



City Honors School

AT FOSDICK-MASTEN PARK

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CHS Parents:

I am writing with an update regarding national gun violence awareness activities taking place tomorrow at CHS.

This morning, I met with an advisory panel of twenty students and four teachers. The students moved swiftly and collaboratively to determine a plan of action, consulting with the adults as needed. This afternoon, students announced the details of their planning and distributed flyers to all period eight classes. Here is an abbreviated summary of their plans:

- **Tomorrow morning**, from 10:00am to 10:17am, will be used as a solemn moment of grieving and remembrance. Students intend to hold a silent, respectful event in memory of the seventeen lives lost, and many more horribly injured, on February 14, 2018 in Parkland, Florida.
- High school students will gather on the front sidewalk at Fosdick Street and will quietly walk in procession around the school building until the 17 minutes are over. Students will have a moment prior to this to gather outerwear from their lockers.
- Middle school students will not go outside. Middle school students, and high school students who do not want to go outside but want to participate, may proceed to designated hallways in the building for the vigil.
- The student advisory panel understands that the weather tomorrow will be very inclement, but expressed a desire for high school students to be outside to show their strong commitment to this issue. If being outside poses the possibility of being dangerous, they have agreed the vigil will be held inside.
- Students will not leave the school property. All students will return to classes at 10:18.
- No student will be required to participate in this activity. Classroom instruction will continue for students who choose not to participate.
- School administrators, as well as faculty and staff volunteers, will attend the event to ensure sufficient supervision and student safety.
- We ask that parents and other visitors not attend.
- **On April 20**, the student advisory committee will invite all CHS students to join the 'National Day of Action Against Gun Violence in Schools' by holding "teach-ins" during lunch periods and sharing ways in which students can take action to make a difference. When the students arrive at finer details for April 20, we will forward these to parents.

I want to thank all of our student volunteers who are serving on the advisory committee. In the face of some big operational decisions and tight time constraints, they arrived at agreement using leadership skills and civility.

Sincerely,

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Principal