

# Waterford Valley High School



Welcome to WVHS. *Home of the Warriors*

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## Curriculum Night

Tuesday, September 29th at 7:00 pm. We will not be meeting in the gym. Parents are to find out their Homeroom teacher's name and go to that room. We will signal for parents to move every 10 minutes and put a 2 minute walk time between each class.

## Open House

We will hold an open house on October 8th at 7:00 pm separate from curriculum night and invite any member of our community for a visit.

## *Paris, Florence, Rome*

Plans are underway for an exciting trip to Europe during the 2017 Easter break. Students participating in the trip will spend 11 days visiting 8 AWESOME cities in France and Italy. We will explore exceptional highlights of Paris, Milan, Florence, Pisa, Seina, Rome, Pompeii and Capri! Students will experience thousands of years of history; everything from ultramodern Paris, right down to the medieval city of Siena. They will stand right

where gladiators fought for their lives in the Roman Coliseum, as well as enjoying time in warm and inviting locations on the Mediterranean and so much more!

We are planning this trip early, so the monthly payments are much lower right now. If you are interested in finding out more, please see Mr. Jespersen in room 208, or ...

email [greggiesperson@nlesd.ca](mailto:greggiesperson@nlesd.ca)

## Coordinates

- ✓ 485 Topsail Road, St. John, NL, Canada A1E 2Y2
- ✓ [www.waterfordvalleyhigh.ca/](http://www.waterfordvalleyhigh.ca/)
- ✓ Phone **745-6264**
- ✓ Fax **745-5672**

## Welcome to your new school!



### Infant Care Centre

Waterford Valley High will have an Infant Care Centre that can accommodate up to six infants under 24 months of age. WVH will have a daycare, replacing program at Booth. The school website has links to a great article in the Muse Newspaper of Memorial University

You can also find a link to a documentary video about Jessica Chafe, who made the journey from teenage mother to college graduate thanks to a daycare in her high school that was free teen parents. The documentary

runs for 12 minutes and is titled A Bump in the Road

For more information on the Infant Care Centre please contact School Counsellor Allison Kirkland



### Classes of 2015

Graduates of Booth and Bishops will both have their Cap and Gown ceremonies here at WVHS later in the fall. Stay tuned for more details



### What is a Warrior?

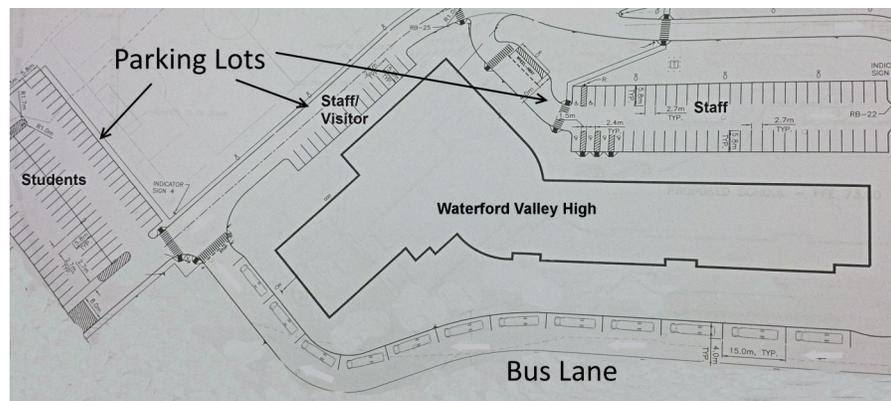
A warrior has been defined as a person who shows great vigor, courage, or aggressiveness, as in athletics. Throughout history in many cultures a warrior class has evolved generating specific codes of conduct. Common features of such codes include valuing honour in the forms of belief loyalty and courage. As we build our own warrior culture together we encourage you to be honourable in your interactions with others, true to the beliefs your family taught you and have the courage to learn and experience new ideas



There will be many new things to learn, new people to meet, new ways of doing things at Waterford Valley High.

The staff at Waterford Valley High will work to provide as much information as possible through this newsletter, assemblies, social media feeds and the school's website.

There'll be diagrams, maps (like the one below) as well as plenty of documents to keep everyone up to speed on bus routes, events, policies opportunities and even the right place to park or get the bus!



