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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have partnered with the Sarnia-Lambton Committee Against the Trafficking of Women and Children, <http://humantraffickingawareness.ca/>, to bring Katarina MacLeod to Sarnia. Katarina is the founder of Rising Angels, <http://www.risingangels.net/>, whose mission is to bring sex trade education to professionals and the public, and to provide supportive services and safe environments to women exploited by the sex trade, allowing them to experience physical, mental, social and spiritual restoration in their lives. Katarina speaks with schools, law enforcement agencies, and youth groups.

Sadly, this is an issue that has impacted our community. See <http://www.theobserver.ca/2018/03/15/agencies-aiding-human-trafficking-victims-gather-to-share-information> and <http://www.sarniapolice.com/34-year-old-man-arrested-in-luring-investigation/>. Katarina will share her personal story, raise awareness of the issue, and discuss strategies to be safe.

Guidance counsellors and mental health professionals will be available throughout the presentation for any students who may need additional support.

We believe that the presentation will better equip our students to deal with the challenges of grooming and luring. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

P. Wiersma
Principal