

Parents and Students:

School safety is our number one priority, and I hope that it is yours as well. In order to keep our school safe, we must work together. Below is important information to remember and keep in mind so that we do not have any issues at school. Please help us stay safe and do your part.

- ❖ Do not bring vapes, drugs, weapons, alcohol, or any items that could be harmful to yourself or others. School is not a place for any of these items.
- ❖ Report any issue immediately. Please remember that people who knowingly do the wrong thing will try to bully, intimidate, or scare you to not say anything because they do not want to be caught. You have to stand up for what is right and report it. It is about your safety, the safety of others, and the individual's safety. Everyone deserves to be safe.
- ❖ Communicate with a staff member immediately if you believe someone is in possession of items that they should not have at school.
- ❖ Do not open any of our exterior doors to allow anyone in the school. This includes other students, friends, and staff members – anyone on the outside. They can access our campus through the front doors.
- ❖ Report individuals who are in or around the building that you do not think go to our school or look suspicious.
- ❖ Social Media creates many problems. Have a discussion with your kids about expectations on social media and monitor all activity even on their non-parent account (yes, a lot have two accounts, one for you to see and one for others to see)

The Why's

- ❖ **Vapes:** May seem harmless but they possess a higher level of nicotine and are showing to be more harmful to an individual than cigarettes.
- ❖ **Vapes:** More cases are being seen that vape cartridges are being tainted with dangerous drugs like fentanyl. In many cases, it is causing death.
- ❖ **Vapes:** THC cartridges are being used. This is a serious health hazard as well as a criminal offense (felony) as it is a controlled substance. Fentanyl is being discovered in more of this type of cartridge.
- ❖ **Alcohol:** It impacts the development process and impairs them to a point a student cannot be successful.

What can I do?

- ❖ Have a conversation about safety at school. It is everyone's responsibility. Please stand up for what is right.
- ❖ Discuss what to do if you see or know about something at school that should not be occurring.
- ❖ Talk about vapes, drugs, alcohol, sexual relationships, and social media and your expectations.
- ❖ Talk to your child daily and know what is going on.
- ❖ Model appropriate behavior for your child. They may not seem like they are paying attention but they are.
- ❖ Communicate with the school when an issue occurs.

- ❖ Make sure your child is involved in an activity or club. The more they engage in school, the less likely they will have an issue, and the better they will perform in class.
- ❖ You can be involved at school, PTO, booster clubs, volunteer, etc. The more you are involved the less likely something is to occur.

All of this information is important. Have the conversation tonight!

With Cavalier Pride,