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Dear Students, Parents and WDHS Families,

We trust that this note finds everyone well and preparing for the Winter Break just four short weeks away! Attached to this, please find a copy of the January examination schedule. Please plan accordingly and do not schedule family vacations for any of the exam days.

The **Mid-Semester Report Card** which your student is “walking home” today represents the results of the first half of the semester. It provides an opportunity for students and parents/guardians to reflect on the successes and challenges of the first half of the semester and – using the feedback, comments, and learning skills indications provided by the teachers – to plan for continued success or to identify next steps that will lead to greater learning and levels of achievement.

Students and families are encouraged to reach out to classroom teachers, support staff and administration for clarification about areas identified as requiring improvement and intervention strategies to ensure success. As always, following up and monitoring regular attendance, homework and assignment completion, daily preparation and readiness for school and learning is a good formula for ensuring a sound foundation for success at school and general well-being. Regular communication between home and school is a key factor in student success. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your student’s teachers and/or any support or administrative staff with any concerns or requests.

Our students and staff continue to accomplish great things daily academically in their classrooms and in the community as well as on the stage and in the area of clubs and sports. Some upcoming events will provide a small example of the great things happening:

- WDHS will be participating in this year’s Santa Clause Parade; please watch for us!
- Our staff will be participating in more professional development on December 1st with a focus on Math and improving students’ achievement in this discipline
- MADD Canada will be proving an assembly for our Grade 11 and 12 students on Friday, December 8th
- Our Winter Concert takes place the following Wednesday evening – December 13th at the school; please watch and listen for more details
- Our Visual Arts Department will be hosting an Art Show for the week of December 18th and will provide an opportunity for parents and other members of the Waterdown community to see their creativity on the evening of Monday, December 18th from 5-7
- Our students and staff will continue our ongoing efforts to support those in need in our community (our Hallowe’en Food Drive was a HUGE success) and to create an even more caring and inviting Waterdown