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Dear Prep and Villa Families,

We hope you all are doing well. Earlier this week, it was brought to the attention of administration that there was a video being shared on social media involving several Villa students in Villa athletic uniforms using inappropriate and unacceptable racist language as well as a letter exchanged between two students, who at the time were friends, that also used similarly unacceptable and inappropriate language. We can assure you this is not language we condone, approve of, or expect from our students on any of our campuses.

While we cannot detail disciplinary measures taken with students, we are addressing this according to our discipline code. The students in the video, since it was captured in the Spring of 2019, have grown considerably in their understanding of race, equity, and the powerful nature of language in society. They have shown remorse, embarrassment, and regret for their actions in discussions with administration. But this provides us all with an important reminder that the work we as a school launched into heavily last school year, must continue so that all our students, regardless of their race, ethnicity, faith background, or gender, are treated with the dignity and respect of all God's creatures and are educated as well as expected to give it as well.

Issues of racism, intolerance, and prejudice remain a significant problem in our society, and we remain committed as a school to addressing these issues in a meaningful, open, and Catholic way.

We also want to encourage our families to have open and honest communications about race, social interactions, treating each other with respect, and social media on a regular basis. If you need any help bridging those conversations, feel free to reach out for resources to help.

We greatly appreciate your patience and understanding.

God Bless,

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