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SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian:

It is with great sadness that we inform you that on May 7 at approximately 5:30 pm, one of our grade 12 students, James Vo, was involved in a fatal motorcycle accident on the corner of David and Pinetree Way. He was taken to hospital where he later died from his injuries. We have asked for the assistance of the District Critical Incident Team to help our school community deal with this loss. We are doing everything we can to help your child and our staff through this tragic experience.

The school has implemented a plan, which allows students an opportunity to talk about their thoughts and feelings with the Critical Incident Team and our school counsellors. We expect that some will seek out this help, while others may not. We encourage you to openly discuss with your child their reactions and feelings regarding James' death.

At this time we do not have any information regarding the funeral service, but will communicate that information when we receive it.

Anticipating that your child may have a reaction to this event, we encourage you to take some time over the next few days to check in with your son and/or daughter on their reactions and feelings regarding James' death. Please visit the following link regarding how to assist. <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/specialed/rci/> (Appendix 7; Pamphlet#1)

If you think your child needs additional counselling support, please do not hesitate to contact one of the school counselors, Linda Hamilton, Sharon Starr, or Meena Dhillon at the school 604-464-2513.

Sincerely,

John McCullough, Dave Phelan, and Cheryl Woods
Pinetree Administrative team