

October 5, 2020

Dear St. HOPE Scholars and Families,

It is with deep regret and a heavy heart that I write to inform you about a devastating loss to our school community. On Saturday, October 3rd, Sac High senior, Jaylen Betschart, was shot and killed while driving in his car. Our community is deeply mourning the loss of Jaylen. We are coping with so many emotions from sadness to anger to disbelief. Jaylen is already missed so much. More than anything we are sending prayers and thoughts of healing, comfort, strength and peace to Jaylen's family.

It is incredibly important to us that as our school community works to cope during this challenging time that we make every effort to support our scholars. If any of our scholars are interested in crisis counseling with our school psychologist, Adrianna Chapparo, please email her at achaparro@sthopepublicschools.org. Ms. Chapparo will make herself available over Fall Break for support via Zoom.

We are working on creating a memorial to honor Jaylen. The memorial will be set up outside of the entrance to Sac High from Monday, October, 12th to Friday, October 16th. St. HOPE scholars and families are welcome to stop by between the hours of 9am-5pm to view the display, and add cards, keepsakes or flowers if they would like. On Monday, October 12th we will have additional support available provided by Trauma Care Chaplains from the Sacramento Law Enforcement Chaplaincy. If you would like to access these resources, please arrive closer to 9am. They will stay as long as needed.

This is a painful loss. May we lean on one another for strength during this difficult time.

With caring thoughts,
Kari Wehrly