VHS Script- January 3, 20223

You may have heard from your families about an email sent to ton Friday with some news that affects our school community, but we wanted to make sure that those who may not have heard are aware.

We have sad news that I need to share with you.

Rembrandt Javier a student in Grade 9 died from a long term chronic health condition over the Winter Break. His family has given us permission to share this information with you, and as I said, your families know that we are sharing this news at school. Rembrandt has a brother Ryker in Grade 11.

When something like this happens, it can affect people in many different ways. Some of you may not feel very different at all. Some of you may feel sad, angry, shocked, or even scared. These are all usual reactions to hearing news like this and they are usually temporary. It is important to treat each other with respect and compassion today as each of you deals with this news in your own way.

If you are feeling like you need a place to talk about this, share feelings, draw or make cards, or just sit quietly by yourself, you can go to ??? It will be open all day today, just let your teacher know that’s where you are going. Remember if you choose to go there that you are expected to be respectful and responsible and that we want you to come back and be part of the class as soon as you are able.

We want to be respectful of Rembrandt’s family and friends during this difficult time. As you look out for each other, please let any staff know if there are students that you think need particular support right now. There are extra counsellors here at the school to provide support.

Today is a day for us to be our best selves, and support each other, as we process this sad news. If you need support please let me know.