## Bell Schedule and School Calendar

<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	As we move towards the next school year the calendar will quickly fill up:	October 12th Thanksgiving Holiday
<b>Homeroom</b>	<b>9:00 – 9:10</b>		
<b>Period 1</b>	<b>9:12 – 10:10</b>		
<b>Period 2</b>	<b>10:12 – 11:10</b>		November 11th
<b>Recess</b>	<b>11:10 – 11:20</b>	Curriculum Night - Tuesday, September 29th	Remembrance Day Holiday
<b>Period 3</b>	<b>11:22 – 12:20</b>		
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12:20 – 1:15</b>		December 22nd
<b>Period 4</b>	<b>1:17 – 2:15</b>	Open house on October 8th at 7:00 pm	Last Day of fall classes
<b>Period 5</b>	<b>2:17 – 3:15</b>		

### About Waterford Valley High School

There was a Board motion in 2011 that Bishops College, St. John's and Booth Memorial High School, St. John's, will close and be replaced with a new high school located in the west end of the city of St. John's. The feeder schools would be:

- Beaconsfield Junior High (7-9)
- Cowan Heights (K-7)
- Hazelwood (K-6)
- St. Mary's (K-6)
- St. Matthew's (K-7)
- St. John Bosco (K-9)

The new building is approximately 101,000 square feet and is built for 860 students. The school is built on 17 acres of land that overlooks the Waterford Valley area.

Bishops College and Booth Memorial School Council have been involved since the very beginning of this process. In 2011 Councils provided feedback on floor plans and in 2014 Council led a process to name seek input from the school community on naming the new school. Over 100

names for the new school were suggested rationales were considered. In the end the committee narrowed the selection and overwhelmingly voted for the name **Waterford Valley High** for the new school.

The school will consist of two wings, a classroom wing with three floors, and a multipurpose wing. The classroom wing will feature the following:  
 Challenging Needs Suites (2)  
 Daycare Centre  
 Home Economics  
 Science Labs (4) including a Biology garden outdoors via lab  
 Skilled Trades Suites (2)  
 Art Rooms (2)  
 26 Classrooms  
 2 Computer Lab  
 Special Needs Classrooms (6)

The Multipurpose wing will consist of  
 Learning Commons  
 Band Room  
 Music Room with Practice Rooms (4)  
 Cafeteria  
 Drama Room

Fitness Centre  
 Gymnasium with Performance Stage  
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### Warriors take Islands!

During Easter 2016 students will be travelling to Greece. We will land in Athens and after 3 days of touring around Athens we will board a cruise ship to cruise the Greek Islands for 4 nights before finishing our tour with one more night in beautiful Athens.

Please contact Mr. Bob Smith,  
 robertsmith@nlesd.ca

## WVH Film Club

Ms. Campbell is pleased to announce the inauguration of the WVH Film Club! Members of the WVH Film Club will enjoy a range of films, including animations, Hollywood blockbusters, local, international, and independent projects, and more! We'll coordinate enjoy special events such as "Dinner and a Movie," and the first Annual WVH Film Club Script Contest. We will get an insider's look at the local filmmaking scene, help out with local film festivals, and even collaborate on a film project or two of our own. And, of course, we will be scarfing lots of popcorn! Every student is welcome to stop by a WVH Film Club meeting at any time. For more information, please see Ms. Campbell in Room 310, and check out the WVH Film Club site:

<http://wvhfilmclub.weebly.com/>

You can also join the WVH Film Club Remind feed for updates on meetings and events:

[http://wvhfilmclub.weebly.com/uploads/1/5/5/7/15576170/wvh\\_film\\_club\\_2015\\_2016\\_remind\\_invitation.pdf](http://wvhfilmclub.weebly.com/uploads/1/5/5/7/15576170/wvh_film_club_2015_2016_remind_invitation.pdf)

## Teen Mentoring

Interested in becoming a **Teen Mentor** with the Big Brothers Big Sisters Teen Mentoring Program? Contact Ms. Jackson .



## Website

Our website is in its preliminary stages of growth right now but be assured it will grow by leaps and bounds during our first year. Thanks for your patience



## Learning Commons: Kobo E Readers

The WVH Learning Commons we will have Kobo E Readers with many new titles available for students to sign out.

## Counselling Centre

Our two School Counsellors are Ms. Glenda Jackson and Ms. Allison Kirkland. The WVHS Counselling Centre is a hub for student activity. It is a place to find information on student support services, school activities, student programs, scholarships and post -secondary information and much more. You can learn about all these wonderful things by following the WVHS School Counsellors on Twitter - @WVHSCounsellor or <http://allisonkirkland.weebly.com/>

## Encounters with Canada (EWC)

Registration for – is open. EWC programs typically occur between Sept – April each year. EWC offers youth, aged 14-17 years an opportunity to participate in one of thirteen themed weeks, which enable them to explore; Arts & Culture, Democracy & Youth, First Responders, Medicine & Health, Sports & Fitness, and International Relations. There is a cost & funding available. All information regarding encounters and the different theme weeks can be found on the following site: <https://www.ewc-rcd.ca> If any student would like to apply or get further information about the Encounters with Canada program, please contact Harry Hunt via email at [harryhunt@esdn.ca](mailto:harryhunt@esdn.ca). If you wish to register, contact him to request an access code to get online.