



The Scholars' Academy

An Accelerated College Preparatory School for Grades 6-12

27Q323, A Teaching and Learning Organization

"Technology Today, Smarter Tomorrow: Removing Time and Place from Teaching and Learning"

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Dear Students, Parents/Caregivers:

The purpose of this letter is to inform all in the school community of potential danger.

- **The NYPD and Safety Administration of the Department of Education issued an alert after a green, Chevy sedan, with light green panels and rust spots,** was reportedly following a Rockaway resident earlier this week. A harassment report was filed with the 100 precinct. Yesterday, January 18th, the car was spotted on Beach 129th Street, in close proximity to St. Francis de Sales. The police responded to both sightings. The description of the driver is:
- **Caucasian, Tall (Over 6 feet), Male, Balding, Approximately 40 to 55 years of age**

As always, we recommend that all students remain mindful of their surroundings. Students should not loiter (hang around in public) or engage in conversations with any strangers. Strangers will often attempt to ask for directions. Under no circumstances should anyone go near a strange vehicle.

1. **Students must remain alert at all times.** Students have been informed numerous times about wearing headphones and being aware when walking in public, especially crossing the streets. I have witnessed many students stepping off of the curb without first checking for cars. I am gravely concerned about the Rockaway Freeway and B105 location. **In winter months, the sidewalks are often plowed in and streets slick with ice from the trestle above. This compromises safety even further.**
2. **Electronic Devices in Public Places.** Whether during school hours or not, students should keep any electronic devices away when in public, whether at bus stops, on the bus or train. There have been numerous reports in the news about students being robbed of these devices. **Students should keep these devices hidden and remain alert at all times of any other youths or adults who are unknown to them.**

Please take a moment and discuss these very serious matters with your children.

Sincerely,

Principal