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## WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A WOLF.....

Being a member of WDHS means that you are part of a very welcoming and inclusive **Wolf Pack**. We embrace your one-of-a-kind uniqueness, and we allow space for those interests, skills, talents and values to flourish. Our motto: **"one of a kind, part of the pack"** embodies the school spirit at WDHS. This concept was shown at fair with our tie-dye: each shirt we wear is unique, but yet, unifies us as a pack. Our inclusivity is reflected in sports teams; clubs; LGBTQ2SSIA (Pride of the Pack); and our Indigenous Student Club. These values are the foundational pillars upon which the WDHS wolf den sits. We would not be who we are without the strength of the entire wolf pack. Our students and staff have come together to create unique shirts and wear them proudly, with a button that says, "one of a kind, part of the pack". Our Wolves came out in full force and gave it their all at the events of Young Canada Day: the road race, tug-of-war, and cheerleading. We are so proud of the awesome efforts put forth by WDHS and cannot wait for Fair 2023!



**Pumpkinfest** was back and better than ever this year! WDHS Student Council decorated our float to give it an autumn-y feel, complete with carved pumpkins from our Battle of the Grades. Our talented Band students, led by Mr. Murphy, played beautiful melodies, as Mrs. O'Halloran and Mrs. Neilson walked alongside the float, providing the crowd with sweet treats. Back at the school, our Wolves Football team played their hearts out, our Student Council members hosted a fun kids' zone, and Mrs. Dinsmore sold yummy treats to support our Hospitality program. It was a great day had by all!



## Message from the WDHS Arts Dept

Our new Music teacher Mr. Murphy did a fantastic job with the band entertaining the town on the Pumpkinfest float. Mr. Mayo's Drama students are planning a wonderful surprise. Congrats to all the art students who won at the Fair; in overall points, we beat much bigger schools! Legion entries for Remembrance Day have been submitted. We're always looking for school photos, in 2nd semester the Media class will need them to launch the online album 📷. Please e-mail them now to [wdhsyearbook2020@gmail.com](mailto:wdhsyearbook2020@gmail.com)

The 2022-23 Yearbook can be pre-ordered at [schoolcashionline.com](http://schoolcashionline.com)

Psst..not too late...our spring trip to 🇺🇸 New York just had a spot open up; please email [lori.king@granderie.ca](mailto:lori.king@granderie.ca)



## Message from Mr. Dumoulin

The WDHS Golf Team had nearly 20 participants tryout this year. We practiced on the driving range then played 9 holes over several weeks in September & October at the Greens of Renton. Our team of 5 competed in the AABHN Golf Tournament at the Greens at Renton against teams from schools in Brantford, Norfolk, and Haldimand. Our team put up a strong effort this fall. If you're interested in learning more about golf or joining the golf team next year, check in with Mr. Dumoulin.



Team Photo (L to R): Owen Steward, Marcus Lechowicz, Brady Locke, Mr. Dumoulin, Clark Leman, Nathan MacKay.

## Academic Achievement Awards:

On October 11th, we held our Academic Achievement Awards for our 2021-2022 Wolves. We recognized over 150 students for academic achievement and community service involvement. Proficiency certificates were awarded to the students who achieved the top mark in each course offered at WDHS last year. Special recognition goes to Emily Rice, Shaylen Campbell and Wesley Boatright for earning the Waterford Scholar for Grade 9, 10 and 11 respectively. A Waterford Scholar is awarded to the student with the top average of all eight courses taken within a school year. We want to thank our community donors for supporting our students in recognizing the terrific effort of these students.

## Grade 8 Day:

On November 2nd, we welcomed our future Wolves into the building for a fun-filled day. This day provided Grade 8 students a glimpse into high school life to support their transition from elementary into secondary. We welcomed students from Teeterville Public School, Waterford Public School, Bloomsburg Public School, Boston Public School and Oakland-Scotland Public School. Students had the opportunity to explore our music and art classes, coding and the robotics lounge, played various games in phys. ed and made a super cool wooden pencil box to take home in construction. All were treated to a delicious lunch prepared and served by Mrs. Dinsmore and her senior Hospitality students. It was a great day overall and we cannot wait to have those Wolves join us next year!

This fall our **Robotics Club** started the year by moving classrooms into our Robotics Lab on the B floor. The space is perfect for our robotics perimeter field, a 12ft by 12ft arena for robotics competitions. This year's competition game is called, "Spin Up". The objective is to design a robot that can pick up discs and shoot, throw, or launch them into a target (much like frisbee golf). This fall our team includes 12 regular participants taking on various roles as builders, drivers, coders, politicians, or lawyers as we prepare to compete in Toronto in the spring at the Skills Ontario VEX Robotics Challenge.

We've also been actively using our robotics gear in grade 9 math and science classes to advance our STEM experiences and help develop 21st Century Competencies like collaboration, critical thinking, and problem solving.

If you're interested in learning more about robotics, check in with **Mr. Dumoulin, Mr. Slaman, or Mrs. Lam.**



## Pathway Planning under construction!!!

Our wolves have been busy planning for their futures. A group of students just travelled to Western for the Skilled Trades Fair to explore the trades and technology as a future destination. October, November and December have been busy with frequent visits from Ontario Universities and Colleges, applications are due soon!



- Nov. 23 Parent Council Mtg 6:00pm
- Dec. 1 Food Drive begins
- Dec. 6 Student Support Day
- Dec. 19 Christmas Concert
- Dec. 22 Semi-Formal
- Dec. 23 Holiday Dinner
  - Staff vs. Student Hockey Game



## Message from the Vice Principal...Ms. O'Halloran

What a crazy and exciting start to the year! I'm so proud of all of the accomplishments of our Wolves so far this year. As busy as we are with extra-curriculars I want to remind everyone of the importance of good attendance. If a student misses class due to illness, sport etc. they are responsible for catching up. Work is available on Brightspace or from the teacher through email. If you haven't already registered, consider signing up for the SAFE ARRIVAL APP. It's a convenient way to report your student's absence. If your student has fallen behind or is struggling, extra help is available through HOMEWORK HELP on Thursdays 3:00-4:30pm in the Learning Commons. We have another Student Support Day on Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup>. Please send your child if they are invited by a teacher. I'm really looking forward to our semi-formal, holiday dinner and staff vs. student hockey game coming up in December. Go Wolves!!!

Our Boys Volleyball Teams had an amazing season! The Seniors finished the regular second in second place and our Junior Boys team finished first!

## Message from the Principal... Mr. John Della Fortuna

*What a great start to the first semester. Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Cheerleading, Robotics, Student Council, Dances, all in our first 3 months of school. Our teams worked hard to build on their successes of last year and continue to demonstrate Wolves are winners on and off the field/court. Our School had a great showing this year at the Norfolk County Fair demonstrating a wonderful commitment to inclusion and diversity. Our Student Council held numerous events that continue to build on tradition while making our school fun and exciting! School Council led by a wonderful group of parents, has been working hard to promote school culture and experiences within the Waterford community. Fundraising has begun which will help us to continue to build an exciting and engaging student experience. For more information please reach out to me at the school or join us for our next Parent Council meeting on Wednesday November 23rd, at 6:00pm in the Learning Commons at WDHS. It has been exciting to see our school grow, and with an increase in our enrolment new opportunities open up. This year we became the home to GEDSB's Specialist High Schools Major program, which offers unique training opportunities to students. This brought new resources to WDHS, while keeping our students at home to learn. We will also be host to numerous elementary athletics events & tournaments for our future Wolves. It is my hope that we continue to grow, and always find new ways to build positive student experiences, while putting learning and success at the forefront.*

