10pm. The theme this year is A Night in Paris. Ticket sales will begin later in May for this event. All students must possess a ticket to be admitted to the dance.

Greece 2019 Meeting Notice

With less than a year away, it is time to begin discussions and planning for the March Break 2019 trip to Greece. On **Thursday April 12 during lunch in room B3**, students enrolled on the trip are asked to attend our first, important meeting to begin discussions around the trip. Please bring your lunch and be prepared to stay for the majority of the lunch period. This meeting will set the tone for future meetings, as well will decide on items of importance to discuss, time lines and will provide students with important forms and information required for the trip.

Students who have not yet enrolled, but are interested, are encouraged to speak with Mrs. Chanyi as soon as possible. There are limited spots left and the time to enroll is soon closing. For more information or to enquire about the trip, parents and guardians can contact Mrs. Chanyi directly by phoning the school or emailing: tiffany.chanyi@granderie.ca

Dream It * Be It Career Support Conference

On Saturday April 7th, the 4th annual DREAM IT * BE IT Secondary School Girls free career support Conference hosted by the Soroptimist International of Grand Erie will be held at the salvation army, 33 Diana Ave. Brantford. The conference is open to Secondary School girls from Norfolk, Brant, Brantford, and Six Nations of the Grand River. Sharp Bus will pick students up from DDHS, SCS, WDHS, G.R.E.A.T., PDHS, St. John's, North Park, PJ and BCI. The event runs from 10:00am-3:00pm. The keynote speaker is Annaleise Carr. To pre-register, go to www.soroptimistgranderie.ca

In and Around the School

National Theatre School Drama Festival (formerly Sears) 2018

An amazing time was had by all at the NTS Drama Festival this year. 9 schools from Grand Erie and Catholic School Board competed for a chance to move on to the Regional competition held in Hamilton this year. The topics of the plays ranged from hilarious murder mysteries and ship wreck stories to dealing with abusive relationships, suicide, and overcoming loss. The students weren't afraid to tackle heavy issues and acted like seasoned professionals.

Being one of last year's winners, WDHS was more than happy to take on the title of "host" this year and the 4 days of the festival went smoothly and were a great experience for all of the students involved. Our efforts paid off and we were able to raise over a thousand dollars to go towards next year's festival.

The winners of this year's festival were BCI and North Park, with WDHS taking away an award of Excellence for the Impact of their closing night show, "The Door".

A big thank you goes out to all of the students for their hard work and dedication running this event throughout the week. Public showings of "The Door" will take place in May (dates to be determined).



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WDHS Spring Musical—Beauty and the Beast

Come join our cast and crew for an exciting spring performance that will have everyone wanting to sing and dance!

Tickets are now available for purchase in the main office, or can be purchased at the door before each show. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors and students. There will be 4 great shows to choose from: Thursday April 19, Friday April 20, Saturday April 21 evening shows at 7:30 P.M., and a matinee show on Saturday April 21 at 1:30 P.M.



