

Head of the School Lines

Parent resources for talking about world violence: <https://www.nysed.gov/israeli-palestinian-crisis-resources-educators-caregivers-and-school-leaders#parents>

<https://www.npr.org/2023/10/11/1205017249/how-to-talk-to-children-violence-israeli-palestinian-gaza-hamas>



Congratulations to our XC and Tennis Teams this season! Go Spartans!



**Erie Day
School**

*Celebrating 95 years
of learning by leading.*

Closing the Gap

I hope you have transitioned well to your warmer jacket and have the umbrella handy these days.

In addition to the outerwear required with the declining temps and seasonal change, we can't help but be reminded of the *inner-wear* needed consequence to the recent conflicts in the world. Sadly, on a daily basis we are collectively learning about tragic events among adults and children alike across the globe. Over 700 of our 'sister' independent schools have experienced threats this week due to the Israel Palestine conflict, mainly in NYC, DC and cities in CA. Like many, I have felt my hope challenged and reassurances appreciated. As a human and parent, I can't help but ask, *how do we close the gap between the world we are in and the world we wish it could be?*

At EDS, we take our role as educators responsibly, realizing our classrooms are a child's the lens to the world. Particularly in our Middle School, as we hear students talk about the news and ask questions, we are reminded of our valuable role in supporting children to understand and learn. In times of crisis, remember that your child(ren) has competent, caring adults; warmth; predictability and reliability; and developmentally appropriate practices/conversations at Erie Day School. At home, if you are looking to engage in proactive conversations and seeking resources to support questions related to violent events, I have included a couple of resources for review to the left.

Yours in education,

