Dear Terra Linda Parents and Guardians:

It is Homecoming Week and students are busy enjoying all the traditional events held on a high school campus. This year’s theme is Haunted Homecoming. In addition to themed spirit days, students have decorated the hallways of the main building in their class themes (Seniors = Ghosts, Juniors = Pumpkins, Sophomores = Vampires, and Freshmen = Graveyard). Below are some updates for families. As always, I strive to provide our parent community with the most recent information despite the ever-changing Covid-19 landscape.

**Homecoming Week Activities and Dance:**

**Spirit Days:**
- Monday, 10/11 - "Nightmare before Homecoming", Pajama Day!
  Lunchtime activity - Pumpkin Decorating
- Tuesday, 10/12 - "Terrifying Tuesday", Dress as a Monster
  Lunchtime activity - Court select partners from Pumpkins
- Wednesday, 10/13: "Which Witch is Which", Twin Day
  Lunchtime activity - 3 Legged Race
- Thursday, 10/14: "Frightening Fashion", mismatched clothes
  Lunchtime activity - Mummy Relay Race
- Friday, 10/15: Senior Toga Day and Class Colors
  Lunchtime activity - "Get to Know Your Court" presentation on the football field
  Football Games - Football teams face off against Archie Williams at 4:30 PM (JV) and 7:00 PM (Varsity)
  Varsity Game Halftime - Homecoming Court introduced and winners announced

**Dance at TL in the Innovation Hub Courtyard, 7-9 PM on Saturday 10/16:**
Tickets are on sale in the Activities Office for $10 all week at lunch. Students must confirm vaccination status (via vaccination card, picture on phone, or QR code). Students who are not vaccinated can show proof of a negative Covid Test (PCR), or show documentation of recovery (proof of a recent positive viral test or a letter from your healthcare provider or a public health official).

**Masks Optional Outdoors on Campus**
SRCS is following Marin County Public Health’s updated guidance that masking outdoors is optional on our school campuses starting today. It has been our practice to follow public health’s guidelines throughout this school year. We trust that these latest updates continue to put the health of our community at the forefront. Marin County Public Health came to this recommendation for all Marin schools based on trends in transmission rates, verified vaccination rates, prevalence of new variants, and impacts on Marin health care systems. Indoor masking is still required.
1st Quarter Grades:
The grading period for 1st Quarter grades ends this Friday, October 15. Students who are missing classwork or homework should submit late assignments to their teachers no later than October 15th if they wish for this work to be reflected in their 1st Quarter grades. Report cards will be mailed out on Friday, October 22nd. Parents and students can expect to receive them in the mail the week of October 25th. In addition, grades will also be visible in AERIES Parent and Student Portals.

Tik Tok Challenge:
In the ‘devious lick’ trend, during the month of September students across America began taking things like soap dispensers and toilet roll holders and vandalized school bathrooms. This TikTok trend forced us and many other schools to temporarily shut down some of our restrooms. Now, while the school bathroom trend appears to have died down, a new challenge has taken its place for October. TikTok’s new Slap a Teacher Challenge asks students to walk up to their teacher, slap them and runoff, making sure to capture the whole thing on camera. Although we have not experienced any violence, please be aware that any acts of slapping or inappropriately touching a teacher will be considered assault and will not be tolerated.

Smarter Balanced Assessments:
All 11th grade students will be required to take the Smarter Balanced Assessment, a California Assessment of Student Performance. In preparation, juniors will receive practice testing in their math and English classes the week of October 25th. More information will follow. Please read here for additional details and resources about the state-mandated assessment.

School-Based Testing:
Our school office staff is currently being trained to offer testing at school. We will soon be offering rapid on-site testing opportunities for “close contact” students, teachers and staff, in collaboration with Marin Public Health. We will be expanding this to symptomatic students, teachers and staff in the very near future. All of these plans and details will be thoughtfully and strategically rolled out by our new SRCS COVID-19 Response Coordinator.

SRCS’ COVID Data Dashboard:
As a reminder, SRCS’ COVID Data Dashboard is updated weekly (Friday by 5 pm), to list the number of confirmed positive cases related to both SRCS students and employees by school. Visit www.srcs.org/covid-dashboard to learn more and to view the dashboard.

I am very grateful to our students and families for your efforts to keep our community healthy. Please email me at kdunlap@srcs.org if you have any questions. Thank you for your partnership.

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