August 18, 2020

Terra Linda High School Community:

It is with great sadness that I inform you of a tragedy that has befallen a Terra Linda High School student. Today (August 18, 2020) I was informed that TL senior, Ali Modan, passed away Sunday evening after suffering injuries in a car accident.

First and foremost, the Terra Linda High School community wishes to convey our heartfelt condolences to the Modan Family. Ali was entering his senior year at Terra Linda. His older brother, Adil graduated from TL in 2015. Ali grew up in our community and attended Venetia Valley Elementary School. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, memorial services were held privately today in Marin County with family members present only. The Modan Family has requested that we keep Ali’s cousin, Yacoob Modan, in our prayers. Yacoob is in 11th grade at a neighboring high school and sustained serious injuries in the car accident.

Since we are in the midst of summer it is heartbreaking to share this news over email instead of gathering together to process it as a school community. With this tragedy, we anticipate many students and staff may experience feelings of isolation, shock and tremendous grief. We believe that it is important that all are encouraged to discuss these feelings and emotions with a parent or trusted adult, and also to utilize our remote counseling support services as needed.

San Rafael City School counselors and psychologists, in addition to crisis counselors and mental health professionals from the Bay Area Community Resources (BACR) group and other counseling services will be available to assist staff and students in the processing and many emotions that are likely to surface. Please call me if we can be of assistance to your student or family at 415.492.3101 or 707.320.8208.

I know that the whole Terra Linda Community sends their thoughts and prayers to the Modan family.

Sincerely,

Katy Dunlap
Principal