VHS Family Email- Jan 3, 2023

Subject: VHS Family Update

Good afternoon.

I wanted to update families on the information that we shared with you from Friday December 30th.

As we previously disclosed, we learned that one of our Grade 9 students Rembrant Javier passed away over the Winter Break from a chronic health condition.

Today in first period teachers shared the news with students just in case families did not do so over the weekend. The script of what was said is attached.

Hearing this news can be extremely difficult and very hard to process for all of us. Once again, attached you will find resources that might help you discuss this information with your child and ways to support. Below are some other resources you may find useful. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to our Counseling Team here for more support.

Resource List for Additional Supports Victoria Hospice Grief resources and counselling:

<https://victoriahospice.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/VH-ChildrenTeenGrief.pdf>

[https://victoriahospice.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/VH-BereaveBroch2-Community-1909- proof2.pdf](https://victoriahospice.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/VH-BereaveBroch2-Community-1909-%20proof2.pdf)

Learning through Loss is available to offer counselling support to the other children in the home. If you would like more information, please call: 250-413-3114

B.C. Bereavement Helpline: 1-877-779-2223 Vancouver Island Crisis Line: 1-888-494-3888

Here to Help BC 310-6789 Online Service for Adults • [www.CrisisCentreChat.ca](http://www.CrisisCentreChat.ca)

<https://www.mentalhealthcommission.ca/sites/default/files/2019-03/suicide_loss_toolkit_eng.pdf>

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On behalf of the school community and Rembrant’s family, we thank you for your continued support. We again have witnessed that Vic High is truly a community that comes together for each other.

Take care,

(Your Signature)