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Dear Titan Family,

I am happy to report that our students are diligently working to achieve academic success while competing on the athletic field and performing on the stage. As teenagers, they face challenges that most of us never imagined. The impact of social media, the proliferation of drugs, and concerns about school safety, all play a role in their daily lives.

Our partnership in educating our children academically, spiritually and emotionally is our most important task. First, I would suggest that you monitor your child's activity on social media. They should be on settings that you, their parents, have authorized. A digital footprint is left every time a post is made. Everything posted is public and permanent. Those who post inappropriate or bullying comments will face consequences, and those consequences could include legal action. It should be a priority to develop responsible digital citizenship in our children.

Secondly, we have seen news reports of the opioid crisis on Long Island. Marijuana use and drinking are on the rise. We know that middle and high school students are vaping, believing that it is not hazardous to their health. We must do everything possible to prevent our children from involving themselves in these destructive activities.

In an effort to be proactive, the faculty at Holy Trinity has participated in a seminar on vaping. In October and on Monday, March 5 at 7:00 P.M., juniors, seniors and parents have been required to attend a presentation by Amanda Cioffi from LICADD (Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence). She discusses the developing trends in adolescent drinking and drug use.

On March 8, juniors and seniors will attend an assembly: the Nassau County District Attorney's Office will present their Choices and Consequences Program. This interactive presentation is designed to combat drunk, drugged, and reckless driving. The program has received national acclaim and receives universal praise from students and parents.

This week Laura Campbell from the Long Island Crisis Center will meet with all sophomores. Her presentation includes The Dangers of Social Media and Cyberbullying, Suicide Prevention and How Do I Fit In? (The following topics are discussed in her presentation: personal/community responsibility, role modeling and emphasizing good decision making.) This was also presented to all freshmen in the fall.

Lastly, in regard to school safety, the seniors have been informed that the Senior Door will now be locked at all times. We have hired another security officer to monitor the premises throughout the day.

Students have requested, and the Administration has agreed, to plan an event around the National School Walkout scheduled for March 14, the one month anniversary of the school shooting in Parkland, Florida. Holy Trinity will conduct a prayer service, a remembrance and moments of silence. It's times like these we are grateful to be in a school where God and prayer play such an important role.

We are fortunate that we provide every child an opportunity to learn in a safe and secure environment – an environment in which they are able to grow in God's image. Let's work together to provide them with the tools and skills they need so that they can become leaders in our communities and in our country. As we pray every Friday before they leave for the weekend:

"The choices you make, the good ones and the bad ones will affect you for the rest of your life.

Make good choices."

Thank you for entrusting your children into our care.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Moran