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Dear Parent or Guardian:

As you know, driving to school is a privilege that most students look forward to obtaining. With this privilege comes the responsibility of driving safely at all times.

As our Junior Class progresses toward their senior year it is important that we remind all our students about the responsibilities associated with receiving a driver's license. Since driver safety is such an important topic, we are requiring all student drivers who would like to park on campus during their senior year and at least one parent/guardian to attend a mandatory "Safe Teen Driving" assembly program on Tuesday, March 26th at 7 pm in the High School West auditorium. This presentation will also be given at Nesaquake Middle School at 7 pm on Thursday, May 2nd. Juniors from both high schools may attend either of these presentations. Again, both the Junior student and a parent/guardian must attend one of these two presentations to be eligible for a parking sticker for their senior year.

This assembly will focus on safety behind the wheel and issues facing new drivers. Guest speakers for the evening may include a member of the Suffolk County Police Department Highway Patrol Division, a member of the National Safety Council, the New York Governor's Traffic Safety Committee and a speaker from the Suffolk County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

This assembly is a requirement for receiving a parking permit. If a student expects to receive a parking permit at any time during their senior year, they must attend this assembly with a parent or legal guardian. **There will be only one other opportunity in the fall of next year. The High School will not be able to provide a parking sticker to any student who does not attend either the Spring or Fall presentation.**

Please plan to arrive with your child no later than 6:45 pm. Parking is limited, so you may want to plan on arriving a little early. The program should end by 8:30 pm. At the conclusion of the program, parents and students will sign a contract attesting to their awareness of the importance of safe driving decisions in addition to serving as proof of attendance.

We look forward to seeing you on either March 26th or May 2nd at 7:00 pm.

Sincerely,

Michael Aleci
Assistant Principal