WDHS Spring Musical April 19-21



**Kindrey Krol
as Belle**



**Ben Hoerd
as the Beast/ Prince**



**McKenna Campbell
as Babette**



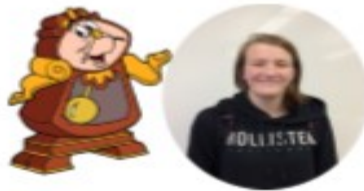
**Gavin Geerts
as Lumiere**



**Maddie Burnett
as Mrs. Potts**



**Rycki Parker
as Chip**



**Ashley Richards
as Cogsworth**



**Jeri Wickenden
as Wardrobe**



**Gavin Perez
as LeFou**



**Jamie Hall
as Maurice**



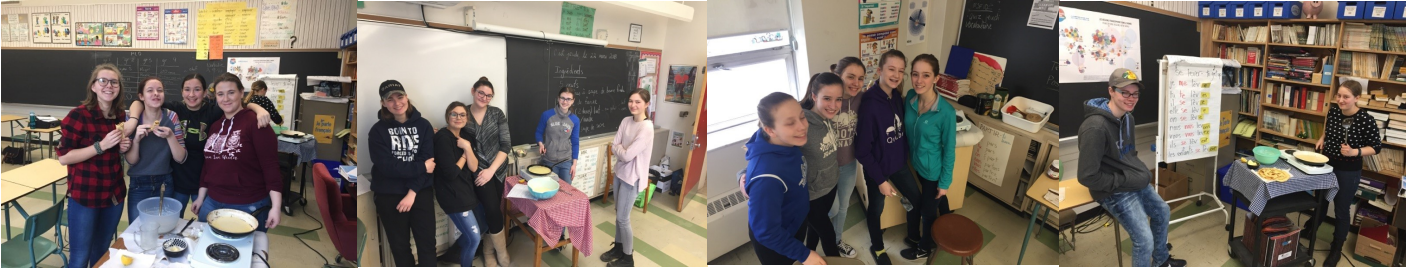
**Eli Winward
as Gaston**

Tickets available in the office beginning April 3rd

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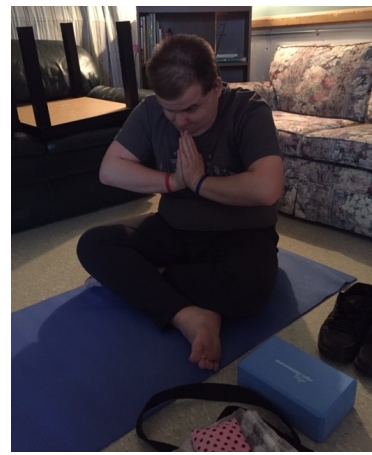
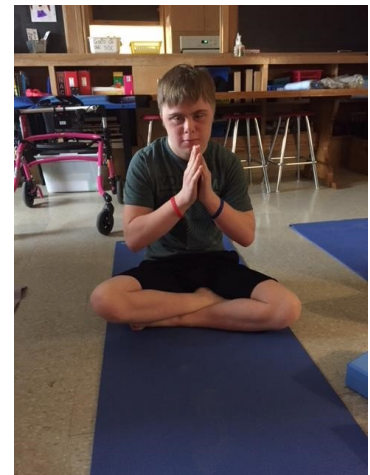
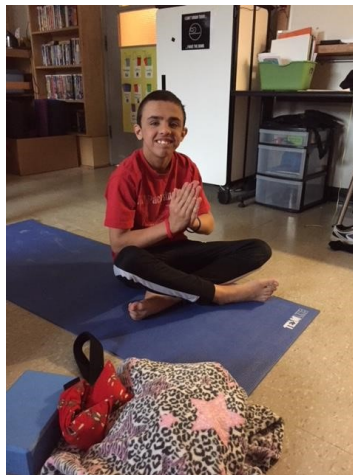
Crêpe making in French class

The grade 9 French class offers so much more than the art of language! French is about the culture and so the students were able to participate in a unique experience and make authentic Crêpes. Not only did they have fun creating and appreciate the culinary experience, they loved eating the final product.



Yoga

Every week, our Resource Teacher Mrs. Mackenzie (200 hr CYT) teaches a yoga class to Mrs. Pilling's Class. The focus is on relaxation, balance and stability, breathing techniques and physical strength!



SPORTS

Boy's Soccer

The boy's soccer team has finished tryouts and the team has been picked. A great turnout saw 25 boys try out for the team. Our first game is April 24. We are also scheduled to play in a 8 team tournament at Pauline Johnson, on April 26, where we will play North Park, Pauline Johnson and Hagersville.

Girls' Soccer

The girl's soccer try outs have completed and the team has now been selected. Practice has begun in order to prepare for the upcoming spring games.

Fishing Team

WDHS is organizing a fishing team to participate in a fishing derby in Port Rowan, at Backus Mills on **May 9, 2018**. Students will participate in a stocked trout fishing tournament with a waste free lunch and prizes provided . In addition to fishing, the day will foster our natural heritage and provide environmental educational learning opportunities with guest tables and speakers from local area groups who are involved in the fishing industry in the area. Education component includes fish hatchery display, local conservation officer/MNR, CWS fishery research display, local fishing organization/LPRCA – Water resources and management or MOE.

Badminton

Junior and Senior NSSAA badminton tournament will be held on April 11th and 12th. The juniors will be excused for the day to compete on April 11th and the Seniors will be excused for the day on the 12th. Holy Trinity is hosting both tournamets this year. CWOSSA will be taking place the following week on April 18th & 19th. Best of luck to the single and double teams!

Cheerleading Try-outs

Cheerleading tryouts will be taking place on May 15th & 16th from 5:00-6:30 P.M. in the large gym. Students wishing to try out must attend both try out sessions, wear comfortable, appropriate gym clothing and have a pair of indoor running shoes. Those eligible to tryout are all grade 9—12 students as of the 2018-2019 school year. Good luck everyone!

Track and Field

Track and Field will be held on May 7th with the 9th being our rain date. Students will have the opportunity to sign up for the event they wish to compete in later in April. Sign up forms will be given to all homeroom teachers mid-late April. Students are encouraged to participate in this fun, competitive day to show off their skills or try something new and exciting.