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Subject: Important Update on School Security Measures

Date: November 20, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to inform you of an important update regarding school security. This week, we discovered a substance on our property that is illegal and strictly prohibited on school grounds. Items such as vapes, marijuana, prescription pills, and other controlled substances are not allowed and can lead to immediate expulsion.

To ensure the safety and well-being of our students and staff, we have taken several proactive steps. On Tuesday, November 19, 2024, we conducted a backpack search of male students in grades 7-11. Then, on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, we enlisted a local security agency, which brought in a K-9 to assist in searching the campus, classrooms, and the personal belongings of students in grades 5-11. During the search, students were not present near the dog to ensure safety.

The K-9 is specially trained to detect a variety of substances and illegal items. Our goal is to maintain a safe campus, and we understand that students from homes where marijuana or other substances are used may carry the scent on their belongings. As part of this process, a few students' items were flagged by the dog, but no illegal items were found during the searches.

We also want to remind everyone that, as stated on the signs at the front gate and outside the main sanctuary, any student or individual entering our campus is subject to search. This is an important measure in our ongoing commitment to providing a safe, secure, and drug-free environment for everyone at DP Christian School.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we continue to prioritize the safety of our school community. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Sincerely,

Susanne M. Ryan
DP Christian School Principal

