

October 24, 2016

Dear Islander Families,

We invite you to attend our **PTO meeting TONIGHT 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. Please find more information and resources at the end of this email.

Halloween Costumes Dress Day and Donations: CHS students may wear costumes to school on Monday, October 31. Masks will NOT be permitted in class, and students are expected to meet dress code and standards for appropriate dress. Students with questions about their proposed costume may speak with an administrator in advance.

Students across the district are holding a **Gently Used HALLOWEEN COSTUME Drive** to donate to the Monarch school, benefitting students affected by homelessness. Please drop off costumes in the front office by Thursday, October 27.

We are grateful to our CHS PTO for sponsoring the **Save a Life presentation (Drunk, Drugged, and Distracted Driving:** <http://www.kramerintl.com/simulators/drun-k-driving-simulator/>) for our 11th and 12th graders on Monday, October 31. Juniors and Seniors will convene for an assembly in the morning, and then experience simulations in small groups throughout the day. Please continue discussions with your student about safe driving, safe biking, and safe pedestrian behavior!

Senior "Ditch Day" Awareness: We believe it's important for our students and families to understand the cost of a coordinated effort to ditch school on the part of our students, and we respectfully request that students and parents support our efforts to provide relevant and meaningful activities for our students every day. Your feedback on our programs is appreciated.

Our attendance personnel focus on accurate attendance accounting every day by responding to and verifying parent calls and emails and teacher reported attendance. Last Wednesday, when over half of our senior class did not attend school, our attendance support staff was overwhelmed by parent calls and the necessity of verifying student attendance.

While our attendance efforts are driven by student safety and access to learning more than by dollars, the state does fund schools in accordance with average daily attendance. The approximate cost of one student missing school is \$45 per day.

Cell Phones, Photographs, Social Media (an important message we shared with students last week): While we allow cell phones at CHS and encourage their use as helpful resources and important modes of communication, we need to be clear that photographing or videotaping teachers or classmates without their express permission, on our off campus during school hours

or at school activities, is FORBIDDEN. Distributing, posting, or sending photos or videos may constitute cyber bullying or harassment, may hurt others, and may lead to school and criminal consequences. Over the past few weeks, We have had several instances of photos or videos being taken of members of our school community which we have had to investigate and address because of their harm to others. Please apply respect, kindness, and decency to one another. Please reach out and support, and stop yourself and others from pointing and laughing or mocking. In the interests of making CHS the best possible place for ALL OF US to grow and learn, please continue to look out, and if you see something concerning, SAY SOMETHING.

Upcoming Coronado SAFE Presentations we encourage you to attend:

Presentation on Prescription Meds and Addiction: Wednesday, October 26 6:30-8:30 PM at CMS Granzer Hall <http://coronadosafe.org/calendar/event/prescription-meds-addictions/#.WA4nTyMrK00>

Coffee Talk for Parents on Academic Anxiety and Self Sabotage: Monday, November 14 8:30-9:30 AM in CUSD Board Room
<http://coronadosafe.org/calendar/event/coffee-talk-academic-anxiety-self-sabotage/#.WA4naiMrK00>

Training for Suicide Prevention for Teens and Parents: Monday, November 14 6:30-7:30 PM
CHS Theatre

Please click here for the link to our daily updated **Calendar of Upcoming Events:** <http://chs.coronadousd.net/about-chs/academic-calendar-bell-schedule/>

Relationship Safety 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.commonsensemedia.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.

Other 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>

Thank you!

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