



Together with Heavy Hearts

Dear Cannon Community,

Words fail me this morning as I write with a heavy heart to share news of a tragic accident yesterday afternoon involving Cannon students.

On Sunday, Claire Miley, a rising ninth grader, passed away following an accident on Lake Norman. With her at the time of the accident were several of our students including one who was injured and released from a local hospital last evening. During this time, the love, support, and privacy of the Miley family and all of those directly involved is our priority.

As mentioned, several Upper School students from Cannon were present at the time of the accident. We are deeply focused on providing them with the care and support they will need during this time.

Even as our Cannon community is overwhelmed with shock and grief, I know we will find the courage in the coming days to rally around one another and begin our healing together.

We are currently planning to open the Cindric Performing Arts Center tomorrow, **Tuesday, July 23, at 6:30 p.m.** for the purpose of counseling and support. A team of counselors will be present to help students who are struggling as well as parents who need guidance on how to help their children.

We will continue to share more information with you as soon as we are able. In the meantime, thank you for your strength as the Cannon family and for making that strength known for the Mileys, our students, and one another.

Most warmly,

Christopher Jones
Head of School