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Dear Middle School Parents:

Following up on the COVID-19 communication and Dr. Goodman's reference to parties and social gatherings, it is concerning to myself and the teaching staff that the report of parties and large gatherings ignoring the guidelines exist at all. Teachers, staff members and administrators are consciously working to deliver the in-person learning the community wants. To have guidelines being ignored after school and on the weekends increases the risk of spread when school is in session. This is a major concern to myself, teachers, staff members and administration. With NYS now limiting private gatherings to ten (10) people, it is essential we follow all guidelines.

In addition to the risk to staff and students in contracting the virus, the events of the past week now bring to light the parameters of quarantining and the impact on families. Whether a child, a mother or father, or any family member forced to quarantine, it is at the least disconcerting to the dynamics of any family.

So, I am asking everyone to work together to eliminate the growing trend which will also help support our schools. Thank you for your understanding.

On an academic note, please remember the TMS marking period ends this Monday. Please be sure your student has all their remaining work submitted in a timely manner.

Please note that this Monday, we are asynchronous. Teachers will have assignments posted on google classroom. Tuesday through Friday is the usual block schedule with Cohort A in on Tuesday and Thursday, Cohort B in-person on Wednesday and Friday.

Lastly, please encourage your child to join any clubs they are interested in. Information regarding clubs is available in the daily announcements.

Please have a safe, enjoyable weekend.

Best Regards,

Dr. Bart Linehan