

The Lawrenceville School

NEWS OF A TRAGIC LOSS TO THE LAWRENCEVILLE COMMUNITY

May 1, 2022

Dear Lawrenceville Parents, Students, Faculty, and Staff,

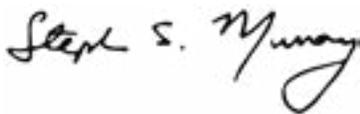
I am profoundly saddened to inform you of the tragic loss of Fourth Form student Jack Reid, who died by suicide in Dickinson House in the late hours of Saturday, April 30. On behalf of the entire Lawrenceville community, I offer sincere condolences to Jack's family, with whom I am in regular contact. I ask that you please respect the family's privacy as they face this most challenging time.

Dickinson House students spent the night in our Health and Wellness Center, where I informed them of the situation. Members of our counseling team were there for most of the night with them, and a number of the boys were able to connect with them for support. Faculty gathered this morning to discuss how best to guide our students through this time, an optional meeting for all students was held today at 11 a.m., and the full community will come together tomorrow morning. The Chapel will be open this afternoon, and there are some additional activities available with our Religious Life Council. We are also organizing House meetings for this evening - not required for day students, but they are of course most welcome. A special schedule on Monday will take into account the emotional toll that this event may have on our students.

Counseling services are available (please call (609) 896-0391 or reach out directly to Dr. Tonita Balcom at tbalcom@lawrenceville.org if you have specific concerns about your child) and our spiritual leaders and faculty are present and prepared to support our students. Details will be shared shortly regarding additional emotional and academic support resources, and we will communicate in the coming days about opportunities to remember Jack as a community.

In this moment, we will rely on our ability to come together. I realize the impact of this event on our community, especially on the residents of Dickinson House, the track team, and The Lawrentians in particular, where Jack was known and loved - will be there for one another as we process the loss together one day at a time and engage in healthy discussions as a community.

Sincerely,



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