

October 6, 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians:

I am writing to let you know about an incident that happened today at our school. While I regret that the timing of this incident allowed this letter to only be posted online and not to be distributed to students, I wanted to convey the information to you as quickly as possible.

At about 12:40 p.m., three students became involved in a physical altercation in the mathematics hallway during change of classes prior to fourth period. Because this occurred during a class change, a large number of students witnessed the incident. One of the involved students required medical assistance and was transported to the hospital.

Teachers near the scene of the fight immediately attempted to break it up, and our School Resource Officer also responded. The altercation was broken up fairly quickly, and to my knowledge at this point, no other students were involved. An additional officer was called to our school to assist in the investigation.

Two students have been charged by police, and our investigation is continuing. Appropriate actions will be taken with regard to those involved after the conclusion of the investigation.

I want to commend the other students in the hallway for cooperating with school staff as they worked to quell the situation. I encourage you to talk with your students about this incident, and about the steps they should follow in such circumstances.

The safety and security of our students and staff is of the utmost importance to all of us at South River High School. Thank you for everything you do for your children and for our school. If you have questions or concerns, please call the school at 410-956-5600.

Sincerely,

William T. Myers
Principal

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