

On Thu, Dec 13, 2018 at 11:57 AM Brendan Barr <brendan_barr@condenast.com> wrote:

hello, Patrick, how are you?

I am in the research department at *Vanity Fair* magazine. I have been fact-checking Evgenia Peretz's story.

I am trying to find out more information about parents of prep school students more closely monitoring their children and alcohol.

We have heard that some prep schools have required (or were asking) parents to sign waivers promising a degree of supervision at student parties.

Is Georgetown Prep among schools that do that?

Has Georgetown Prep been involved with the group Community of Concern?

I believe they were founded in the 1990s.

Any clarification or more information you can provide is appreciated.

Many thanks,

Brendan

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On Thu, Dec 13, 2018 at 12:51 PM Patrick Coyle <pcoyle@gprep.org> wrote:

Brendan:

I am glad to look into this for you but that is necessarily going to take a little time. We have repeatedly asked the magazine to present us with a full and complete set of assertions or characterizations being made about the School, so that we will have a fair opportunity to research and respond. But instead, we continue to receive piecemeal strands of disparate requests along with the insistence that your deadline is imminent. Your colleague Ms. Peretz demands in a note just this morning that we respond no later than 2:00 p.m. today. That is an inappropriate and bad faith way to conduct this dialogue and I would like your assurance that we will have ample time for response to what you are asking.

Best,

Patrick

On Thu, Dec 13, 2018 at 7:16 PM Patrick Coyle <pcoyle@gprep.org> wrote:

Brendan:

Yes; Georgetown Prep is involved with Community of Concern. In fact, the Community of Concern was founded at Georgetown Prep in the 1990s by the Georgetown Prep parent.

Each year, we have mandatory events for our students and at least one parent. We have a Community of Concern event for our freshmen and sophomores. At the meeting, health and legal consultants warn our

students about the dangers of alcohol and drug use. A health representative from an area hospital presents the medical dangers and risks of alcohol and drug use.

In addition, we host a mandatory event for our junior and seniors who plan on attending our annual prom and their parents. At that meeting, we invite a legal consultant in to discuss the consequences of underage drinking.

Also, before our Prom, a letter is sent to all parents from the Dean of Students asking them to not host an “after party” or endorse an “after party” and encourages all students to attend the School held Post Prom party on campus that is supervised.

In a letter to the School community on September 21, our president, Rev. James R. Van Dyke, S.J., wrote, “And contrary to the caricature as well, the wider school community is not uncaring; I ponder with gratitude the many calls I have received offering help for our needier students and their families, the willingness of our alumni to finance scholarships for applicants from the poorest families in our area, the parents who offer to put in a little extra or to give a little more time so that the families who can't afford something or can't give rides can be included. And I look to the community of parents who long ago formed and continue to pilot to the Community of Concern to help our new parents deal with and educate their sons about the false allure of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, and other destructive habits.”

Best,
Patrick