

I am so sorry to tell you all that one of our students, **Corbin Sexton**, has died. I'm also very sad to tell you that Corbin died by suicide.

Many of you may also feel very sad. Others may feel other emotions such as anger or confusion. It's okay to feel whatever emotions you might be feeling. When someone takes their own life, it leads to a lot of questions, some of which may never be completely answered.

While we may never know why Corbin ended his life, we do know that suicide has many causes. In some cases, a mental health condition is part of it, and these conditions are treatable. It's really important if you're not feeling well in any way to reach out for help. Suicide is preventable and talking about it is the first step to healing.

Rumors may come out about what happened, but please don't spread them. They may turn out to be untrue and can be deeply hurtful and unfair to Corbin and his family and friends. I'm going to do my best to give you the most accurate information as soon as I know it.

Each of us will react to Corbin's death in our own way, and we need to be respectful of each other. Some of us may have known Corbin well, and some of us may not. But either way, we may have strong feelings. You might find it difficult to concentrate on schoolwork for a little while. On the other hand, you might find that focusing on school helps take your mind off what has happened. Either is okay.

I want you to know that your teachers and I are here for you. We also have counselors here to help us all cope with what happened. If you'd like to talk to one of them, just let me or one of your teachers know or look for the counselors in **the library and the counseling center** between classes or during lunch.

We are all here for you. We are all in this together, and the school staff will do whatever we can to help you get through this.