Dear Parent/Legal Guardian,

Online counselling services are now available through GSACRD. If you have not previously accessed services, a Consent Form is attached. If you have previously signed a Consent to Counselling form, NEW consent will be required.

Students are able to make a counselling appointment with me via my Google Calendar appointment page found at this <u>link</u>.

A summary of what online counselling consists of is found below.

- 1. Parent/guardian consent is required, even if you previously signed consent for your child to work with the school counsellor as this is a "new" platform to provide service.
- 2. Counselling remains a voluntary service; a parent/guardian or student may decline or stop service at any time.
- 3. Although provisions are made to ensure confidentiality, no online communication is guaranteed to be fully secure.
- 4. You will receive an email from Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools to set up your child's OnCall account.
- 5. Follow the prompts to create your account.
- 6. The student logs in 10 minutes before the appointment to join the call.

If you have any questions along the way OnCall has a great support team who is always available to help. You can contact them by e-mailing support@oncallhealth.ca or calling (888) 687-9288 ext. 1. Their online support forum also contains useful guides and videos. You can access it by clicking here.

Sincerely,

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