Sir Allan MacNab Secondary School



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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,

Students and staff at Sir Allan MacNab Secondary School are deeply saddened to learn of the death of Elijah Fabian, a Grade 11 student. We all share in the grief and sadness of having lost a student in our community.

Our condolences are extended to Elijah's family and friends. As a sign of respect, our school flag will be lowered to half-mast.

Social workers will be available to support students. Parents, guardians, and caregivers can access <u>Tips</u> <u>for adults supporting children and youth after distressing events</u> at <u>hwdsb.info/distressing</u> to support your child when talking about the death of a fellow student.

Students can also access support using <u>HWDSB Helps</u>: Text to 905-963-0066 (Standard rates apply), use the HWDSB Helps app for iOS and Android, or the web chat. In case of emergency, call 911.

Additional supports include:

- COAST Hamilton, 905-972-8338, for crisis outreach and support for all ages
- Kids Help Phone, 1-800-668-6868, for counselling and information service for young people

Supporting the school community during this time is our priority. Providing support will help students and staff deal with this situation, and to show care and compassion for one another.

Sincerely,

Greg Clark Principal

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