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Hello Students,

October is upon us and Halloween coming up! Oh forgot to mention other activities in the area such as; parades, High school football, and the Pensacola State Fair.

Safety concerns:

A reminder, the wet weather has also been with us. That in mind, Please Please, slow down while on campus and when you leave the campus. The roads get very slick upon first rain, this is due to the dirt and oils which build up on the roads when it is nice and sunny outside. Until the rain washes all that grime and smut away the surface of the roadway is very slick.

A second Safety Issue I'd like to address is Texting while driving. This law has been in effect since 2019 so please adhere to the law. Here is information about it:

I would like to end this monthly letter with a **Thank You** to all for making this Campus a safer environment while attending our schools.

Sincerely,
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TEXTING BAN

What drivers need to know about recent changes to texting laws.

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WHAT HAS CHANGED IN THE NEW LAW?

The new law against texting while driving went from secondary offense to a primary offense on July 1, 2019 and allows law enforcement to pull over drivers for texting while driving.

HOW MUCH DO TICKETS COST? ARE THERE POINTS ON MY LICENCE?

First offense is a non-moving violation with no points + \$30 + court fees*. A second offense within 5 years is 3 points + \$60 + court fees*.
*(Court fees vary, but can reach \$150.00 +)

CAN I TEXT OR USE SOCIAL MEDIA WHILE DRIVING?

While in motion, drivers may not use a wireless communication device for texting (sending or receiving), e-mailing, and instant messaging. That includes manually typing or entering multiple letters, numbers, symbols or characters of any kind.

ARE THERE EXEMPTIONS TO THE TEXTING WHILE DRIVING BAN?

Yes, exemptions include autonomous vehicles and emergency vehicles, reporting emergency situations or criminal activity. Additional exemptions exist while activating a hands-free function, receiving messages related to navigation, data used primary by vehicle, radio broadcasts, and alerts pertaining to safety including traffic and weather.

IS CONSENT OR A WARRANT REQUIRED FOR DEVICE ACCESS?

Law enforcement cannot forcefully seize or search communication device without first obtaining driver consent or a warrant. They must inform the driver of their right to decline a search of their device. Warrants for device records are only obtainable when a driver is involved in a crash causing injury or a fatality.

ARE THERE SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR SCHOOL + WORK ZONES?

School zones and construction zones are considered hands-free. You may talk on your Bluetooth, but you can't pick up your device. First offense is 3 points + \$60 + court fees. First time offenders may opt to take a wireless communications device safety program to avoid 3 points + \$30 fine + court fees.
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