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Dear Brookwood High School Parents and Guardians,

This week's break in the weather has served as a reminder that spring and Spring Break are right around the corner. This is an exciting time for our students as they begin preparing for the end of the school year and all of the traditions associated with that time of year. That said, I want to ask for your help in addressing one such annual tradition that has outlived its time-- the junior/senior wars. These are student-initiated activities, typically held in the spring, when the juniors and seniors "prank" each other. This usually involves acts of vandalism like toilet papering houses. However, there have been reports that the activities associated with the "wars" have escalated over the years to also include dangerous and destructive acts as students attempt to outdo each other and previous classes. As a result, some students' actions have resulted in costly damage to vehicles and homes.

Please discourage your children from participating in these activities. These instances are taken seriously by our school and by police. In today's world, we can't just say that something is a "harmless" prank or that this type of activity is "teenagers just being teenagers." These types of actions can affect a student's future as it can result in disciplinary action at the school and criminal charges with police. And while I am concerned about the property damage and vandalism, I am more concerned about the damage that occurs to students' reputations and their dreams during this time of year in addition to their safety and safety of others. With that in mind, I ask that you join me in talking to our students about how this is a tradition that has outlived its time and how their participation in the junior/senior war could result in consequences that could change their future.

As always, thank you for your support of our students and school.

Sincerely,

William Bo Ford, Jr.
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