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Re: Instagram

Families-

We wanted to reach out and make you aware of an issue that we are dealing with regarding an anonymous Instagram page called wayland.secrets. Unfortunately, someone decided to create this page and began posting highly inappropriate and disturbing content for everyone to see. Upon finding out about this page, we worked to contact Instagram and have the page removed as it violates their bullying and harassment guidelines. We believe it was removed, reposted, and removed again. However, students have taken screen shots of the content and again posted things in other social media platforms. We are making every effort to find out who the creator of this was. Disruptions created to our learning environment because of online content does fall under our code of conduct and will be dealt with accordingly.

Upon finding out about it we made our counseling staff aware and available to meet with any students who are in need of support. If your child needs to speak with someone, please don't hesitate to reach out to Mr. Oliver or Mr. Hurley.

We do want to take this opportunity to share with you about cyberbullying and your child's social media world. This is a complex place where students often feel free to say things that they would not say in public or to someone directly. However, by posting online, they are often doing just that in a very public way for all to see. Often times this can leave a digital footprint that can impact their futures and could impact college acceptance or the ability to gain employment.

We want to encourage you to diligently monitor your child's social media activity. Take the time to talk with them about what they are seeing and hearing online. Below are a couple of resources that you can utilize to help have that conversation.

- 1) https://www.internetmatters.org
- 2) https://www.stopbullying.gov/

If you have information that you think we should know about, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jason Oliver HS Principal

Mr. Geoff Hurley
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