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Dear Bishop Kelly Parents and Guardians:

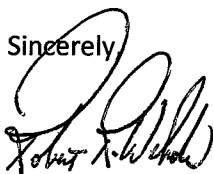
As we continue in making progress this Third Quarter, I would like to inform you of a serious situation and share a copy of recent letters sent to parents of high school students in the Treasure Valley.

I have talked to several parents about this concern and feel that I should make sure parents are well informed about dances that are taking place within our community that appear to be school sponsored when these dances are indeed NOT school sponsored. Students from all our Treasure Valley schools are being invited to dances held at off-school campus locations. These dances are not school sponsored and don't normally enforce the guidelines that we follow at school dances. Parents have shared with me that school rules such as dress code, dancing style and protocols, school supervision and safety are often omitted at these non-school sponsored dances. Many of the parents I have talked to have felt they were misinformed about the dances in that they thought the school was in charge and supervising the dances.

Here are some tips and indicators a dance is not school sponsored:

- The flyer advertising the dance is on a full-colored postcard. School dances are normally advertised in the daily announcements and our Booster Club monthly calendar.
- School dances are operated from 8:00 - 11:30 p.m., and the non-school sponsored dances are normally from 7:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.
- The non-school sponsored dances frequently run a full bar with alcohol for those who are 21 years or older. We understand the bar is separated from those who are not of age but share a common dance floor.
- Most of the dances that are non-school sponsored are arranged by a company called Audio Thrill Productions at www.audiothrill.com. I would highly recommend that you search this site to make an informed decision about letting your child attend these dances.

Please contact Bishop Kelly High School at 375-6010 at any time you have a question about a dance and whether it is school sponsored or not. We want to make sure you have accurate information when deciding if your child should attend these dances that are non-school sponsored. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely


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Bishop Kelly High School