



ST. MICHAEL'S ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

While you may already be aware of the following information, our deep concern for the social and emotional safety of our students compels us to send you this notice. We know that you would want to be informed of such issues so as to be proactive.

There is a popular new show on Netflix that many teens are watching. "13 Reasons Why" is a series based on a book by Jay Asher. The premise of the book and series revolves around a teenager who dies by suicide and leaves behind 13 cassettes that explain her decision to end her life.

The series is extremely graphic in its depiction of suicide and sexual assault. Many psychologists are recommending that young people not watch this show alone and, if it is to be watched, that parents encourage dialogue with their children to process some of the topics covered by the show.

Together with you, we are committed to caring for the emotional health and welfare of your child(ren). We will continue to promote the respect for and the value of each person's life, pray for school communities, and develop programs that strengthen the social and emotional well-being of our students.

Thank you for your attention to this communication.

Sincerely,

The Leadership Team