



## PALO ALTO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Paly Community,

As we approach the end of the school year, we're reaching out again for cooperation and assistance in putting an end to a student behavior – student streaking - that has made many people in our school community feel uncomfortable and unsafe. Over the past nine months, we've engaged in many discussions with students and parents about respect for others, personal safety, and the school-wide consequences caused by the actions of a small group of students.

We want to be clear - the penalties for streaking on campus will include a two-day suspension from school and a referral to the Palo Alto Police Department (PAPD) School Resource Officers. As with any discipline incident resulting in suspension, colleges will be notified.

Earlier this month, we spoke to almost 350 seniors in their History/Social Science classes and informed our students of the additional circumstances that have resulted in our renewed resolve. In addition, we discussed a number of topics concerning our school, including an appeal to end the "tradition" of student streaking and to create a positive legacy instead. Our School Resource Officers, Detective DuJuan Green and Detective Ben Lee, joined us in these discussions and answered many great questions from our students. Overall, we enjoyed our time connecting with the senior class and listening to student concerns.

**Paly is a school that cares about students.** In that spirit, we hope students, especially our seniors, will make good decisions over the next few months and end their time at Paly on the most positive note possible.

It is within our power to change Paly for the better. This year we have engaged in thoughtful dialogue about how to create a safe and welcoming school environment for our students, and the impact of this dialogue is palpable. We look forward to ending this year with additional evidence of an even more positive climate for all.

As always, thank you for your support.

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