



School Newsletter March 2026

Spring will be here soon, and we are looking forward to the longer days. It certainly has been an interesting winter, but we have been enjoying all of the outdoor recesses we have had. As things continue to warm up, our **Lost and Found** continues to grow! Please remind your children to take moment to visit our Lost and Found to claim any of their missing items.

March Break is also coming soon, and we wish all of our families a safe and enjoyable time with their loved ones.

Dates to Remember

- March 4:** Int. Boys' Basketball @ scs
Norfolk Musical Arts Festival – Choir @ 10:50 am
- March 8:** Daylight Savings (turn clocks ahead 1 hour)
- March 11:** CAGE Basketball @ SCS
WDHS Bingo @ 6:00 pm (Doors open at 5:00)
- March 13:** SPIRIT – Decades Day

- March 16-20:** March Break – ***school is closed*** –
ENJOY!!

- March 16:** April Hot lunch orders **OPEN**
- March 20:** First day of Spring
- March 22:** April Hot Lunch orders **CLOSE**
- March 24:** "Rock Your Socks" for World Down Syndrome Day
- March 26:** Great **BIG** Crunch



REMINDERS



A reminder that school starts at **8:45 am** and pick up for those students not riding a bus is at **3:05 pm**. Please pick up your child(ren) and leave right away as we have had a few safety issues/close calls with busses and cars and children playing on the driveway and front area while with their parents. Please do NOT walk or drive between the busses when dropping off or picking up your children but wait until the busses have left or go all the way around.

Thank you for helping keep our community safe.



If you change your address, phone number, email or any other pertinent information, please notify the school immediately.
Our answering machine is always on.

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STUDENT COUNCIL:

March 13 - Decades Day – dress in any decade of your choice

March 24 - "Rock Your Socks" for World Down Syndrome Day – wear mismatched socks

World Down Syndrome Day is March 21, but Bulldogs will "Rock Your Socks" on March 24 to help raise public awareness about the rights, wellness, inclusion and well-being of people with Down syndrome.

SPORTS

JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the Jr Basketball team who had a great day at the Norfolk School tournament. They got off to a great start tying Oakland/Scotland but ran into a tough team and lost to Lakewood in the second game. The team went on to beat West-Elgin and Boston to make it to the B semi-finals. A rematch vs West-Elgin ended with the same result moving the team to the championship. After a great effort from our team, they ended up losing to Waterford in the finals. Way to go Bulldogs representing your school!



GIRLS INTERMEDIATE BASKETBALL

On Wednesday, February 25, the Intermediate Girls' basketball team traveled to SCS to take on the rest of the school teams from Norfolk. They faced Lakewood first, earning a 16-8 victory, followed by Waterford, a 12-4 win, and ending the round robin with a 10-4 win over Oakland-Scotland. Based on overall win percentage and plus-minus, the team ranked first overall heading into the playoff round where they faced Delhi in the semi-finals, cruising to a 28-10 victory. In the Norfolk finals, the girls went up against Walsh and handled business effectively, winning the tournament with a 22-10 victory. Absolutely outstanding job ladies! The team looks forward to competing in the C.A.G.E. championships on Wednesday, March 11 at SCS.

Team members/scorers are: Eleanor W. (40), Britton W. (18), Mavilyn I. (16), Chelsea B. (8), Hazel A. (4), Claire D. (2), Isla C., Ainsleigh B., Emmy N. and Arizona J.

[Congratulations](#) on this hard-earned achievement! You represent Norfolk very well!

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TRACK & FIELD

The Track & Field season is rapidly approaching. In April, students will be practicing running and fielding events in phys. ed. classes, including long jump, triple jump, high jump, and shot put (Intermediate and Senior divisions only for shot put), in preparation for our school Track & Field meet on **Tuesday, May 5th** (rain date: Wednesday, May 6th). The event will take place at Lakewood Elementary School in Port Dover and students will get there by board contracted buses that will leave Bloomsburg at 9:00 am. We will be picked up from Port Dover at 2:30 pm to return back to Bloomsburg for normal bussing time. *Please try *not to schedule appointments for your children on this day so that they can enjoy competing against themselves and their classmates as part of the phys. ed. curriculum.*

This day takes a lot of planning and needs a lot of 'hands on deck'. We are looking for parent volunteers who have a current vulnerable sector check with the school who would be willing to help us out during the day of the event. Right now, there is a specific need for a few parents to ride the bus with us to and from Lakewood and to assist with raking pits. We are also looking for a few parents to run the scorer's table. Your help may be needed with other things during the day as well. If you are interested, please email Mr. Forbes directly at patrick.forbes@granderie.ca.

More details will be coming out about this event with a permission form later on in April.



ATTENDANCE - Please Use

With **SafeArrival**, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these **3 convenient methods**:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the **SchoolMessenger app** from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>). The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>. The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
3. Call the toll-free number **1-833-557-9420** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

In addition, we will use the **SchoolMessenger Communicate** automated notification system to contact parents whose child is absent when the absence was not reported in advance. The automated notification system will attempt to contact parents at multiple contact points until a reason is submitted for the absence. If our system is unable to reach the designated contacts, office staff will follow up.

If you report your child's absence in advance using the **SafeArrival** toll-free number, website or mobile app, you will NOT receive these notifications.

- Please report absences in advance using **SafeArrival** instead of sending notes or calling/emailing the school.
- Staff will be using the **SafeArrival** notifications to let you know if your student is absent (when you haven't reported the absence in advance).

50/50
1 FOR \$5
3 FOR \$10

Must be 18+ to play

\$10 for 10
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Night

@ Waterford District
High School

Community members welcome! All funds raised support student extracurricular activities.

WED. MARCH 11, 2026

Doors Open @ 5pm

GAMES START @ 6 PM

227 Main St. S, Waterford in the large gym



Questions?

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