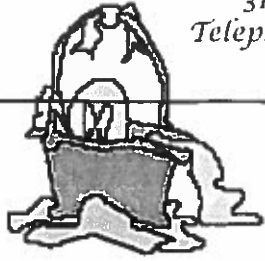




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Dear Parents,

Raising a family is a great responsibility that some people have not taken too seriously. Part of the Intermediate programme in Family Life deals with the topic of the Family. The programme states that though it is a wonderful gift to have and raise children, it is also one of the most difficult tasks that is placed upon us as humans. We have taken a familiar activity that has been attempted in previous years and we would like to try it with the Grade Eight students.

The students have been paired with other students in their respective classes. We have stressed that they are **not** married, they are merely partners. The two students must look after a 'child' for a week. The 'child' is a raw egg that they will decorate in class. The students are now preparing a little basket (the child's crib) to carry their egg around. They are making a birth certificate, a baptismal certificate, a health card, a birth announcement, and naming their child. They must plan a supervision schedule that has both students looking after the child at all times during the week. They must also plan a monthly budget that will determine the cost of food, clothing, diapers, baby-sitting, medical fees, and a future scholarship fund. After the week is over, the students will hand in a written report that includes the above items as well as a discussion on the responsibilities of being a parent.

The difficulty of this game is that the students can never leave their child unattended. Eggs follow the students everywhere during the school day, and they must go home at night with the students. If they are caught leaving their child unattended for a substantial period of time (i.e. more than three minutes) they will have their egg taken away from them.

This is where we need your help. We will be watching during the school day to make sure that all the eggs are properly supervised. We need you to supervise when your child is at home with their egg. Wherever your child goes (to their room, outside to play, to see a movie), that egg must follow! If you see that the egg has been left unattended for a substantial period of time, we give you the authority to take that egg away! Please send a note to school explaining the offense. We ask that you and your child sign the "contract" at the bottom of the page outlining your authority.

If you need more information, please ask your child. If you feel you have further questions or concerns regarding this activity, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you,

Mr. Caruso Mr. Bonavota



I, _____ understand that _____ has the authority to take my 'egg'

(name of student)

(name of paren/guardian)

away if they feel that I have neglected the 'egg' in any way, especially if I have left the 'egg' unattended for a substantial amount of time.

Signatures:

(student's signature)

(parent's/guardian's signature)

(date)

