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Dear Islander Families,

Thank you to our 9th-11th graders who persevered through an almost-4-hour **PSAT testing** period today! The PSAT serves as a practice test for the SAT, an indicator of which AP courses your student should consider, and an identifier of students for the National Merit Scholarship program. Thank you to our counselors who coordinated the test administration and our teachers for proctoring the exam. We expect to have results to share with you by January.

We also want to acknowledge and thank our seniors who attended school today, as well as the movie and the presentations from our counselors on college applications and admissions. We know some of our students were questioning the relevance of the activities we provided, and that a number of 12th graders decided not to attend school today; we appreciate those who accepted an unexcused absence in conjunction with their decision.

We will be participating in the **Great American Shakeout Earthquake drill on Thursday**. We will NOT be evacuating for this drill.

We invite you to attend our **PTO meeting at 6 PM on Monday, October 24 in our CHS Library, followed by a PTO “Book Club” meeting at 7**. We will have an open discussion of issues related to teens and young adults and relationship health, safety, and consent.

A number of possible readings may inform/provoke thought among parents (interested students may want to attend as well). Representatives from SAFE will be available to share insights and resources.

Peggy Orenstein’s book **Girls and Sex** is an apt read on the topic. And so is **Dating and Sex, A Guide for the 21st Century Teen Boy**

And here are fictional books that touch on issues of consent, as recommended by Commonsense Media: <https://www.commonsemmedia.org/lists/books-to-help-teens-understand-the-importance-of-consent>

Principal Jenny Moore recommends Aaron Hartzler’s novel **What We Saw** as a thoughtful read for parents and students—a realistic, cautionary tale.

Here are some related resources:

“No Silence, No Violence” (breaking the violence surrounding domestic violence): link to the organization <http://www.nosilencenoviolence.org> and an interview with Jessica Yaffa on KOGO on Teen Relationship Violence: <http://kogo.iheart.com/media/play/26725595/>

The San Diego Domestic Violence Council has a Dating Violence Prevention Toolkit: <http://www.sdcoe.net/student-services/student-support/Pages/Resources.aspx>

Here is a link to **Upcoming Calendar Events at CHS** (click on daily bulletin at the top of the page to download): <http://chs.coronadousd.net/about-chs/academic-calendar-bell-schedule/>

Thank you!

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