



Seniors & Parents,

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Can you believe it? Only 30 days of school left for our Seniors! Graduation day will be here before we know it.

I have recently been informed that some of our seniors are participating in an organized game called "Senior Tag". If you're not familiar with Senior Tag, I want you to understand what is potentially going on.

Senior Tag is a popular game in some Ohio schools. It is typically played by only members of the senior class and takes place in April and May. Some versions use nerf guns and some use water guns. If you get tagged (soaked with a water gun or hit by a nerf dart) while outside of school, then you are out. The last person that is still in the game is declared the winner. In some cases, seniors are asked to pay an entry fee and funds raised go to a local charity. Typically, the only way to be safe is to strip naked.... or down to a swimsuit or underwear. If you are stripped down, then you can't be hit. Therefore, every year there are reports of high school students running naked (or barely dressed) through yards, reports of aggressive diving, reports of social media hostility and other concerning reports. It's not hard to find news reports of concerned residents reporting to the police about people chasing others through neighborhoods as well as traffic accidents that have taken place during a senior tag activity.

As a school district, West Liberty-Salem does not condone, permit, or sponsor Senior Tag. This is in no way, shape, or form a school-sponsored activity. In fact, no senior tag activity is permitted at school or at a school function on or off school property, including after school events and hours.

While we believe that our seniors should have fun and should make lasting memories during their senior year, we believe that this particular game creates incentive for students to participate in risky activities. I urge parents to talk to their senior students about Senior Tag and the associated risks as well as potential consequences.

Sincerely,

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