



## Monroe High School

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Dear MHS Family:

I am sorry to inform you that one of our students, Alex Nicholas Johnson, died in a house fire at 1:00 am on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016. He was in Ms. Simmons' ISD classroom. Alex was also a dedicated member of the Trojan Den Team in which he faithfully served the students and staff.

As we try to take in the enormity of Alex's death, we will each grieve in our own way. Please be reminded that we have counselors and social workers available to support students and their families, as needed, in the counseling center which is in the student service suite at the top of the stairs in the commons. For direct support for Alex's classmates in Ms. Simmons's room, social workers are available in C-wing. There is no timeline for grief so please know that these support resources are available at all times throughout the school year. If, as a parent, you would like support, please call the main high school number, 734-265-3403, at which time you will be directed to the resource needed.

The National Association of School Psychologists also offer many helpful suggestions of how to deal with the death of a classmate. <https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources/school-safety-and-crisis/addressing-grief/addressing-grief-tips-for-teachers-and-administrators>

There will be more information to follow with how we can support Alex's family.

Please keep Alex's family in your thoughts and prayers,

Sincerely,

Sandy Kreps

