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CHS Parents and Guardians:

On Wednesday, March 14, teachers and students across the country are engaging in events intended to honor those lost in the school shooting in Parkland, Florida and to support stronger measures to protect people from gun violence. These activities will be taking place at approximately 10:00 AM locally.

Late last week the school district provided principals with guidance on safely supporting students interested in these observances. Interest in this topic at CHS is high. Our administrative team and faculty would like to collaborate with our students for a safe, successful and meaningful day on Wednesday. I shared this with our students this morning via our public address system and put the call out for students and teachers to join an ad hoc advisory committee that will meet tomorrow morning to determine what Wednesday morning will look like at CHS. To the credit of our student body, seven minutes after I made the request for students to sign-up for this committee, all twenty seats were filled!

Although the advisory group is primarily made up of high school students, there are several middle school students included as well. To make the planning effective on such short notice, we had to cap the advisory group at twenty students, however, all students in the school will be invited to participate in observances. No student will be required to participate in these activities. We recognize that some students may not want to participate in the event and would prefer to stay in class. Our goal is to ensure that all students feel safe and respected, no matter what their choice. We expect disruption to the learning day to be minimal. I hope to have greater details available to you late tomorrow.

Thank you for your continued support of our students during these complex times.

Sincerely,

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