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Each year the administrators of Catholic girls' schools meet to discuss concerns and strengths that our schools have in common. A topic that continues to be of concern to us is spring break.

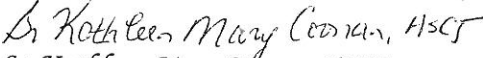
We are aware of the problems that the increasingly popular "spring break trip" creates for our families. As educators of young women, we are acutely aware of the risks your daughters face if their spring break becomes a night of unchaperoned trips and underage drinking. Recent reports in the media of binge drinking, date rape, and other dangerous spring break activities only confirm the seriousness of our concern.


Although all of us have addressed this issue with our own communities, we see value in a common statement. We do not condone unchaperoned trips and, in fact, strongly discourage them, as we would any activity that puts our students at risk.

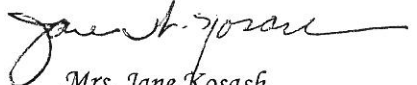
We invite you to work with us as we educate your daughters to make wise choices. As you plan for the year, we ask that you see spring break as a chance for much needed relaxation and rejuvenation, for families to vacation together if possible, and for your daughters to spend this much-needed break in a safe and healthful way. For our part, we will continue to educate our students about such important issues as the effects of underage drinking, drug use, date rape, and sexually transmitted disease.


It is our hope that we can work together in this educational process for the girls. Their success will be ours. We appreciate your support.

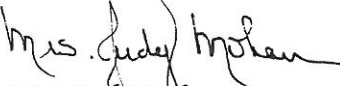
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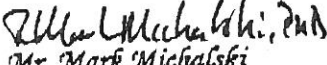
  
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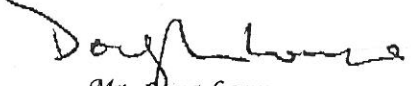
  
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