



RIVERSIDE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents:

As you know, student safety is one of our primary concerns. As part of this year's Grad 2011 legacy, members of this year's graduating class will be working with ICBC, RCMP, Fire and Rescue, and the Paramedics to set up a mock car crash in front of our school. This event will be their way of showing that *Riverside students take care of each other*. A mock car crash will provide students with a simulation of a real car accident. With Graduation activities soon to begin, better weather, and more students getting their driver's licenses, we felt this this would be an appropriate time to increase student awareness around safe driving.

On May 24th, ICBC will be delivering a vehicle that was involved in a car crash. The vehicle will be placed on Reeve Street, near the intersection of Pitt River and Reeve. Reeve Street will be blocked off for emergency vehicles and for students to view this scene. The mock crash will be staged with student volunteers who will be transformed into victims and emergency personnel who will respond to the scene of the accident. The accident will be staged to reflect a drinking and driving accident. This mock crash will occur during lunch, from 11:43-12:18. Prior to lunch, students will be informed of the mock car crash over the PA system so that they will be encouraged to view the scene.

Since this mock car crash is intended to simulate a real accident, some students may feel an emotional response. This may be especially true for any students who have been in or witnessed a car accident or have had a family member or friend in a car accident. The RCMP will be ensuring that Victim Services is on site as well as our school counselors should any students require emotional support.

On May 25th, a follow up of the mock car crash will occur with a Road Sense presenter speaking to our Grade 12 students, while our Grades 9-11 students participate in a series of related learning activities during RAP (homeroom class). We hope that you will have a discussion with your child that evening about the mock crash and follow up activities to hear their perspective on road safety and to talk about the importance of responsible decision making.

Sincerely,

Anthony Ciolfitto
Principal