



Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School

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Dear families,

At Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School, we remain shaken by grief due to the loss of Devan Selvey. Our hearts go out to the student's family and friends. Such senseless violence has no place in our community – and we will help students and staff however possible.

My sincere appreciation is extended to our supportive school community. We are a school family that cares about each other. We will continue to support each other, seek help and talk to an adult if there are concerns.

Social workers and Hamilton Police Services, including Victims' Services, attended the school today to support students and staff in their grief. This crisis response will continue in the school, including support from social workers as well as some police presence.

Parents are reminded to review tips for supporting a child or youth after tragic incidents like the death of a fellow student. You can find the tip sheet online at <https://bit.ly/2LTQBcn>

There was a significant media presence at the school today to report on the police investigation. We asked students to be respectful of the victim's family and to honour their privacy. Police have released information about the case on their website at <http://bit.ly/2lxzUBq>

At Churchill, we are grateful for all of the support at this difficult time. It is clear that we are part of a larger family that cares about each other, and will be there when needed.

Supporting our school community during this time is a priority. The supports provided will greatly assist students and staff in their ability to deal with this situation.

Thank you,

Marco Barzetti
Principal