

Advisor Agenda – All Grades

Thursday, December 10th

Advisors – Our last Advisor meeting for December will be next Monday, December 14th. If you would like to plan a Winter Celebration for that day, please do so.

1. Read Daily Bulletin
2. Special Announcement - Musical
We are still looking for musicians to play in the pit for Seussical the Musical. The performances for this great musical will be in February. There are still two spots open for guitar players who can read music. We also need 2 trumpets, 1 trombone, baritone sax, flute, piccolo, oboe, and string players. Our next rehearsal is this Thursday at 4 pm in the band room. If you are interested or would like any more information please contact Ashley Nation at stringsnation@gmail.com.
3. Special Announcement – Seniors Only
Jostens will return for one last collection of order packets for graduation items (caps, gowns, and announcements) this FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11th. Order forms and a deposit are required. If you need another order form, come to the front office. If you need financial assistance, see Mrs. Harder or Ms. Linhares. If you miss this order event the cost of all items will increase and you will need to order online.
4. Activity - Sexual Harassment and Technology
Attached please find information and discussion points on sexual harassment and technology, specifically “sexting” and harassment via social networking sites.
 - **To get the conversation started:** There are three scenarios to discuss with the students
 - **To help them understand the impact:** There is an article about an Ohio teen who committed suicide after suffering harassment
 - **To give them tools to deal with this kind of harassment:** The last page contains information and tips to help students make good decisions when faced with a “sexting” situation.

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Sexual Harassment and Technology

Directions: Read each scenario and ask students to discuss the following questions:

1. What is the victim feeling?
2. Is this sexual harassment?
3. What should the victim do?

Scenario 1:

Tim posted a picture of himself on Facebook. Several people comment on Tim's picture. One comment is calling him gay. The next day, in school, Tim's finds the same picture of himself with the word gay written across it in his locker.

Scenario 2:

Patty went shopping for a bathing suit. She took several pictures of herself with her cell phone and sent them to Jamie and asked which one she should buy. Without Patty knowing, Jamie forwards the pictures to several boys asking her if she was hot?

Scenario #3:

Jeff is constantly receiving text messages from Emma. At first they were friendly. Lately, though, Emma's text messages have been about how sexy he is and asking him to meet her afterschool. Jeff has told Emma several times he thinks of her only as a friend. Emma, however, continues to send text messages commenting on how sexy he is and wanting to meet him.

Each scenario is a case of sexual harassment. Some of the scenarios are borderline, but students need to understand the victim is the one who determines if case is sexual harassment or not. If the victim views comments or actions as unwanted or offensive, then it is an incident of sexual harassment.

Examples of sexual harassment are:

- Sexting
- Sexual gestures
- Sexual or dirty jokes
- Making fun of another perceived or actual sexual orientation, gender, or familial status
- Spreading sexual rumors
- Staring at or making comments about someone's body parts
- Rating someone's appearance

Parents of Dead Teen Sue School Over Sexting Images

By Kim Zetter

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The parents of a teenage girl who committed suicide last year are suing the girl's ex-boyfriend and several other former high school classmates who circulated a nude photo of her and harassed her about the image. The suit was filed in Ohio by Cynthia and Albert Logan who say that the students' "degrading sexual insults" caused their 18-year-old daughter Jessica, their only child, severe emotional distress, which led her to kill herself in July 2008, a month after graduating from high school.

According to the complaint, toward the end of her senior year, Jessica sent a digital photo of herself to her boyfriend, Ryan Salyers, which showed her in the nude from her neck down. Shortly thereafter, the two broke up, and Salyers allegedly showed the photo to a handful of other students who in turn distributed it widely throughout Sycamore High School and Loveland High School.

On May 5, Jessica reported the incident to school authorities in the hope of preventing students from sharing the image further and forcing students to delete the image from their phones. The school referred her to police officer Paul Payne, who was assigned to the school as its resource officer.

When students discovered that Jessica had reported them to school authorities, they allegedly escalated their harassment. They also made harassing calls to her phone and sent her derogatory text messages, according to the complaint.

Though it was close to the end of the school year, Jessica's parents say her grades and attendance suffered. She stopped going to school, and administrators threatened to bar her from graduating.

Jessica managed to complete her coursework and on June 1 graduated from Sycamore High School. But the harassment didn't end. Students bombarded her with objects during the graduation ceremony and at an after party, and continued to harass her by phone and online. On July 3, she hanged herself in her bedroom.

Tips to Prevent Sexting

"Sexting" usually refers to teens sharing nude photos via cell phone, but it's happening on other devices and the Web too. The practice can have serious legal and psychological consequences, so - teens and adults - consider these tips!

It's Illegal.

Don't take or send nude or sexually suggestive photos of yourself or anyone else. If you do, even if they're of you or you pass along someone else's - you could be charged with producing or distributing child pornography. If you keep them on your phone or computer you could be charged with possession. If they go to someone in another state (and that happens really easily), it's a federal felony.

Non-legal Consequences

Then there's the emotional (and reputation) damage that can come from having intimate photos of yourself go to a friend who can become an ex-friend and send it to everyone you know. Not only can they be sent around; they can be distributed and archived online for people to search for pretty much forever.

Not just on phones

Sexting can be done on any media-sharing device or technology - including email and the Web. Teens have been convicted for child porn distribution for emailing sexually explicit photos to each other.

Many causes

In some cases, kids are responding to peer pressure in a form of cyberbullying or pressure from a boyfriend or girlfriend (they break up, and sometimes those photos get sent around out of revenge). Sometimes it's impulsive behavior, flirting, or even blackmail. It's always a bad idea.

What to Do If It Happens to You

- If a sexting photo arrives on your phone, first, do not send it to anyone else (that could be considered distribution of child pornography). Second: Talk to a parent or trusted adult. Tell them the full story so they know how to support you. And don't freak out if that adult decides to talk with the parents of others involved - that could be the best way to keep all of you from getting into serious trouble.
- If the picture is from a friend or someone you know, then someone needs to talk to that friend so he or she knows sexting is against the law. You're actually doing the friend a big favor because of the serious trouble that can happen if the police get involved.
- If the photos keep coming, you and a parent might have to speak with your friend's parents, school authorities or the police.

These tips were written in April 2009, after several reported cases of teens being prosecuted for taking, distributing and possessing pictures of themselves or friends.