



WestNiagara

Secondary School

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Wolfpack and Families,

As you may be aware, there continue to be accounts on social media platforms, particularly Instagram, which use WNSS logos and display images they claim to represent our school, students and staff. They are in NO way affiliated or endorsed by the school. These accounts do not align with the inclusive school culture that we strive to build.

Some images displayed on these pages are inappropriate and hateful. They aim to depict our school and students in a negative light and target valued members of our school community.

However infrequent, we take any instances of inappropriate student behaviour seriously. Any such incident is investigated and dealt with in a way that provides consequences when appropriate and focuses on student learning. Keeping our school safe and welcoming for all is extremely important to our staff and administration. As always, I hope that you will contact me if you have questions or concerns about any such pages or the images on them. I will speak to anyone who reaches out, listen to you, and address your concerns.

As a school community, I am asking that we come together and separate ourselves from these negative social media posts. Re-posting and highlighting them only furthers the goal of the posters and further harms individuals targeted in any images. We should not be promoting or enhancing the reach or impact of negative pages or images that link themselves to our school and community. I have outlined how such pages can be reported below.

It would be very helpful for families to talk about their social media habits and the impact they can have by NOT following and refusing to contribute to undesirable accounts. You may also want to discuss the negative impact that following these types of accounts can have on a person, even if they never see anything about themselves. Please use your influence and help us report this type of negative online activity. Thank you for your support at home.

Sincerely
Mat Miller
Principal, WNSS

How do I report a post or profile on Instagram?

If you have an Instagram account, you can report a profile or content on Instagram that doesn't follow our [Community Guidelines](#).

Currently, you can report a post for any of the following reasons:


- Spam
- Nudity or sexual activity
- Hate speech or symbols
- Violence or dangerous organizations
- Bullying or harassment
- Selling illegal or regulated goods
- Intellectual property violations
- Suicide or self-injury
- Eating disorders
- Scams or fraud
- False information

You can also report a profile for posting content it shouldn't be, pretending to be someone else, or for being a child under the age of 13. Learn how to [report a comment](#) or how to [report a message](#).


Keep in mind that your report is anonymous, except if you're reporting an intellectual property infringement. The account you reported won't see who reported them.

How to report a post through Feed:

Instagram App for Android

1. Tap 
2. above the post.
2. Tap **Report**.
3. Follow the on-screen instructions.



Instagram App for iPhone

1. Tap 
2. above the post.
2. Tap **Report**.
3. Follow the on-screen instructions.



Visit website for more details on how to access Instagram.com from a Mobile Browser, Computer or Lite for Android

How to report someone through their profile

Instagram for Android

1. Tap their username from their Feed, story post, or from your chat with them. You can also tap  and search their username to go to their profile.
2. Tap 
3. in the top right of the profile.
3. Tap **Report**.
4. Follow the on-screen instructions.

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If you don't have an Instagram account, you can report abuse, spam or anything else that doesn't follow our [Community Guidelines](#) using [this form](#).

After you report something on Instagram, you may be able to [check the status of your report](#).

Even if we don't remove the content or profile you reported, we understand that you likely want to see less of this type of content on Instagram. We may [use your report to make content similar to what you reported appear lower in your feed](#) or in the recommendations we make for you, like Suggested Posts and Explore.

Learn more about what you can do if you [don't agree with Instagram's decision](#) about content you reported.

Source: help.instagram.com

[CLICK HERE to Learn How to Report a Post or Profile on Instagram](#)