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Dear Parents/Guardians:

End of the school year and graduation for senior students are events to be celebrated and enjoyed by students, families and staff alike. Indeed, this is true for students, families and staff in any grade. Unfortunately, this time of year can also prompt incidents of unsafe behaviour, acts of vandalism and “threats” characterized as “grad pranks” or “year-end pranks.” We are asking for your help in ensuring that your child is aware that unsafe and unacceptable behaviours can have serious consequences. We do not condone:

- Bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, threat(s) or intimidation;
- Violence of any form;
- Verbal, physical or sexual abuse;
- Discrimination in any form;
- Inhumane treatment of animals;
- Theft;
- Unsafe or dangerous activities;
- Vandalism;
- Possession or use of intoxicating or banned substances;
- Possession or use of weapons (or replica weapons).

Individuals involved in these types of activities may be subject to criminal charges and school consequences, including losing the privilege to attend extra-curricular events such as the graduation ceremony.

Our *Catholic Code of Conduct* clearly outlines our expectations for all students and we hope that this will provide some guidance for anyone contemplating such activity, which often has an impact on the entire school community.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter as we work together to ensure that our young people experience a safe and healthy conclusion to the 2022-2023 school year.

Sincerely,

Natalie Currah

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