

Good afternoon SICS families,

Our administrative staff has been working in conjunction with the Springfield Police Department on information and tips we have received throughout the day. We do appreciate the parents and students that brought a threat to our attention. We take any tips and information we receive seriously, which led to further investigation. The police have identified an individual, who took ownership of the social media threat. This is a reminder that any students engaged in making threats will be subject to serious disciplinary action and legal consequences. As the national TikTok threat still exists, we continue to be in constant communication with the SPD. We encourage families to monitor their children's social media activity, discuss proper on-line behavior and consequences of posting threatening messages. Students that were absent today will have that marked as an excused absence. I cannot thank our staff, students, and families enough for their patience and understanding today. The support of our staff and community and the precautions we have taken over the last two days will be used as a model of safety for the future. We are so grateful for the partnership with the Springfield Police Department and how they were able to assist in keeping our school safe today. We will be prepared to return to school on Monday in a safe and educational environment. I will send you any updates over the weekend if there are further developments. Below is a reminder of a few changes to our events for today and tomorrow.

A few cancellations and postponements for today, December 17, 2021, and December 18, 2021:

- All afterschool programs, sports, and activities are cancelled today, these include all athletic events and practices.
- Afternoon Extended Day is cancelled today.
- No afterschool detention or tutoring or extra help today.
- Saturday Detention for Saturday, December 18, 2021, is cancelled, the SSC will be in touch with students and families on a reschedule.
- K-2 Movie Night is postponed with further notice on a reschedule TBD.
- All grades 6-12 students must be off campus by 2:45pm today.
- All grades K-5 students must be off campus by 4:10 pm today.

Thank you for your understanding, patience, and cooperation during this time.

Sincerely,



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