



January 16th, 2025

Wolfpack and Families,

Please see below for a few important updates and information items

1) Social Media and Messaging

Student interactions through electronic messaging and social media can lead to conflict. We have noticed that students are often unable to resolve these conflicts in a productive way.

Please, speak with your children about their social media usage and closely monitor their posts, and messages with other students.

At the school, we can offer many ways to work with students and resolve conflicts when they occur. Please let us know if you discover a conflict involving your child so that we can work together to support and resolve the situation.

In our experience, the vast majority of student conflict develops and intensifies over electronic messaging and social media. If we are able to collaboratively address the situation early in the conflict, we can often provide the learning necessary to resolve it. Your cooperation and support with this is greatly appreciated.

2) School Spiritwear Store

- a) The Xeist Spiritwear store is back - see the link below for more information
- b) <https://west-niagara-secondary-school-fan-store-fall-2024.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

3) Tech Work Available

- a) A local organization is looking for a student to help them live stream a weekly event
- b) Please let Mr. Miller know if you have suitable skills and are interested in the work

4) Build a Vape-Free 2025 Webinar for Parents

- a) Niagara Region Public Health is hosting a free webinar for parents on January 29th, 2025 from 7:30pm to 8:30pm
- b) https://web.cvent.com/event/93d830e3-2b9b-4f70-b7ce-6ddb70a39957/regProcessStep1?utm_campaign=halththehaze&utm_medium=halththehazeweb&utm_source=halththehazeweb

**5) From Niagara Region Public Health:
Immunization Record Review in Progress**

This message is being sent to **all parents and legal guardians** in elementary and secondary schools in Niagara on behalf of Niagara Region Public Health (NRPH).

With the postal strike over, Public Health is now able to resume the annual review of student immunization records:

- This means that **if** Public Health has incomplete vaccination information on file for your child, you will be receiving an immunization reminder notice from NRPH
- Parents and legal guardians that have a [valid school \(not child care\) or medical exemption](#) for their child on file with Public Health will not be contacted by NRPH about the vaccine(s) their child is exempt from.

Parents and guardians are responsible for reporting immunization updates directly to Public Health. Health care providers don't do this for you. If your child has received vaccine(s) that you haven't reported to Public Health, please do so as soon as you are able. [Immunization Connect \(ICON\)](#), is a secure online system for tracking and reporting immunizations.

If your child needs vaccinations, find out [where to get vaccinated](#). Report vaccine(s) received using [Immunization Connect \(ICON\)](#).

- Public Health will be holding a vaccination clinic at participating secondary schools (including indicated alt-ed locations). Students can only attend the clinic located at their own school. Monitor [Baby, Children and Youth Vaccinations](#) as these dates will be posted.

For more information, visit <https://niagararegion.ca/health/vaccinations/default.aspx> or call 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425 Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. to speak with a vaccine nurse.

Have a good night.

M Miller - Principal, WNSS