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Dear Families of the Class of 2022,

We are writing to share details about information circulating on Instagram and other social media regarding a senior trip for the Class of 2022. While this trip is **not** organized, affiliated with, or sponsored by Excel Academy, we want you to be aware of a few details, in case you or your student have questions:

- The trip is offered through a company called Breakaway Beach, a student travel company offering trips to various locations such as the Bahamas and Costa Rica.
- This trip is organized and led **by students**, and is **not** school sanctioned.
- The cost may be anywhere between \$500 and \$1500+, depending on the trip, in addition to a non-refundable booking fee. There is a required monthly payment. Refunds are often unavailable; insurance may be purchased.
- Parent permission is not required if the student is 18 years or older, and a signature on the “Guidelines” form is required for students who are minors.
- Consumption of alcohol is explicitly allowed in Breakaway Beach Guidelines, for those 18 years or older. There is no guarantee that minors will not have access to alcohol or other substances.
- There is limited supervision on these trips. Parents are **not** permitted to attend the trip along with their child(ren).
- As a reminder, the CDC has recommended limiting group gatherings and all travel due to the risks associated with Covid-19. You can find more information about this recommendation [here](#).

If you'd like to learn more, you can visit the Breakaway Beach website at <https://breakawaybeach.com/> or email the company at jacquie.wright@breakawaybeach.com. We also recommend reading parent reviews for programs offering tours and trips like these.

Sincerely,

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