

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you may be aware, users on the social media site TikTok have been advocating several “challenges” to students in schools around the country. September was apparently “Vandalize School Bathrooms” month and we did have some incidents of minor damage being done to our bathrooms by students at GIS and Bowe School. It has recently come to our attention that users on this site have actually been promoting a year’s worth of monthly challenges to students. For example, October is allegedly “Slap A Teacher Month”. Other challenges throughout the year include things such as “kiss another person’s girlfriend”, “trash the cafeteria”, and “flip off the main office”.

Obviously, students participating in these types of challenges cause a number of problems for schools. **Please know that any student participating in any of these challenges will be disciplined to the fullest extent of our conduct code, including police notification if necessary.** We simply will not tolerate these disruptions to the school day.

Damage to school property can lead to discipline such as suspension and restitution for damages caused. Should subsequent offenses occur we will reach out to the Glassboro Police Department and ask for their assistance in quelling this behavior.

We have already taken some preliminary steps such as having each bathroom checked between usage, evaluating the busy times in our hallways and bathrooms, tracking each occurrence, and monitoring hallway video to try and isolate the offenders.

Experts make specific recommendations to parents on how to best keep their children safe when using social media. Some of these recommendations include 1) remain positively engaged with your children, 2) support their good choices, 3) explain the implications of making bad choices when online, and 4) empower your children to handle issues.

Even with those steps in place, we still need your help. Please speak with your child about respecting school property. This is their school, and we should all be grateful to have such a beautiful Middle School to come to every day. Also, please evaluate your child’s Snapchat & TikTok Apps. See below for a video how to do that:

Snapchat	TikTok
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● How to view save videos on Snapchat● How to view saved videos sent to a friend on Snapchat● How to view Snaps on Snapchat	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● How to use Tiktok – A complete beginners guide (fast-forward to the 9:59 mark for where videos are stored in TikTok)

Thank you for your continued support in our endeavor to provide a safe and secure learning environment for your children.

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