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Dear Parents,

It has come to my attention that inappropriate videos and remarks are being posted on "SNAPCHAT." Your child may or may not be involved with this site (or similar sites) but I wanted to take this opportunity to raise this important issue with you.

- Snapchat is a photo- and video-sharing app.
- The minimum age is 13, in compliance with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA). If your child is not 13 s/he cannot legally create or maintain an account.
- Media may not "disappear" in 24 hours as stated. It can also be saved as screenshots or photographed with another phone and shared with or without the originator's knowledge.
- It's possible to "undelete" Snapchat images after they've "disappeared."

In accordance with the regulations set forth in the school handbook:

**It is the expectation of this school that student behavior is exemplary both on and off school grounds. A student always represents the entire school community. Therefore, the school reserves the right to discipline students for acts such as, but not limited to: stealing, fighting, vandalism, bullying or any other type of threatening or inappropriate misconduct (personally, via telephone, or the Internet). Such misconduct could result in punishments including the possibility of suspension and/or expulsion.**

**Inappropriate use of any electronic device may result in serious consequences as stated in the school's Technology Use Policy.**

**Technology Use outside normal academic hours and/or off school grounds (including but not limited to cell phones, e-mail, text messages, camera-phones, cameras, personal digital assistants (PDA's), chat lines, bulletin boards, etc., are subject to the same guidelines as previously cited in the "Discipline Code for Student Conduct," "Harassment Policies," and the "Summary Statement.**

It is recommended that SNAPCHAT, OVOO, VINE and KIK accounts created or used by your child be deleted immediately.

- You can delete the account by going to [http://www.snapchat.com/a/delete\\_account](http://www.snapchat.com/a/delete_account) as long as you have the user name and password.

Complaints about SNAPCHAT along with OVOO, VINE, and KIK are taken seriously. If there are violations of school policy; disciplinary action will be taken.

Please take the time to monitor all of your child's activity on the internet. This includes sites they use on their phone, laptop, desktop and/or ipad. Thank you for taking the time to review this important reminder and discussing it with your child.

Ms. Pasquale