



SUTHERLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade 8 and 9 Students,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you about an important initiative that all North Vancouver School District Grade 8 and 9 students will be participating in during the months of January and February 2024.

During this period, students will be attending an assembly titled, "All About Consent," presented by the [Exploitation Education Institute](#). These events are sponsored by the North Vancouver School District and the North Vancouver RCMP. Sutherland Secondary students will participate in this assembly on **Thursday, February 8, 2024**.

The "All About Consent" assembly is a crucial component of our commitment to educating students on the topic of consent, and empowers healthy peer relationships by creating a desire in every student to understand the benefits of consent, both in-person and online. We hosted this same presentation last year and the feedback from students and families/guardians was extremely positive.

Key aspects of the presentation include:

- Consent as the freedom to provide permission
- Age of consent
- Digital consent
- Coercion
- Sexual Exploitation
- How to incorporate consent
- Gracefully accepting rejection
- Methods to say and hear "no"
- Positive peer culture

This presentation aims to equip our youth with valuable skillsets that make them resilient to various forms of online exploitation. The engaging format, including humor, games, and activities, ensures that the information is delivered in a way that resonates with the students.

Please note that Foundry North Shore is also hosting a parent session on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 7:00pm at the Kay Meek Centre in West Vancouver. Registration information is available in the attached poster or by clicking [here](#).

Should you have any questions about these presentations, please feel free to reach out to Suzette Dohm, District Principal, Safe and Healthy Schools at sdohm@sd44.ca. We appreciate your support in prioritizing the safety and well-being of our students. Together, we can empower them to navigate the online world responsibly.

Kindly,

Shannon Smart
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