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Dear Grade 9 Parents:

On October 28, 2020, Constable Derek Turner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) will be presenting to our grade 9 Religion classes about the appropriate use of social media. He will be discussing social media, appropriate online behaviours, as well as long term consequences of using various digital platforms. He will address serious issues relative to the Criminal Code of Canada, and will specifically reference Section 163.1 - [Criminal Code of Canada](#). This section of the Criminal Code of Canada will be used to teach students the connection that exists between breaking the law and students sharing sexually explicit material. We believe that this is an important message for many reasons. As a Catholic community we believe that we are created in the image of God and our body is a temple where God dwells. The Church teaches that all are created equally and deserve shared dignity and respect. Jesus taught us to treat others the way we would like to be treated. As parents and educators of vulnerable youth we want this generation to understand responsible use of technology. Constable Turner will also discuss the dangers associated with vaping including the city by-laws pertaining to vaping.

Religion teachers will briefly discuss the presentation with their students prior to it taking place. Following the presentation, those students who may require more information, resources or support will be provided with the opportunity to connect with one of our counsellors or to speak to a trusted adult.

If you have any questions regarding this presentation or if you require any further clarification, please feel free to contact Collette Groenen or Ian Stang.

Yours in Christ,

Ian Stang  
Principal