



Dear Middle School Parents,

This semester, as part of our Health, Safety, and Well-Being initiative, middle school students will participate in *Teen Safety Matters*, a Monique Burr Foundation personal safety education program. The program will be implemented during extended advisory periods on January 31 and March 7 by middle school advisors, who have recently trained to serve as facilitators.

Teen Safety Matters teaches children to spot and respond to bullying, cyberbullying, child abuse, relationship abuse, digital abuse, and other digital dangers. It is specifically designed for middle school students and based on the latest research. The program addresses issues that can typically occur during the middle school years, and our goal is to prevent, recognize, and respond appropriately to these issues.

A representative from the Monique Burr Foundation will be giving a brief presentation to middle school parents about the Teen Safety Matters program on Wednesday, January 23. For your convenience, we are offering two presentation times on the 23rd: 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., both in Jangro 214. We hope you will attend one of the presentations as it would benefit conversations that may take place at home about these very important topics.

In gratitude,

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