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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Greetings, Hawk Families! As we head into March, you are going to notice an increase in events and the sharing of important information. I will do my best to continue to reach out with reminders as we approach the end of the school year. A few weeks back, I was contacted by concerned parents regarding some of the social media platforms in which many of our students often engage. During morning announcements, I often include messages of encouragement aimed at our student body with the hopes that it leads to smart decision-making. Recently, I mentioned the dangers involved in any social media platform or chatrooms where identities are withheld. I strongly suggest continuing conversations at home about the dangers of social media and asking questions about who your students are engaging with and what they are talking about. The following links, recently shared with me through my professional association, may be useful. One provides some eye-opening information and the other strategies for talking to kids of various ages about various online related topics:

<https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdin/pr/fbi-and-partners-issue-national-public-safety-alert-sextortion-schemes>
<https://parents.thorn.org/discussion-guides?agerange=13-17>

Teachers have started working on progress reports for the third marking period. Access should be available via the parent portal Monday. The marking period officially ends on March 31st, leading us into Spring Recess April 3 – 7.

The yearbook remains on sale the entire month of March with an increase in price to \$35 per copy. The updated order form as well as a message from our Yearbook Advisor, Mr. Manderano are separate attachments included in this same email.

Principal's List and Honor Roll recognitions from Marking Period 2 have been shared in the Parent Portal. If your student has earned either of these honors, certification can be found in the *Documents* tab in Genesis.

8th Grade Information:

Class recommendations for 8th grade students will soon be posted in the Parent Portal. Counselors from River Dell High School will visit the middle school following Spring Recess to meet with each 8th grade student so that electives can be chosen. Prior to these visits, teachers from the high school will meet with the 8th grade class in an assembly to provide information on electives offerings.

Students received permission forms for the 8th Grade Picnic, which will be held June 15th. These forms must be returned as soon as possible for planning purposes. All information is included in the form. If your student has misplaced the copy, more can be found in the Main Office.

The Moving Up Ceremony has been scheduled for June 22nd and will be held at 1:30 in the River Dell High School Stadium. More information will be shared as the date gets closer.

Please continue to check the website for the school calendar and important links. Have a wonderful rest of the day!

Upcoming Events:

- March 17: River Dell Marching Band to perform in NYC St. Patrick's Parade
- March 21: NAEP Testing for random selected 8th grade students (notification has been sent)
- March 23: RDHS elective teachers visit 8th grade students
- March 24: 8th Grade Spanish Trip
- April 3 – 7: Spring Recess

Best Regards,



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