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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Green Hills School is committed to taking proactive steps to combat the problem of bullying, both in schools and online. To raise awareness, renowned international speaker and author Mr. John Halligan will deliver a presentation about his own personal tragedy - his 13-year-old son Ryan, who took his own life in 2003 after being an early victim of cyberbullying as a middle school student. Our 7th and 8th grade students will hear Mr. Halligan's story on Friday, October 6th. A parent presentation will be held on Thursday, October 5th at 7:00 in the Green Hills School cafeteria.

Through powerful video clips, still pictures, and the story of Ryan's life and the factors that led to his suicide, the students will gain a first-hand perspective of what it means to be affected by bullying and cyberbullying, not only as a target but also as a family and friends of a target. The wrap-up session will educate students on forgiveness, suicide prevention, and the role of bystanders.

For more information, please visit www.RyansStory.org. We understand the sensitive nature of the topic, so if you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Stiles or Mr. Bollette. If you prefer that your child not attend the presentation, please send an email to Mrs. Stiles or Mr. Bollette no later than Wednesday, 9/27/23.

Sincerely,

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