

August 8, 2022

Dear Methacton Families,

It is with deep sadness that I inform you that on 8/6/2022, Methacton High School 11 grade student, Owen Cotty, passed away due to sudden cardiac arrest while playing frisbee with his family. I am sharing this information with parents/guardians of all students in the district so that you can best determine how to relay this information to your children since this loss is sure to raise many emotions, concerns, and questions for our entire school community.

Methacton School District has a Crisis Intervention Team made up of professionals trained to help with the needs of students, parents, and school personnel at difficult times such as this. We will have counselors, psychologists, and our social worker available at Methacton High School in the library the following days/times for anyone who may want assistance surrounding this loss. We encourage students, parents and staff to use these free resources.

Drop in counseling hours:

Wednesday, 8/10/22	12:30-2:30
Thursday, 8/11/22	10:30-12:30

If for some reason you are unable to make the times above, please reach out to your child's school counselor or High School Office and an appointment will be scheduled.

We have enclosed some information that may be useful to you in helping our students.

- [National Association of School Psychologists: Addressing Grief in Children](#)
- [Grief and Loss Support Groups](#)
- [Montgomery County Mobile Crisis Support](#)

If you would like additional information or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Cindy Hartson, Secondary School Counselor Department Chair, at [chartson@methacton.org](mailto:chartson@methacton.org).

We are deeply saddened by this loss.

Sincerely,



Dr. David Zerbe