

Chagrin Falls High School

CHAGRIN FALLS EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

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To Parents/Guardians of Junior and Senior students:

Chagrin Falls High School values the great traditions we celebrate with our students. There is great pride that comes from being a part of such a tight-knit community that preserves and cherishes its history. However, I recently received a letter from a neighboring community explaining her children's disappointment when they had 14 pumpkins stolen from their yard. The letter went on to describe her disgust with our community and school. Each year, I receive a few of these letters and phone calls at this time of year when our students partake in the "tradition" of the Pumpkin Roll; this year is no exception.

In past years, participants in the "Pumpkin Roll" have been arrested for stealing pumpkins and underage drinking. Some have been suspended from athletic events for violating the athletic code of conduct, and others have missed school due to suspensions related to being under the influence of alcohol while on campus the following morning. It should also be noted that students and adult observers have suffered injuries in the past. Overall there are a number of safety and legal concerns related to the event.

As this annual "tradition" draws near, we want to remind families that the school does not support or condone the actions during, or connected, to this event. With a great start to the academic school year and many of our fall sports teams progressing into post season competition, it would be terrible for our students to jeopardize these wonderful opportunities.

As this night inevitably gets closer, please talk with your children about the property rights of others, the importance of making good decisions, and the potential consequences and safety concerns of bad choices.

Sincerely,



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