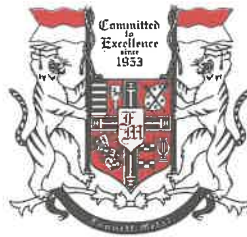


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**FANNETT-METAL
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I want to make you aware of a social media event that has recently been shared among some students on TikTok and Instagram involving a fictional "Cat in the Hat" haunting.

The social media trend involves threatening and disturbing "Cat in the Hat" images and videos. According to the post, classrooms must be photographed and posted online in order to prevent the "haunted" character from entering the school. The message further claims that students who appear in the photographs will be protected, while classrooms that are not posted may be targeted with "blood trails."

Please be assured that this is an internet hoax/fictional social media story. At this time, there is no credible information indicating that our school is threatened, haunted, or in danger. Students do not need to photograph their classrooms, post pictures online, or share images of themselves or other students for any reason related to this message.

We are sharing this information with families so that you are aware of what your child may encounter online and can reinforce the importance of not participating in or spreading rumors and frightening social media challenges.

We also encourage parents and guardians to remind students to:

- Avoid sharing or reposting frightening or threatening content.
- Never post photographs of themselves or other students simply because an online message instructs them to do so.
- Talk to a trusted adult if something they see online makes them uncomfortable or afraid.
- Report concerning content through the appropriate social media platform and law enforcement agencies.

Student safety remains our highest priority. Our staff will continue to monitor the situation and address any concerns that arise at school.

Thank you for your partnership and for helping us ensure that students have accurate information and feel safe at school.

Sincerely, .

Dr. Will
Superintendent